

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

September 14, 2020 via Zoom

Purpose of Meeting:

Discuss the launch of the Montana Public Health Institute and Healthy People 2030, COVID impacts, and an update on the ACEs subgroup work.

Action Items:

1. Continue to think about what you might regularly share from your organization or program in the bi-monthly SHIP newsletter.
2. Consider if your organization has a data presentation you'd be interested in giving for the new SHIP data webinar series.

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General Updates

Montana Public Health Institute, Hillary Hanson

- Public Health Institutes exist in many states and they all look differently depending on the needs of the state.
- Feasibility study conducted to determine if there was a need and to ensure there wouldn't be duplicative efforts to fill the gaps in the public health systems.
 - Nonpartisan organization providing research and analysis to support education.
 - No focus on training—several existing organizations do that work, so we'll be supporting and partnering those organizations.
- Initial goals and objectives of the MPHI:
 - Strengthen the public health system capacity by supporting public health and partner organizations with a focus on rural, frontier, and tribal communities
 - Support sound health policy and funding by providing neutral and non-partisan research, assessment, and analysis
 - Create an organization to respond to current and emerging public health needs in Montana
- Initial projects include supporting Addictive and Mental Disorders Division (MT DPHHS) on some of their programs and grants as well as meeting regularly with public health system partners to assess current needs in relation to the COVID response.
- Foundational funding provided by Montana Health Care Foundation with the expectation to apply for and receive grants to sustain funding moving forward.

Healthy People 2030 launch, Anna Bradley

- Healthy People is a federal program from the Department of Health and Human Services that sets targets for key objectives to improve health nationally every 10 years.
- Heavy focus on Social Determinants of Health this time around and a reduction in objectives from over 1,000 in Healthy People 2020 to 355 total.
- Website has been redesigned and it is very user friendly: <https://health.gov/healthypeople>
- There is an evidence-based strategies toolkit, recommendations on how to incorporate HP2030 into your work, and a tool for creating a custom list of HP2030 objectives.
- HP2030 is maintaining a [custom list for objectives related to COVID-19 response and recovery](#).

Focused conversation: COVID impacts

- Programs are trying to collect a lot of information on what we need in this changing landscape and it seems to be new all the time with what we are learning about how to sustain this level of work across the public health workforce.
- Burnout is a concern.
- Had to pivot and adapt very quickly to get resources out to communities across the state.
 - Meal and diaper delivery, online lessons, and virtual support plans for childcare providers, for example.
 - Sanitary supplies distributed to (diapers, feminine hygiene products, etc.) tribal reservations through a partnership effort between DPHHS and Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies.

- Innovative ways to help local and tribal communities sustain funding, like the Montana Health Care Foundation helping support tribes with grant writers.
- Medicaid policy and payment changes to reduce barriers when possible so that people can still access Medicaid and health care even when receiving remote appointments.
- Embracing flexibility as a funder and increase communication across complex networks of partners and stakeholders who are used to meeting in person.
- Working on resiliency training for partners and stakeholders.

Subgroup updates

Statewide ACEs Resource

This group is interested in SHIP ACEs Strategy 9 about developing a statewide resource on ACEs and trauma-informed care and are working on determining the best possible platform and how to adequately sustain such a resource. This group is still active and working toward their goal.