Goal 1: Infrastructure

DCPG Quarterly Calls

ODHP held a quarterly DCPG call on Wednesday November 13th to update on program activities and elicit feedback on ongoing tasks. Meeting minutes were sent out following the call. Our next DCPG call will be February 12th, 2014.

ODHP Website Remodel

ODHP is currently revising our website. We would like to make it more user-friendly and maintain more current information about our project activities, including the addition of a frequently updated “current events” section. If you have not visited our website before, please take a moment to review the site at: http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp. Let us know any suggestions you might have about the organization and content of the page, and any changes that could make it a better resource for our DCPG and people across the state.

Disability Representation on Public Health Committees

ODHP has started recruiting individuals with disabilities and disability advocates to be represented on the standing public health committees at the state health department. Information was sent out to all DCPG members about the committees that currently have openings. Thanks to all DCPG members for passing along this information within your networks.

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Goal 3: Health Policy

Cultural and Linguistic Evaluation of the MCH Program at ODH

ODHP is working closely with the contractor who will do the Cultural and Linguistic Evaluation of the Maternal and Child Health Program staff with the Ohio Department of health (ODH). ODHP has provided its Ohio Disability and Health Needs Assessment report to the contractor to provide background on the disability population in Ohio and have also shared other disability sensitivity and awareness materials. Next meeting with the contractor is scheduled in January.

HPIO/ODHP brief on people with disabilities and health

ODHP is collaborating with Health Policy Institute of Ohio on drafting a policy brief on disability and health. ODHP is responsible for describing the disability and health landscape in Ohio utilizing the Ohio Disability and Health Needs Assessment data. Additionally, ODHP is
responsible for writing on accessibility and health outcomes of people with disabilities compared to people without disabilities. Release date for this brief will be early 2014.

**Goal 4: Health Promotion**

**LIFT Webinar in the works**

ODHP began the webinar process with the University of Florida regarding the LIFT (Living Independently From Tobacco) Train-the-Trainer Program, and have plans to offer this training via webinar in early 2014. This webinar will be offered in a central location, at a Center for Independent Living (CIL), or other organization.

**Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer session to be offered in March**

ODHP has confirmed the Healthy Lifestyles presenter from Oregon Office on Disability and Health to facilitate the Train-the-Trainer sessions for organizations that work with individuals with disabilities. First sessions are scheduled on March 24th and March 25th in Columbus, Ohio. ODHP will have more information about the specifics of this training soon, and will be recruiting people to participate in this Train-the-Trainer opportunity. If you are interested, please save the dates and stand by for more info.

**Mammography Facility Assessment Update**

ODHP has completed 10 mammography facility assessment reports, which include an assessment recommendation for each facility. Follow-ups are scheduled 4 to 6 months out.

**Goal 5: Access to Care**

**Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments**

ODHP is working with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) to conduct accessibility assessments of FQHCs. ODHP presented a webinar to FQHC participants to educate on disability, health, disparities, and our offering of accessibility assessments. ODHP also submitted a column regarding accessibility assessments in OACHC’s clinical e-newsletter to further reach FQHCs/promote our assessments. ODHP attended the 2013 Ohio Rural Health Conference to promote ODHP accessibility assessments as well as ODHP’s disability trainings for healthcare professionals. ODHP is now scheduling assessments at FQHCs across the state and will be conducting our first assessment at the end of December.

**Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness**

**ODHP attended Ohio EMA’s training and exercise planning workshop**

ODHP participated in Ohio EMA’s training and exercise workshop. ODHP met with state and local EMAs as they planned out what trainings and exercises they will be doing over the next 3 years. ODHP offered to assist in considering the functional needs of people with disabilities as well as recruiting people with disabilities from the community to get involved with exercises.

**Ohio EMA initiative to improve functional needs planning throughout state**
Ohio EMA is planning a functional needs summit in spring 2014 to re-evaluate how functional needs are currently being met. This is an opportunity for state, county level agencies, direct service providers, and others to come together and discuss how we can better meet those needs during disasters. Let us know if you are interested in having more information about this initiative.

**First Responder and Emergency Planner Disability Training project update**

Throughout the month of November, ODHP conducted interviews to be included in these trainings. We captured some great footage with 14 different individuals, including people with disabilities, caregivers, experts from our DCPG and other organizations, and first responders including paramedic/fire fighters from the Norwich Township Fire Department and an officer from the Ohio State University Police Department. Thanks so much to those of you who were able to be interviewed for these trainings and/or helped us recruit interviewees! ODHP is currently reviewing the footage and working on post-production. The trainings are expected to be completed at the end of January, 2014. We will be producing two hour-long training videos to be available online for CE credit. One for First Responders (including Paramedics/EMT, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement) and one for Emergency Planners. If you have suggestions on the best ways to disseminate and promote these training, please let us know.

**Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities**