HPIO begins work on next Health Value Dashboard

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has planned the first meeting of its Health Measurement Advisory Group (HMAG) to begin discussion of the 2017 HPIO Health Value Dashboard.

The Advisory Group is scheduled to meet on Feb. 11 and the updated Dashboard is expected to be released January 2017.

HPIO released its first-ever Dashboard (http://www.healthpolicyohio.org/2014-health-value-dashboard/) in late 2014. 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.

The 2014 Dashboard has been extremely popular among HPIO stakeholders (see sidebar). From its initial release in December 2014 through the end of 2015, stakeholders viewed the Dashboard webpage 6,756 times.

Legislators were particularly responsive to the Dashboard. HPIO was invited to testify on the Dashboard at the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee and both the Senate Health and Human Services and House Health committees.

“The 2014 HPIO Health Value Dashboard served as a backdrop for all of our [Senate Health and Human Services Committee] work during this General Assembly and I will continue to use this dashboard as a reference point for us as we enter 2016,” Sen. Shannon Jones, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, wrote in a year-end newsletter. “We must continue to hold ourselves accountable to shared, transparent metrics and HPIO’s work provides us with such an opportunity. In fact, I thought this data was so compelling that I invited HPIO to my senate district to share it with community leaders so that a wider audience could understand just what is at stake. These meetings ignited community conversations essential to improving our health and saving precious resources.”

The Dashboard has reportedly played an important role in informing the work of the legislative Commission on Infant Mortality and two HPIO policy briefs on tobacco (a direct outgrowth of Dashboard findings) informed tobacco-use prevention policy discussions during the 2016-2017 budget process.
State releases HPIO population health report

In January 2016, the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation (OHT) released a report titled “Improving population health planning in Ohio.”

The report, created by HPIO, provides recommendations for strengthening Ohio’s population health planning and implementation infrastructure and outlines ways to align population health priority areas, measures, objectives and evidence-based strategies with the design and implementation of the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model.

HPIO was commissioned by OHT, the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Ohio Department of Health in September 2015 to facilitate stakeholder engagement and provide guidance on improving population health planning.

Ohio’s performance on population health outcomes has declined relative to other states over the past two decades and Ohio has significant disparities for many outcomes by race, income and geography. Ohio also spends more on health care than most other states. “Part of the challenge is the lack of coordination across ten state-level health improvement plans and 110 local health district and 170 hospital community health assessments/plans,” according to an OHT release.

In December 2014, the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation awarded Ohio a four-year $75 million State Innovation Model, or SIM, test grant for implementation of episode-based payments and rollout of a state-wide PCMH model over a four-year period. As part of that funding, Ohio must also develop a population health plan.

OHT will coordinate the implementation of the HPIO recommendations in 2016.

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