

HPIO facilitating state health priority process

Over the next few months, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio will be convening stakeholders to determine specific priorities, objectives and strategies to include in the state's next State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

The SHIP will be informed by the 2016 state health assessment (SHA), a document that was completed by HPIO in July.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) must conduct a SHA and prepare a SHIP in order to remain accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). ODH contracted with HPIO to manage the SHA and SHIP processes. ODH and the Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) lead this work and intend to use the SHA and the SHIP to strategically target resources and efforts led by the state and to inform policy.

The SHIP, expected to be completed by the end of 2016, will be an actionable plan to improve health and control healthcare spending. The purpose of the SHIP is to:

- Provide state agency leaders, local health departments, hospitals and other state and local partners with a strategic menu of priorities, objectives and evidence-based strategies
- Signal opportunities for partnership with sectors beyond health

The SHA and SHIP are informed by the SHA and SHIP Advisory Committee, which includes state agencies and a wide array of external partners representing sectors such as public health, healthcare providers (including hospitals, primary care, and mental health and addiction services), insurers, consumers, community service agencies, employers and populations at greater risk for experiencing poor health outcomes.

The SHA/SHIP vision, mission and values

Vision

Ohio is a model of health and economic vitality.

Mission

Improve the health of Ohioans by implementing a strategic set of evidence-based population health activities at the scale needed to measurably improve population health outcomes and achieve health equity.

Values

We value an approach to population health improvement that:

- Addresses prevention, the social determinants of health, all stages of the life course and builds upon evidence-based strategies
- Balances local needs and innovation with statewide alignment and coordination
- Fosters meaningful stakeholder engagement, collaboration across sectors and stronger connections between clinical and community-based organizations
- Promotes a culture of health that builds upon Ohio's strengths and assets
- Results in actionable recommendations, measurable outcomes and more efficient and effective allocation of state and local-level public and private resources

HPIO staff additions

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio in August welcomed Zach Reat, who has been named a policy analyst at the Institute.

Prior to joining HPIO, Zach was the Director of Work Support Initiatives at the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, where he coordinated programs to connect people with public benefits and tax credits including the Ohio Benefit Bank and Ohio's statewide ACA Navigator Project. He also served for two years as an AmeriCorps VISTA member at the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless. Zach is pursuing his Masters of Public Administration at Ohio University with expected completion in May 2017.

Earlier this year, Rebecca Sustersic was named a policy analyst at the Institute. Prior to joining HPIO, Sustersic was employed at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for three years, first as a health care policy analyst and more recently as manager of medical reimbursement and coding policy. She holds a master's degree in public administration from the Ohio State University and a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Bowling Green State. Sustersic served as a Legislative Service Commission fellow in 2009.

HPIO contracting with OU for 2017 Health Value Dashboard analysis

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has contracted with the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University for data analysis on HPIO's 2017 *Health Value Dashboard*.

Earlier this year, HPIO began work on its 2017 *Health Value Dashboard* by hosting meetings of its Health Measurement Advisory Group, Health Equity Workgroup, as well as workgroups focusing on each of the domains in the *Dashboard*: Population health; healthcare spending; healthcare system; public health and prevention; access; and social, economic and physical environment.

HPIO released its first-ever *Dashboard* in late 2014. The tool is a unique national ranking of states based on health value, a composite measure of population health outcomes and healthcare spending.

To keep up to date with HPIO's health measurement work, visit www.hpio.net/hmag/

HPIO releases new edition of *Guide to Evidence-Based Prevention*

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio's newly updated *Guide to Evidence-Based Prevention* provides policymakers, community health improvement planners and philanthropy with the best-available sources of evidence for what works to address many of the challenges identified in HPIO's *Health Value Dashboard*.

The *Guide* includes a policy brief, *Navigating Sources of Evidence*, that defines "evidence-based prevention" and provides guidance on how to find credible sources of evidence for what works to address Ohio's greatest health challenges.

It also includes a series of fact sheets and evidence inventories on three topics:

- Tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure
- Food security and healthy food access
- Physical activity

Each evidence summary fact sheet identifies prevention strategies that are most likely to improve health and decrease disparities, describes the extent to which each strategy is currently being implemented in Ohio and offers policy options for implementing or expanding the strategies. The evidence inventories compile reviews of prevention policies and programs for specific topics and indicate the strength of the research evidence.

HPIO will continue to add tools on specific health challenges throughout 2016.

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- Mercy Health
- CareSource Foundation
- SC Ministry Foundation
- United Way of Central Ohio

Upcoming HPIO Forum

State policymaking at the intersection of education and health

At age 25, U.S. adults without a high school diploma can expect to die nine years sooner than college graduates. This forum will explore the strong relationship between education and health with a focus on state-level opportunities to improve health policy in ways that will support early childhood and k-12 education goals, such as third grade reading proficiency, as well as education policies likely to improve child health and well-being.

When: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2016

Where: OCLC Conference Center — Lakeside Building
6600 Kilgour Place
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Featured Speakers

- **Paolo DeMaria**, Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction
- **Sen. Peggy Lehner**, Ohio General Assembly
- **Hedy Chang**, Attendance Works
- **Damon Jones**, Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center
- **Dir. Richard Hodges**, Ohio Department of Health
- **Emily Zimmerman**, Virginia Commonwealth University

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