

HPIO shifts focus from State Health Assessment to State Health Improvement Plan

Late last month, the Health Policy Institute of Ohio presented its summary report on the State Health Assessment (SHA) to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). ODH contracted with HPIO for the work.

The report, along with an online version of the SHA, is expected to be publicly released by ODH this month.

The SHA was developed with input from hundreds of Ohioans convened by HPIO through:

- Five regional forums held in October 2018 with 521 participants
- An online survey completed by 308 stakeholders
- An Advisory Committee with 101 participants
- A Steering Committee made up of representatives from 13 state agencies, including sectors beyond health

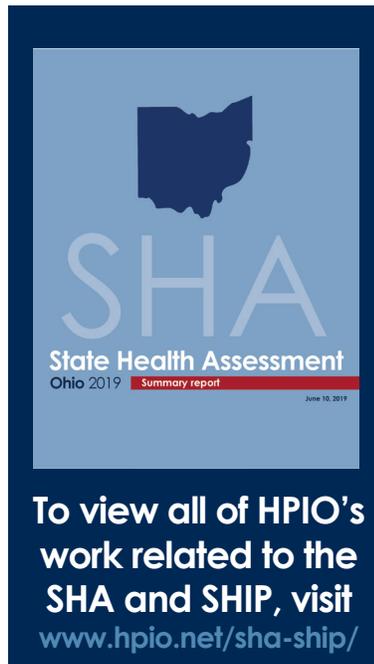
Key findings from the summary report are that:

- Overall wellbeing for Ohioans has declined in recent years
- Many Ohioans lack opportunities to reach their full health potential
- Underlying drivers of health must be addressed
- Mental health and addiction, chronic disease and maternal and infant health continue to be significant challenges in Ohio
- New concerns have emerged in the wake of Ohio's addiction crisis

The 2019 SHA provides an update to the findings of the 2016 SHA, which also was completed by HPIO on behalf of ODH. The purpose of the 2019 SHA is to inform priorities and strategies in the 2020-2022 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

ODH is required to conduct a SHA and develop a SHIP to maintain Public Health Accreditation Board accreditation.

Stakeholders from across Ohio are working with HPIO to develop the 2020-2022 SHIP, to be released later in 2019. The plan will provide a roadmap to address the challenges highlighted in the SHA.



The 2020-2022 SHIP will include a strategic menu of priorities, outcome objectives and evidence-based strategies to be implemented by state agencies, local health departments, hospitals and other community partners, including sectors beyond health.

Throughout the summer, HPIO will convene work teams to set targets related to access to care; health behaviors; community conditions; mental health and addiction; chronic disease; and maternal and infant health.

ODH is also contracting with HPIO to develop the state's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) needs assessments, both of which will be completed later this year.

To receive MCH Block Grant federal funding, the Social Security Act requires the state to conduct a comprehensive, statewide MCH needs assessment every five years. The state then uses the assessment findings to inform the selection of seven to 10 priority needs and develop a five-year state action plan to address those needs.

A statewide needs assessment also must be conducted for MIECHV federal funding. Findings are used to identify high-risk communities, home visiting service gaps and opportunities for improving early childhood home visiting services throughout the state.

In order to strengthen and streamline state-level health assessments and planning, the MCH and MIECHV assessments are being developed in conjunction with the SHA and SHIP.

HPIO releases updated equity resource web page, *Dashboard* data tools

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released several new tools for policymakers and stakeholders interested in better understanding health equity challenges facing the state.

Ohio ranks 46 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia on health value in HPIO's 2019 *Health Value Dashboard*. In a *series of equity profiles*, the *Dashboard* highlights that communities of color, Ohioans who have lower incomes or educational attainment, are sexual or gender minorities and/or live in rural or Appalachian counties experience the worst health outcomes.

The *Dashboard* found that “improving health value in Ohio means closing Ohio's troubling health gaps and ensuring that all Ohioans have the opportunity to live to their full health potential.”

The *Dashboard* also highlights a set of evidence-based strategies that can move Ohio towards health equity and improved health value.

The new HPIO tools to further illuminate the issue are:

- [An updated and redesigned equity resource page](#)
- [Excel crosswalk on 2019 *Dashboard* data availability by race/ethnicity, education, income, disability status and sexual orientation/gender identity](#)
- [Excel crosswalk of 2019 *Dashboard* data availability at the local level](#)

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OSU College of Nursing turns to HPIO for ways to improve healthcare professional wellbeing, patient safety

The Ohio State University College of Nursing has contracted with HPIO to undertake a project focused on organizational culture and workplace wellness polices and practices that improve healthcare professional wellbeing and improve patient safety and reduce harm.

To identify effective policies and practices, HPIO will:

- Conduct a literature review
- Convene a multi-stakeholder advisory group
- Interview key national and/or state subject matter experts
- Create a logic model that describes the evidence-based relationship between healthcare professional wellbeing, including organizational culture, and patient safety
- Identify state-level policy options
- Write an eight to 12 page brief
- Disseminate the brief to state policymakers and other stakeholders

Work on the project began in February, 2019 and the final brief is expected to be finished in January, 2020.

Save the date

HPIO Medicaid Basics webinar

11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 16

HPIO is hosting a webinar in September titled “Ohio Medicaid Basics 2019.” The webinar will review the latest version of HPIO's **Ohio Medicaid Basics**.

Representatives from the Ohio Department of Medicaid will highlight budget provisions that impact the program and provide an update on the managed care contract procurement process. Registration information will be released soon.



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