

State Health Improvement Plan: Motor Vehicle Crashes

September 24, 2020 via Zoom

Purpose of Meeting:

Discuss the launch of the Montana Public Health Institute and Healthy People 2030, observational seat belt data from Indian Health Service programs, and updating the Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan.

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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Workgroup Members Present:

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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](#).

Data presentation: Observational seat belt data, Jordan Vandjelovic

- American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest unintentional injury rates in the US and mortality due to motor vehicle crashes is 3.3 times that of the US whole population
- IHS 2017 Injury Report is available on the Indian Health Service national website
 - Billings Area has the highest rates of the 12 services areas
- Use the North Carolina School of Public Health Seat Belt Observational Survey twice per year in 8 reservations in Montana and Wyoming and then combined and averaged
- Find areas with sufficient volume and where a person slows down or comes to a stop so the observer can determine if a seatbelt is being used.
- In most recent years we've seen improvements. In 2019 we see almost 45% seat belt usage for drivers and 38% for passengers.
- Use data to help planning the 3 E's of public health: education, enforcement, and environmental modification

Updating the Comprehensive Highway Safety Plan, Pam Langve-Davis

- All states are required to have a strategic highway safety plan. It is updated every 5 years.
- Development process involves an advisory committee made up the four safety disciplines (education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical services).
- Four emphasis areas in the 2020 plan being developed: a focus on roadway departures, impaired driving, unrestrained occupants, and a focus on emergency medical services.

- The CHSP will include annual workplans in the appendices. Regular reviews will occur to respond to what is working and things that need to be changed as the plan is being implemented.
- Find the plan on the [Montana Dept of Transportation Vision Zero](#) website.
- Contact Pam with any questions about the CHSP: plangvedavis@mt.gov

Subgroup updates

Car Seat Safety

Group met and established a goal in developing shared messages. The first Health in the 406 message was shared in early summer and a second was shared in September (see the [Health in the 406 message archives](#)). More messages were developed to be shared with public health stakeholders and partners through various organizational newsletters (Montana Association of Counties, Montana Nurse's Association, etc.). The group also provided input on a new interactive map being developed by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies on child car seat distribution and installation. Having accomplished their goal, this group has now disbanded.

Engaging Local and Tribal Health Departments

This group met and established a goal in hosting a meeting to engage local and tribal health departments in motor vehicle crash prevention. This was transitioned to a virtual meeting due to COVID-19 and held in August 2020. It focused on statewide resources and examples of local success stories around three topic areas that were identified by the participants: distracted driving, impaired driving, and child car seat safety. Having accomplished their goal, this group has now disbanded.