HPIO chosen to lead state health assessment, state health improvement plan process

In March, the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation and the Ohio Department of Health selected the Health Policy Institute of Ohio, through a competitive procurement process, to facilitate Ohio’s next state health assessment (SHA) and prepare the state health improvement plan (SHIP).

HPIO is subcontracting with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University and consulting firm OnPointe on the project.

The SHA, which is to be completed in July, will provide comprehensive information on the health and demographics of Ohio’s population. The SHA will also include an examination of social determinants of health, health equity and include a life-course perspective (examining the impact of health policy on Ohioans at every stage of their lives from perinatal to older adults).

A series of five regional meetings (see box to the right) aimed at soliciting feedback on the SHA from a wide range of stakeholders will be hosted across the state. In addition, key informant interviews will be conducted to gather information on contributing causes of health inequities and disparities for Ohio’s most vulnerable populations.

The SHA will be used to inform the work of the state’s 2016 SHIP, to be released later this year. The SHIP will identify Ohio’s population health priorities within a framework that can be used to guide the state’s future funding priorities and other resource commitments. The new SHIP will be designed to provide state agencies, legislators and other key health stakeholders with an actionable set of evidence-based strategies and measurable objectives that can be implemented at the state and local levels.

Regional state health assessment forums

The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, under contract with HPIO, is hosting a series of regional forums to solicit input on Ohio’s next state health assessment. To register for a forum OR join the SHA mailing list, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/Regional_SHA_Forum

HPIOnotes
A quarterly update for supporters of the Health Policy Institute of Ohio
Work continues on HPIO’s next Health Value Dashboard

In February, HPIO began work on its 2017 Health Value Dashboard by hosting an initial meeting of its Health Measurement Advisory Group, the group that will advise on the creation and dissemination of the next iteration of the Dashboard.

Since that initial kick-off meeting, the Institute has hosted meetings of workgroups focusing on each of the domains in the Dashboard: Population health; healthcare costs; healthcare system; public health and prevention; access; and social, economic and physical environment.

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. From its initial release in December 2014 through the end of March, stakeholders viewed the Dashboard webpage 7,590 times.

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

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Upcoming HPIO Forum

Investing in what works
Evidence-based policy prescriptions to improve health value

Get an overview of evidence-based decision making and sources of policy solutions that have been rigorously evaluated and found to be effective. Participants will learn about the power of cost-benefit analysis to inform state policymaking and where to find research-based interventions, with a focus on policy options shown to reduce health disparities and to address the social and economic conditions that impact health.

Featured Speakers
- Alison Bergum, Lead Researcher, What Works for Health
- Stephanie Lee, Interim Assistant Director, Washington State Institute for Public Policy
- Dr. Deena Chisolm, Director, Center for Population Health and Equity Research at Nationwide Children’s Hospital

LUNCH PROVIDED; $65 registration fee ($90 fee for CLE credits)

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A TRAINING SESSION, “Navigating sources of evidence to find policy prescriptions to improve health, education, and income,” will follow from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at no additional cost. You must register for the training and forum to participate.

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