

State Health Improvement Coalition Annual Meeting

October 23, 2020 from 10 AM to 12 PM via Zoom

Attendees:

- Bradley, Anna
- Carlson-Thompson, Dan
- Carter, Paula
- Claiborne, Natalie
- Counts, Jessie
- Geary, Dana
- Girard, Kate
- Hanson, Hillary
- Harwell, Todd
- Hunthausen, Andy
- Ireland, Bailey
- King, Jack
- LeMieux, Mary
- Moore, Liz
- Moyer, Melissa
- O'Hara, Heather
- Owens, Johnathon
- Ray, Terry
- Rothenbuecher, A.C.
- Royer, Amy
- Sullivan, Karen
- Taylor, Morgan
- White, Jody
- Wier, Lora
- Williamson, Laura

Meeting Minutes

Orientation

Reviewed the State Health Improvement Plan implementation structure. The Public Health System Improvement Task Force has 15 members appointed by the DPHHS Director. The State Health Improvement Coalition is a subcommittee of the Task Force. The State Health Improvement Coalition then has workgroups focused on each of the four main priority areas, with ACEs as a cross-cutting strategy in each area. Lastly, each workgroup has the opportunity for one or multiple action-oriented ad hoc "subgroups" to accomplish specific projects together.

Reviewed the Collective Impact Framework used for SHIP implementation:

1. A common agenda for change (the SHIP)
2. Shared measurement for data and results (SHIP objectives)
3. Mutually reinforcing activities (all partner efforts)

4. Open and continuous communications (SHIP workgroups and newsletter)
5. A backbone or coordinating organization (DPHHS PHSD)

Reviewed the Results-Based Accountability framework for SHIP evaluation:

1. How much did we do?
2. How well did we do it?
3. Is anyone better off?

Reviewed the mission and guiding principles of the SHIC:

- Mission: To protect and improve the health of every Montanan through evidence-based action and community engagement.
- Guiding Principles: 1) Use evidence-based strategies to address health priorities, 2) use strategies and actions that encourage connections across our communities, 3) promote health equity and value differences in cultures, attitudes, and beliefs, and 4) strengthen our public health system to deliver results.

Highlights from 2020

1. Focused on the collective impact framework by working with a trainer to meet regularly with workgroup leads, provide a recorded training on the framework and the SHIP, and identify areas of improvement for continued growth in 2021.
2. Focused on communication by developing the implementation library on the A Healthier Montana website to house enduring resources, started a bimonthly newsletter, and developed an orientation guide for people new to the SHIP processes.
3. Grew the network by continuing to invite new partners and maintaining the quarterly meeting schedule.
4. Created more opportunities for participation by launching a data webinar series and piloting action-oriented ad hoc subgroups to tackle projects of interest.
5. Healthy People 2030 was released in August 2020 and resources have been placed on the A Healthier Montana implementation library page.

Workgroup Highlights

1. Behavioral Health
 - a. Conducted a brief evaluation of some members to identify possible subgroups of interest, and the feedback was that, with COVID, this isn't a good time.
2. Chronic Disease Prevention and Self-Management
 - a. Subgroup on supporting Montana Hospital Association with a project supporting critical access hospitals and reducing readmission.
 - b. Subgroup on obesity prevention in Montana that has resulted in a draft GIS-based web tool.
3. Motor Vehicle Crashes
 - a. Subgroup on child car seat messaging.
 - b. Subgroup on engaging local health departments in motor vehicle crash prevention.
4. Healthy Mothers, Babies, and Youth

- a. Subgroup in motion on developing a statewide resource for Adverse Childhood Experiences.
- b. New DPHHS Early Childhood and Family Services Division is undergoing a round of assessments and strategic planning that will be informative for future SHIP actions.

Plans for 2021

- Conduct annual evaluation and compile a report,
- Continue with subgroups with added elements to improve effectiveness,
- Continuing to work on communication,
- Maintain quarterly workgroup meeting schedule, and
- Complete cross-walks with other major plans as they are released to identify areas of alignment/misalignment.

Feedback from Coalition members:

- COVID-19 recovery will affect our “social fabric” and the SHIP should address COVID’s lasting health impacts.
- Immunization should be kept on the forefront.
- Workgroup goals should be reevaluated in light of COVID.
- Find opportunities to streamline participation in the SHIP because of the impact on organizational and staff “bandwidth.”
- Pursuing the development of cross-walks for major plans would be a useful project that would help make all the plans more relevant.

Breakout Groups

Participants were split into breakout rooms to discuss the following questions:

1. What about the resiliency of our communities worries you the most? What has surprised you the most? What is most frustrating to you?
2. What ideas are you starting to explore around promoting resiliency? What insights are emerging?
3. What should be captured from this conversation? What do we need to remember for the future?

Group 1 takeaways: Main concern is for the children and their lack of resources, social groups, contact with other people, the politics of COVID impacting outcomes and wellbeing, the need to promote resiliency and robust mental health first aid, the obvious health disparities in our communities, the need for unified messaging, and the fact that we will be a virtual nation moving forward.

Group 2 takeaways: Talked a lot about leadership at different levels and the challenges around leadership and topics like burnout and adapting to change right now, spent social and political capital in relationships in order to accomplish goals during COVID response, trying to maintain a foundation for collaboration in the future, and moving forward with relationships with people who have felt particularly disenfranchised during this time.

Group3 takeaways: Strong feelings of worry and fatigue, people starting to let their guard down, the impacts on our older community members, the health and wellbeing of children during this time, as well

as surprise at people's adaptability, how effective the transition to remote work has been for many organizations.

Group 4 takeaways: Concerns over the resulting divisiveness of COVID, the burnout of strong leaders, concern over rapid decision-making for topics that used to take a lot longer to discuss and are now being moved on in a matter of hours, the importance of bringing the right people to the table in recovery, and the need to continue to be brave and focusing on shared humanity.

Group 5 takeaways: The need for self-care and for protecting self-care of your teammates and staff, concern for the wellbeing of health care staff, concern about community complacency and relaxing of prevention efforts, the importance of being flexible and compassionate with the people around you and your partners.