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Update on 2015 Biennial Report

1) We are currently working on the 2015 Biennial Report that will be distributed starting on December 1, 2014

2) The chapter headings will remain the same as for the 2013 Report
   a. Population and Health Care Needs
   b. Health of North Dakota
   c. Physician Workforce
   d. Primary Care and Specialty Physician Workforce
   e. Other Health Care Workforce
   f. Health Care Organization, Financing, and Infrastructure
   g. Quality and Value of Health Care
   h. Conclusion
   i. Workforce Development
   j. Recommendations: Health Care Planning for North Dakota

3) Enhancements over 2013 Report
   a. Updates to nearly all the information in the 2013 report
   b. More on oral health and workforce
   c. More on non physician providers (especially from new survey – discussed in a minute)
   d. More on mental and behavioral health
   e. More on nurses
   f. Counts of ND medical school and residency graduates practicing in areas adjacent to ND
   g. Application and admission rates to the School of Medicine from the four quadrants of ND

4) Current workforce survey of all ND short-term general hospitals
   a. Currently in field
   b. Questionnaire developed in Washington State and refined for ND
   c. Both rural and urban hospitals surveyed
   d. Questions on 25 types of non physician providers (e.g., radiology techs, pharmacy assistants, ultrasound techs, LPNs, and PTs)
   e. Questions on physicians and administrators
   f. We are trying for 100% response rate
   g. We will be able to generate vacancy rates by profession and the relative difficulty of recruiting different provider types among other things
   h. Depending on the timing we may be able to add information to the report regarding current surveys of PAs, PTs, and OTs.

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