Goal 1: Infrastructure

Disability Representation on Public Health Committees

ODHP has been actively recruiting individuals with disabilities, their caregivers, guardians and disability advocates to participate on standing public health committees at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). ODHP has recruited two disability advocates to be represented on the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance, who will be attending the next quarterly meeting. Contact Anureet Benipal (614.644.9848, Anureet.Benipal@odh.ohio.gov) for more information.

Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative Kick-Off Meeting

ODHP attended the Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative Kick off meeting at which the Ohio’s Plan to Prevent and Reduce Chronic Disease: 2014-2018 was released. ODHP is participating as stakeholders of the collaborative and we will work with other partners of the collaborative to accomplish specific objectives within the plan.

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Goal 3: Health Policy

HPIO Released New Brief: Health and disabilities basics: Overview of health coverage, programs and services

ODHP has been working with HPIO to put together a series of briefs on people with disabilities and health in the state of Ohio. The first in the series of the briefs was released in March. The HPIO Brief has been getting a lot of attention around the state health department and other state level agencies as it is very easy to read and provides information on a variety of topics related to disability, health, and health coverage.

ODHP has shared the HPIO brief with our DCPG. We have also shared the brief with the Ohio’s Department of Developmental Disabilities' Medical Advisory Council's standing committee, their Parent Advisory Council, and their Children with Disabilities Council. The Medical Advisory Council's standing committees consists of physicians, representatives from public agencies, parents and consumers and addresses specific issues and policies and procedures of care relating to children with special healthcare needs. The Parent Advisory Committee is composed of parents from around the state who meet regularly to advise the Children with Medical Handicaps Program regarding care for children with special health care needs.
ODHP Presented at Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative Meeting in March

ODHP presented data on disability health disparities at the Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative quarterly meeting last month. The collaborative consists of diverse agencies from across the state, organizations, and individuals that have an interest in eliminating health disparities. Health policies, resource development, and advocacy constitute some of the primary activities of the Collaborative. In response to a request from the Collaborative, ODHP is currently working on breaking down the disability disparity data along racial/ethnic boundaries to gain a clearer understanding of the intersection between race and disability, and how these separate factors influence and/or compound health disparities.

Goal 4: Health Promotion

Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer Sessions

ODHP offered two Healthy Lifestyles trainings in March, which had an excellent turn-out. Over 50 individuals attended two Healthy Lifestyles workshops in Columbus on March 21st and 22nd and on March 24th and 25th, 2014. Participants came from different parts of the state to attend and will now be able to lead and offer the Healthy Lifestyles program for people with disabilities through their respective organizations.

Another Healthy Lifestyles training is scheduled for June 9th and 10th in Shaker Heights, Ohio in the Cleveland area. Registration opens on April 21st. Links to the registration page and more information can be found on the ODHP Homepage.

Education Seminars for Breast Sonographers

ODHP will be offering a Women with Disabilities Seminar for Mammography Technologists on June 7, 2014 in Northeast Ohio in partnership with the Ohio Susan G. Komen Affiliates. ODHP is currently recruiting mammography technologists who have experience working with women with disabilities and women with disabilities who have experience receiving mammograms to participate as discussion panelists for the training. Please contact Erica Coleman (513-803-4399, Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org) if you are interested in participating as a panelist.

ODHP Participated in TFOA Quarterly Meeting

ODHP attended the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance quarterly meeting to continue raising awareness of disability in this area while contributing and share resources with other Ohio partners fighting tobacco use.

Mammography Accessibility Assessment Project

ODHP completed a mammography assessment in southern Ohio and received several referrals to other facilities in the region. Please contact Erica Coleman (513-803-4399, Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org) if you know of a mammography facility that would like to have a free accessibility assessment.
ODHP Participated in OPCC Subcommittee Meeting

ODHP participated in the Ohio Partners for Cancer Control’s Prevention and Early Detection Workgroup call to engage with other members of OPCC, update on our progress with the comprehensive cancer control plan, and raise awareness of disability.

Goal 5: Access to Care

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments

ODHP followed up with the two facilities that have so far been assessed. We received great feedback on the process and results of the assessment. Each facility will be submitting a more formal written evaluation of the assessment process in the near future. Some of the feedback received will help us to better serve and assist these facilities when providing them with the assessment reports. ODHP is currently reaching out to FQHCs throughout Ohio to recruit more participation in our assessment offerings. Please contact Yiping Yang (614-688-2928, Yiping.Yang@osumc.edu) regarding this project.

Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness

Ohio EMA to host Functional Needs Summit in May

ODHP is continuing to work with and support Ohio EMA in their initiative to host a summit for Ohio organizations/service providers on how to best address functional needs gaps in the state. An agenda for the summit has been created and registration is now open. Please contact us for more information regarding this summit.

Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities