

HPIO scorecard explores Ohio's policy response to the opioid crisis

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio released on April 20 the first in a series of inventories and scorecards analyzing Ohio's policy response to the addiction crisis and outlining areas where the state could be more effective.

The report, "Ohio Addiction Policy Inventory and Scorecard: Prevention, Treatment and Recovery," provides policymakers and other stakeholders with the information needed to take stock of Ohio's policy response to the crisis by reviewing state-level policy changes enacted in Ohio from 2013-2017. It includes:

- **An inventory** of policy changes (legislation, rules, regulations and new or expanded state agency initiatives, programs, systems changes or guidelines)
- **A scorecard** that indicates the extent to which Ohio is implementing strategies that are proven effective by research evidence
- **Opportunities for improvement** in both the public and private sectors



The report focuses on the first three elements of a comprehensive policy response to addiction: prevention, treatment and recovery. HPIO plans to develop similar inventories and scorecards for other key elements in 2018 and 2019 (see box below).

In 2016, 4,050 Ohioans died because of unintentional drug overdoses, and preliminary 2017 data indicates that the number of deaths has continued to rise.

The consequences of addiction are widespread. For example, the number of babies born with

neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) increased 500 percent in the past 10 years. Employers report difficulty hiring drug-free workers, and researchers estimate that the opioid crisis cost Ohio \$3,385 per capita in healthcare and criminal justice spending and reduced worker productivity in 2015.

Public and private stakeholders have worked hard to understand and address the crisis. Policy changes advanced by the executive and legislative branches have led to implementation of many evidence-based programs in Ohio, reduced the amount of opioid prescriptions dispensed and increased health insurance coverage and treatment access for thousands of Ohioans through expanded Medicaid eligibility.

Going forward, policymakers and others must address the underlying drivers of demand for drugs and strengthen the behavioral health treatment system.

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About the HPIO Addiction Evidence Project

The new scorecard is part of HPIO's **Addiction Evidence Project**, which provides policymakers and other stakeholders with information needed to address substance use disorders in a comprehensive, effective and efficient way. The inventory and scorecard addresses three topics: prevention, treatment and recovery. Future reports will address the other topics listed below, including overdose reversal (naloxone).

Prevention	Treatment	Recovery
Harm reduction	Overdose reversal	Surveillance and evaluation
Children services	Law enforcement	Criminal justice reform

First scorecard and inventory

Future reports



Stacy Becker, Vice President, Programs at ReThink Health presents on "The Evolution of Paying for Population Health: What's Working and Where?" at HPIO's conference on population health financing.

HPIO conference explores strategies to pay for population health

This month HPIO hosted a conference titled "Show Me The Money: Innovative Approaches to Financing Population Health in Uncertain Times."

The conference included presentations from national experts on strategies for financing public-private efforts to improve population health, including Stacy Becker, Vice President, Programs at Cambridge, Mass.-based ReThink Health and Rob Houston, Associate Director, Payment Reform at the New Jersey-based Center for Health Care Strategies.

Greg Moody, the Director of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation presented on "Moving Ohio's healthcare payment system upstream," highlighting Gov. John Kasich's efforts over the past eight years to better align population health planning and priorities, promote value-based payment initiatives and increase access to comprehensive primary care.

The Conference also included a panel of Ohio stakeholders sharing success stories. The panel included:

- Dr. Steve Cardamone, Medical Director of Partners for Kids, Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Valerie Heiby, Director of Development, Finance Fund

- David Merriman, Assistant Director, Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services
- Jan Ruma, Vice President, Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio
- Kate Sommerfeld, President of Social Determinants of Health, ProMedica

The Ohio Alliance for Innovation in Population Health, a recently formed collaboration between the Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions and The University of Toledo College of Health and Human Services, sponsored the forum through a partnership with HPIO.

Closing the event, David Erickson, Director of Community Development at Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, said he is optimistic about the potential for population health improvement in Ohio.

"You really have something special here," he said. "I've never been in a room with a policy institute like HPIO, an alliance of universities (OAIPH) and all of these examples of people making the business case for population health. You are really at the vanguard of this movement."

HPIO begins work on latest Health Value Dashboard

HPIO is planning for the next edition of its *Health Value Dashboard*.

In March, the Institute held the first meeting of its 45-member Health Measurement Advisory Group (HMAG) to review the impact of 2017 *Dashboard* activities and begin work on the 2019 edition.

HPIO has again contracted with the Ohio University Voinovich School for Leadership and Public Affairs to assist with data compilation and analysis. The 2019 *Health Value Dashboard* is expected to be released in the first quarter of 2019.

The 2017 *Health Value Dashboard* was one of the most impactful publications ever produced by HPIO. It has been viewed more than 6,000 times and was the source for 38 HPIO presentations, 5 regional forums and 16 media stories in 2017. HPIO staff testified twice in budget hearings and once before a legislative taskforce on the findings in the *Dashboard*.

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