

Rural Health Care Delivery Recommendations: A To-Do List for the Maryland General Assembly & the Mid-Shore Community

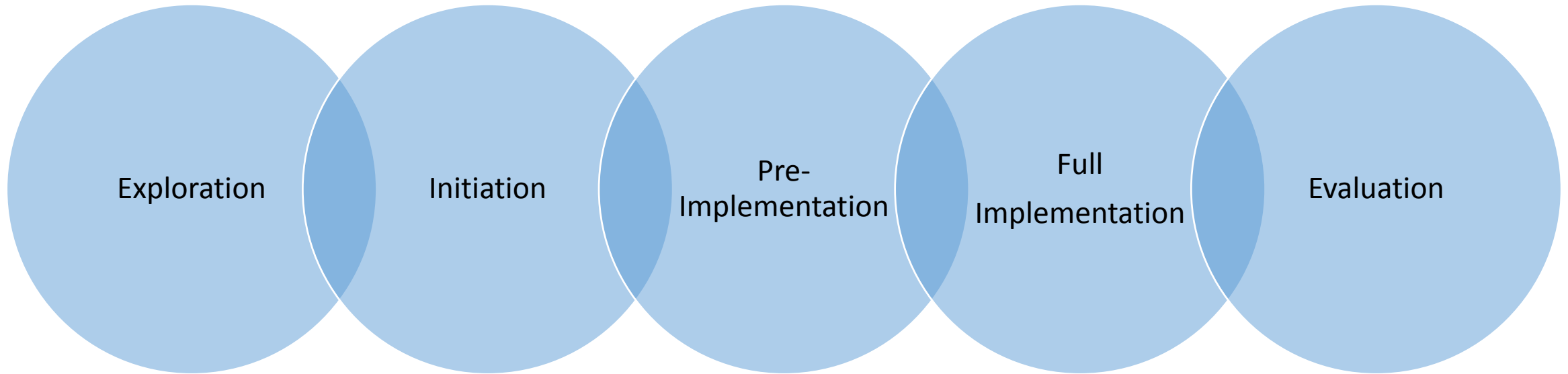
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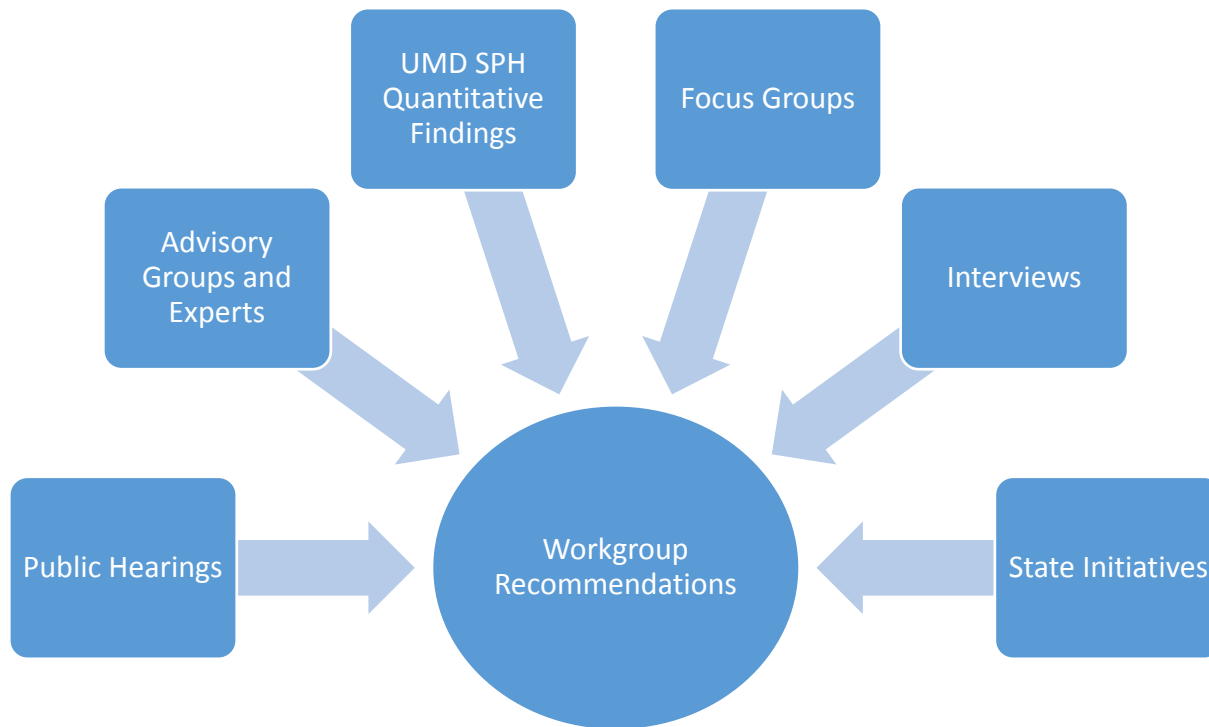
Overarching Goals Guiding Workgroup Recommendations

- Foster Collaboration and Build Coalitions in Rural Areas to Serve Rural Communities
- Bring Care as Close to the Patient as Possible to Improve Access
- Foster Participation in Statewide Models and Programs in Rural Maryland.

Implementation Stages



The Workgroup= Exploration



- Activities
 - Assess Needs
 - Assess Resources
 - Evaluate Barriers and Strengths
 - Explore Options
 - Make Recommendations

Initiation- Year 1- General Assembly/ Policy Makers

- Activities
 - Make required legislative and regulatory changes
 - Create funding streams and acquire necessary resources
- Foster Collaboration
 - Establish framework for Complex
 - Establish Rural Health Collaborative
 - Community Health workers
- Bring Care to Patients
 - Establish stable funding level for telehealth
 - Begin to build IT infrastructure for HUB
 - Identify funding for Primary Care Track
 - Plan for rural residency programs
 - Expand MICH and Community Paramedicine
 - Expand use of care managers/navigators
- Foster Participation in Statewide Initiatives
 - Special rural hospital designation
 - CHRC Charge
 - Establish Rural Scholarship Program
 - Streamline M-LARP
 - Realign J-1 Visa Program

Pre-Implementation & Implementation Years 2 through 4- Mid Shore Community/ Policy Makers

- Activities
 - Develop Operational and Financial Plans
 - Expand Capacity
 - Set Performance Indicators
 - Begin Reporting to Appropriate Stakeholders
 - Establish Action Plans and Corrective Actions as Necessary
- Foster Collaborations
 - Review rural health collaborative performance
- Bring Care to Patients
 - Benchmark reporting for Complex
 - Increase Broadband to all sites of service
 - Develop and fund NP and PA programs
- Foster Participation in Statewide Initiatives
 - MDH and MDOT develop standards for non emergency transportation based on best practices

Evaluation- Year 5 and Beyond- Mid Shore Community and Policy Makers

- Actions

- Evaluate Rural Community Health Complex

- Improved population health
 - Increased access to inpatient/Outpatient and community services Care
 - Expanded health care workforce

When possible, use rapid cycle evaluation methods

- Expand to other rural jurisdictions, if the program has impact

- Evaluate Special Rural Hospital Designation