

Research and Academics Work Group

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Purpose and Scope:

The Research and Academics Work Group will explore the opportunity to improve health and economic growth in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia (the “Region”) by enhancing professional recruitment and research-based funding under a new research and academics partnering strategy between the new proposed regional health system (“Newco”) and regional academic institutions, in particular East Tennessee State University. The findings of the work group will be a source of input into the development of Newco’s ten (10) year comprehensive community health improvement plan.

Deliverables:

The work group will produce a document for consideration by Newco that shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:

- Identify the fields in which academic institutions, in particular ETSU, can make superior contributions in research and medical education by collaborating with Newco and other community partners;
- Evaluate any institutional changes needed for ETSU and other academic institutions to support the collaborative opportunity with Newco to bolster academics and research;
- Identify institutional changes needed or structures required at Newco to support new and expanded research and undergraduate and graduate medical education opportunities with ETSU and other academic institutions;
- Identify potential long-term strategic research initiatives for Newco, ETSU, other academic institutions, and community collaboratives and estimate ways in which these research initiatives would enhance faculty recruitment and economic growth of the region; and
- Identify opportunities for Newco and its research partners to interface with an effort to create an accountable care community – in particular, what infrastructure is needed in order to use the benefit of research to assist with the priorities identified in the accountable care community model.

Schedule:

The work group will meet periodically at the call of the chair and as scheduled. The schedule shall include meetings which may be open to the public and announced in order to ensure public input in the process. The work group may invite presentations from organizations and individuals with expertise, and may also permit public comment. The work group may identify sub-committees which may meet more frequently to produce material for public review.

Reporting:

The Research and Academics Work Group will provide its findings to the Integration Council.