HPIO webinars to provide guidance on Value Dashboard

HPIO is hosting a series of webinars in February to educate stakeholders on how to use the Institute’s new Health Value Dashboard, a concise and comprehensive tool for tracking Ohio’s progress in improving health value.

HPIO released its first-ever Dashboard (http://www.healthpolicyohio.org/2014-health-value-dashboard/) on Dec. 16. The tool is a new and unique national ranking of states based on health value, a composite measure of population health outcomes and healthcare costs, weighted equally.

Unlike other scorecards, HPIO’s dashboard places a heavy emphasis on the sustainability of healthcare costs, a critical component of any policy discussion on improving health, but one that often is not included in state rankings. In fact, the dashboard is believed to be the first in the nation to develop a state ranking of “health value,” placing equal emphasis on population health outcomes and healthcare costs.

The dashboard also provides a more comprehensive look at factors that impact population health outcomes and healthcare costs. It addresses the wide range of determinants, such as a state’s social, economic and physical environment, that contribute to health value.

For more than a year, HPIO has gathered input from a diverse range of stakeholders across Ohio, resulting in the selection of 106 metrics within 27 subdomains and seven larger domains. The end result is a series of documents designed to enable state policymakers to use the data to track Ohio’s progress toward getting better health value for each healthcare dollar spent.

In conjunction with the release of the Dashboard, the Institute hosted a Dec. 16 forum titled “Getting to health value: Building consensus on shared accountability and population health in Ohio.” The keynote speaker was Dr. Sanne Magnan, M.D., Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) in Minnesota, who discussed accountability for health and health care.

The following day, on Dec. 17, HPIO convened a meeting of about 40 stakeholders from across the state in a training on Results-Based Accountability. The training was a first step by HPIO in building upon the work of the Health Measurement Initiative and the HPIO Health Value Dashboard to identify opportunities for bridging public health and health care through a collective impact initiative.

In the coming months, HPIO will continue to work with stakeholders to identify priorities and strategies to move a collective impact strategy forward.
We’re moving
At the end of January, HPIO will be moving to the One Columbus building, located on the corner of Broad and High streets in Columbus. Our new address will be: 10 W. Broad Street, Suite 1050, Columbus, OH 43215

HPIO releases report on Medicaid expansion enrollment trends


A follow-up to the 2013 Medicaid Expansion Study conducted by HPIO, the Ohio State University and the Urban Institute, the new policy brief examines enrollment trends after the first year of Medicaid expansion, including analysis of enrollment in all Ohio counties.

As part of the budget process next year, Ohio policymakers will have to decide whether to approve funding to maintain Medicaid eligibility at current levels. To assist with the decision-making process, HPIO compiled this analysis in partnership with OSU and with funding from AARP Ohio, the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation, Interact for Health, the George Gund Foundation and the HealthPath Foundation of Ohio.

The analysis uses data such as Medicaid enrollment and caseload reports, Census data, predictive modeling, a literature review and stakeholder interviews to:

• Examine the early impacts of Medicaid expansion on enrollment trends
• Compare these enrollment trends to estimated projections made as a part of the 2013 Ohio Medicaid Expansion Study by OSU and the Urban Institute
• Present additional estimates using actual enrollment as the base
• Analyze literature relevant to the impact of Medicaid on the health and well-being of Ohioans
• Explore the impact of Medicaid eligibility changes from the perspective of key stakeholders

HPIO part of project to analyze hospital, local health department plans

As part of a project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, HPIO and researchers at Case Western Reserve University (Ohio Research Association for Public Health Improvement, or RAPHI) are in the process of compiling and reviewing hospital Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) and Community Health Needs Implementation Strategies (CHNIS), and local health departments Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) conducted within the past three years.

The results will describe the extent and nature of collaboration between hospitals and local health departments in developing these plans; the health priorities identified by local communities through the CHNA/CHA/CHNIS/CHIP process; and the quality and scope of the plans.

The Affordable Care Act requires all 501(c)(3) non-profit hospitals to conduct a CHNIS every three years to maintain tax-exempt status.

The 2014-2015 state budget requires all local health departments to apply for accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board. As a pre-requisite for applying for accreditation, health departments are required to submit a CHA and a CHIP that has been updated within the past five years.

In October, HPIO completed a preliminary analysis for the HealthPath Foundation of the CHNAs, CHNISs, CHAs and CHIPs conducted in the Foundations’ 36-county region.

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