HPIO’s work continues on state health improvement plan process

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio continues to convene stakeholders to determine specific priorities, objectives and strategies to include in the state’s next State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

Earlier this month, HPIO hosted a series of workshops on each of the three priority topic areas to be included in the SHIP: Maternal and infant health; mental health and addiction; and chronic disease. The workshops were used to gather input from stakeholders and develop an initial prioritized list of evidence-based strategies to address the SHIP’s priority outcomes. This list will be further revised by HPIO, the state agency team and work teams throughout October and November.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) must conduct a state health assessment (SHA) and prepare a SHIP in order to remain accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). ODH contracted with HPIO to manage the SHA and SHIP processes. The SHA was completed by HPIO in July. ODH and the Governor’s Office of Health Transformation (OHT) lead the work and intend to use the SHA and the SHIP to strategically target resources and efforts led by the state and to inform policy.

The SHIP, expected to be completed by the end of 2016, will be an actionable plan to improve health and control healthcare spending.

The SHA and SHIP are informed by the SHA and SHIP Advisory Committee, which includes state agencies and a wide array of external partners representing sectors such as public health, healthcare providers (including hospitals, primary care and mental health and addiction services), insurers, consumers, community service agencies, employers and populations at greater risk for experiencing poor health outcomes.

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Key contributing factors
- Tobacco use
- Opioid prescribing practices
- Tobacco use
- Hypertension
- Nutrition
- Physical activity
- Tobacco use
- Inter-pregnancy intervals [birth spacing]
As HPIO continues to examine upstream opportunities to improve health outcomes in Ohio, the Institute has turned its attention to the strong relationship between education and health.

Earlier this year, HPIO organized an advisory committee of education and health experts from throughout the state to help identify important policy issues related to the links between education and health.

In September, HPIO hosted a forum titled “State policymaking at the intersection of education and health,” which featured state policymakers and national experts on the issue. The focus of the forum was state-level opportunities to improve health policy in ways that will support early childhood and k-12 education goals, such as third grade reading proficiency, as well as education policies likely to improve child health and well-being.

HPIO is planning to explore the issue further in a policy brief expected to be released later this year on the connections between education and health in Ohio.

Early next year, HPIO plans to release a series of fact sheets that will provide more in-depth analysis of issues such as health services in schools, school conditions and policies that impact health and education outcomes.

HPIO releases Private Health Insurance Basics fact sheets

HPIO has released a series of fact sheets that give policymakers and other stakeholders a better understanding of private health insurance in Ohio.

Private Health Insurance Basics 2016 is a series of six fact sheets:

- Overview of private health insurance coverage (4 pages)
- Private health insurance regulation (2 pages)
- Summary of Affordable Care Act (ACA) reforms (4 pages)
- Non-group (individual/family) coverage and the Affordable Care Act health insurance marketplace (8 pages)
- Employer-sponsored health insurance (ESI) (4 pages)
- Current policy issues impacting the private health insurance market (8 pages)

In addition, HPIO has created a companion glossary and resource guide. All fact sheets are available on HPIO’s website, www.hpio.net.

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