

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 176, O.S.L. 2003 (63 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 2220.10), is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until December 31, 2007, the Task Force on Men's Health to be composed of twelve (12) members who shall be appointed as follows:

1. Four members shall be appointed by the Governor;
2. Four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and
3. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. Each member shall be a medical or academic expert or community leader in the area of men's health or family involvement, or an active member or an organization that is active in men's health or family involvement issues.

C. Appointments to the task force shall be made without regard to race, color, disability, sex, religion, age or national origin and shall represent each geographic area of the state.

D. Task force members shall serve terms of two (2) years and may succeed themselves. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

E. The task force shall annually elect from among its members a chair and vice-chair. The chair of the task force may appoint subcommittees for any purpose consistent with the duties of the task force.

F. Task force members shall not be compensated for their service but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

G. 1. The task force may meet at the times and places that the task force designates pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meeting Act.

2. The task force shall develop and implement policies that provide the public with a reasonable opportunity to appear before the task force and to speak on any issue before the task force.

H. The Task Force on Men's Health shall:

1. Develop strategies and programs, including community outreach and public-private partnerships, designed to:

- a. raise public awareness about critical issues for men, including health problems that disproportionately affect males, and the importance of the male role in the family,

- b. encourage male participation in healthy behaviors, academic achievement and family involvement, and
 - c. educate males about the benefits of regular medical checkups, early detection and preventive screening tests, and healthy lifestyle practices;
2. Organize community workshops to identify issues affecting men’s health and family involvement;
 3. Monitor state and federal policy and legislation that may affect the areas of men’s health and family involvement;
 4. Recommend assistance, services and policy changes that will further the goals of the task force; and
 5. Submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later than October 1 of each year.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate