

State Health Improvement Plan: Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth/ACEs Workgroup

Meeting Minutes: Friday, June 7, 2019, 10:00-11:30 AM, via GoToMeeting

Workgroup Lead:

Kristen Rogers, DPHHS PHSD Family and Community Health Bureau Chief

Workgroup Facilitator:

Anna Bradley, DPHHS PHSIO Plans Coordinator

Workgroup Members Present:

- Patty Butler
- Tina Eblen
- Bob Buzzas
- Brie Oliver
- Karen Sullivan
- Kari Smith
- Jody White
- Dan Carlson-Thompson
- Amber Barnes
- Melissa Lavinder
- Ellen Squire
- Bekki Kirsch Wehner
- Rachel Donahoe
- Kristi Aklestad
- Leslie Lee
- Ann Buss
- Kate Girard
- Abe Elias
- Hillary Hanson
- Bobbi Perkins
- Giselle Babiarz

Discuss workgroup purpose

10:05 to 10:30 AM

Anna Bradley reviewed the agenda for today's call, and then provided information about the development of the State Health Assessment (SHA) and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). The SHA is a state-level community health assessment that utilizes data collected in 2017 from national, state, and local sources. Locals Community Health Assessments (CHAs) and Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNAs) were also used, which represented 54 of 56 counties and 3 tribal health departments. Findings from the SHA were shared at 12 meetings and conferences across Montana to collect feedback on the content and data in the assessment.

The State Health Improvement Plan contains what were ranked as the top five health concerns in Montana, selected by a steering committee known as the State Health Improvement Coalition. The SHIP was shared in tribal consultations and underwent a public feedback period.

Both documents can be accessed at <https://dphhs.mt.gov/ahealthiermontana>.

The State Health Improvement Coalition is a subcommittee of the Public Health System Improvement Task Force, which has 14 members appointed by the Director of DPHHS to ensure implementation of the SHIP and provide input on and contribute to the improvement of the public health system in Montana. The State Health Improvement Coalition consists of an additional 12 members. The four priority area workgroups are subcommittees of the State Health Improvement Coalition, containing subject matter experts to guide implementation and regular updates of the SHIP.



The purpose of the workgroup is to:

- Promote alignment of resources and activities to improve the health of Montanans and promote strong partnerships;
- Provide recommendations to the State Health Improvement Coalition on what, if anything, to edit during annual SHIP updates; and
- Collaboratively implement a shared workplan.

Clarified that the goal is more to document the implementation of the SHIP and create shared action items, but not necessarily to create new interventions, programs, or activities.

Workgroups members introduced themselves and provided feedback on what they would like to get out of the workgroup, which included:

- Increase communication and collaboration
- Improve our ability to leverage funding for coordinated efforts
- Learn how we can support each other and how our work “fits in” with others
- Learn about what types of support are available for our work
- Promote alignment of work
- Learn about what is being done across the state
- Share with local health departments

Workplan review

10:30 to 11:30 AM

Attendees had a conversation about the content of the workplan to receive feedback on proposed edits and review workgroup membership.

Workgroup goals

No feedback at this time on the five main goals for this section of the SHIP.

Outcome measures

Outcome measure #2: Decrease the percentage of sleep-related infant deaths from 33% to 28% (Baseline: FICMR Data System 2016).

- When reviewing this metric, it didn't seem accurate to the lead epidemiologist for the Family and Community Health Bureau, who recommended a rate as a baseline instead: 1.4 per 1,000 live births. Additionally, the FICMR data system is undergoing a quality improvement project right now to validate the data.
- Recommendation to change the metric to be a closer match to Healthy People 2020 metrics and increase the possibility that a change will be statistically significant to:
 - Establish a baseline and increase the percentage of babies in safe sleep environments (baseline to be set using 2017 PRAMS data)
- PRAMS data are self-reported. The FICMR data are based on reports from the medical examiner that are reviewed for sleep-related incidents.
- Disagreement on this objective at this time, will review and return to discussion at next meeting.

Outcome measure #3: Establish a baseline and decrease the percentage of unintended pregnancy from 32% to 27% (Baseline: Health Survey of Montana Mothers and Babies, 2015)

- Recommended update to use PRAMS and Vital Records as the data sources, no objections from the group.

Outcome measure #11: Increase the number of families in Montana who receive home visiting services from 9% to 14% (Baseline: MT DPHHS Home Visiting Data System, 2017)

- Recommended update to clarify DPHHS-funded home visiting services due to data availability, no objections from the group.

Outcome measure #16: Increase WIC breastfeeding initiation rates of American Indian infants from 63% to 68% (Baseline: MT DPHHS WIC data system, 2017)

- Recommended update due to improvement in data source to say: Establish a baseline and increase breastfeeding initiation rates of American Indian infants
- This update would use PRAMS or Vital Records (birth certificates) as a data source
- No objection to the update, but continued discussion on the data source is needed.

Outcome measure #18: Establish a baseline and increase the number of children known to CPS and part of the First Years Initiative who are referred to and enroll in home visiting services to 50%

- Recommendation to move this to a Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy due to difficulty tracking.

- Kristen thinks there is a system tracking this, and will follow-up. It may be able to stay as a trackable outcome measure.

Workgroup membership

Attendees didn't express concerns over duplication at this time. Projects that the SHIP Workgroup should be aware of include:

- B5 Systems Grant strategic planning
- Home Visiting Needs Assessment
- Title V Needs Assessment

Attendees proposed additional people who should be invited to the table:

- Indian Health Services, Dr. Steve Williamson (Medical Director)
- Office of Public Instruction, Tracey Moseman
- MT DPHHS, Public Health and Safety Division (PHSD), Family and Community Health Bureau (FCHB) Adolescent Health Section, Jeremy Brokaw
- Montana Healthcare Foundation, Tressie White
- Community Health Worker Advisory Council (AHEC), Kristin Juliar
- MT DPHHS, Addictive and Mental Disorder Division (AMDD), Melissa Higgins
- MT DPHHS, AMDD, Pam Ponich-Hunthausen
- Baby-Friendly Hospitals Initiative, Terry Miller

Workplan structure

Attendees agreed the workplan would be a more helpful document with more information—this would promote more conversation and clarity. Workgroup members will be asked to fill in the workplan with brief details about the way in which their organization is addressing the strategies listed—for example, do they provide technical assistance, do they provide funding, etc.

Review Policy Strategies

Strategy #1: Implement evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention (i.e. sex education) programming in Montana public schools

- Discussion around updating to remove “sex education” as an example—different funders are using different terms, “sex education” might raise red flags with some funders
- Also, teen pregnancy prevention programs take place in more locations than just public schools
- Agreement to remove the example of “sex education” as well as the specific location of “Montana public schools”
- Updated strategy reads: Implement evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention programming.

Discussion on why these three policy strategies were chosen:

- Additional strategies, some of which are policy-related, are lumped together in the ACEs section
- The workgroup that developed this chapter chose high-level strategies that could promote discussion amongst partners

- The strategies aren't meant to represent the entirety of the work being done in Montana, so don't feel limited by what is presented in the SHIP—they are meant to be strategic to promote partnerships where possible

Action Steps:

- Anna and Kristen: Finalize the outcome measures based on the discussion today, reach out to additional recommended partners to invite to the next meeting
- Workgroup members: Provide brief overview of how your organization is addressing the strategies you indicated in the workplan to provide additional context for workgroup members