Summary: Task Force members will share information about key health issues facing states and discuss innovative ideas about addressing them.

Presiding: Co-Chairs Delegate Dan Morhaim, Maryland, Senator Deb Soholt, South Dakota

8:30 - 9 a.m. Check-in and networking (coffee and pastries available)

9–10 a.m. Confronting Prescription Drug Abuse
Delegate Dan Morhaim will present briefly about failures of the nation’s “war on drugs,” and implications for hospitals, violence prevention efforts, and ties to mental health needs. Task Force members will have the opportunity to discuss these issues and innovative state efforts to combat prescription drug abuse.
Facilitator: Delegate Dan Morhaim, Maryland, Task Force Co-Chair

10:00-11:00 a.m. Scope of Practice Tracking
The Task Force will view a brief demonstration of NCSL’s new “scope of practice” website, which tracks 50-state policies for nurse practitioners, physician assistants and mid-level oral health providers. Following the demonstration, Sen. Soholt will lead the Task Force in a discussion about state efforts to foster more teamwork among health professionals to meet health needs, especially in underserved areas.
Facilitator: Senator Deb Soholt, South Dakota, Task Force Co-Chair

11:00-12:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion of Other Topics of Interest and Task Force priority setting.

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