

National award enables HPIO to further its health measurement work

The National Network of Public Health



Institutes announced earlier this month that the Health Policy Institute of Ohio was one of four organizations nationally to be awarded a grant through NNPHI and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's State Forums to Advance Health System Transformation initiative. This grant will fund a project called "Getting to health value: Building consensus on accountability and population health in Ohio."

HPIO's proposal builds upon and leverages the work of HPIO's Health Measurement Initiative (www.hpio.net/groups/health-measurement/) and the upcoming Health Value Dashboard to identify opportunities for collective impact and alignment between public health and the healthcare system in

Ohio. Other awardees were the Georgia Health

Policy Center, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and the Washington, D.C.-based Institute for Public Health Innovation.

HPIO is developing a concise and comprehensive Health Value Dashboard to track Ohio's progress in improving health value. This includes tracking population health outcomes, health costs, health care system performance, public health system performance, access to health care and evaluating Ohio's social, economic and physical environment.

For an overview of the project and a full list of metrics used in the dashboard, visit hpio.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/HM_Overview.pdf.



More than 125 people attended HPIO's July 18 forum "Ensuring access to care: The state's role in strengthening Ohio's primary care workforce." Above, Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee, Vice President, Health Sciences and Medical Affairs at New York Institute of Technology gives the keynote address, titled "The future of the primary health care workforce."

HPIO project explores hospital Community Health Needs Assessments

HPIO is partnering with the Ohio Research Association for Public Health Improvement (RAPHI) at Case Western Reserve University on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded research project to investigate the process, structure and outcome of local health department Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs), and hospital Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) and implementation strategies. HPIO has also been commissioned by Sprout Insight, LLC to conduct a review and analysis of CHNAs, CHAs, and CHIPs for a 36-county region in Ohio as part of The HealthPath Foundation of Ohio's health needs assessment.

HPIO assists in efforts to improve health payment system

As state leaders continue to pursue opportunities to improve the way the state pays for health care, HPIO has provided input and technical assistance.

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation is working in collaboration with public and private partners to move towards an outcome-based payment system. As part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid State Innovation Model grant proposal, OHT developed a plan to expand patient-centered medical homes and episode-based payment models. The SIM plan focuses on improving health outcomes for Ohioans and removing variation in spending across various health episodes, as a way to control health costs.

As part of this plan, OHT developed multi-payer "charters" to align the design decisions

for these new payment models across Medicaid and private payers. In July 2014, OHT applied for funding from CMS to scale up the implementation of these new payment and service delivery models. HPIO was asked to review and provide feedback on the state's proposal.

In reviewing the CMS funding opportunity announcement for SIM Round Two, HPIO has found that there is strong alignment between the Institute's planned work and work that would be a part of the SIM testing grant for which Ohio applied.

HPIO is involved in these efforts through the Governor's Advisory Council on Health Care Payment Innovation. State leaders also participate in HPIO's convened groups and forums.

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