Goal 1: Infrastructure

Health Policy Specialist now housed at ODH
ODHP’s new health policy specialist, David Ellsworth, has transitioned to the Ohio Department of Health where he will now be housed to maintain awareness of disability and health related issues at the state level. Please contact David at David.Ellsworth@odh.ohio.gov with any questions or concerns relating to ODHP’s policy work.

DCPG Quarterly Call
The first DCPG call of our program’s third year was on December 10th. Thank you to those who were able to join us for this call and provide feedback on various projects. Out next DCPG Call will be Wednesday, March 11th, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Analysis and Factsheets
In collaboration with our partners at the Government Resource Center, ODHP is analyzing the 2013 YRBS data. Higher rates of bullying, electronic bullying, substance abuse, self-harm, and other health risk behaviors have been found among students with disabilities. ODHP’s LEND graduate students are working to create three factsheets to convey information from this survey to policy makers throughout the state. Drafts of these briefs were distributed to the DCPG prior to our December quarterly call. Please let us know if you have any additional comments.

Goal 3: Health Policy

Meeting with the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
ODHP met with the Kirwan Institute to discuss possible future collaborations, including the development of a factsheet examining disability and social determinants of health.

United Healthcare’s Ohio Member Advisory Council and Connected Advisors Meeting
ODHP participated on United Healthcare’s Ohio Member Advisory Council and Connected Advisors Meeting to monitor any relevant policy issues and to offer technical assistance regarding disability and health.

Goal 4: Health Promotion

Healthy U Lay Leader Training – Looking for ASL Fluent Lay Leaders
ODHP is seeking individuals who are fluent in ASL and interested in being trained as Lay Leaders to offer the Healthy U workshop to the Deaf community. Healthy U is an evidence-based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) offered through the Ohio Department of Aging. A Healthy U Lay Leader training will be held at the Columbus Health Department on February 23, 24, 25, and March 2, 3 (5 full days of training). ODHP will provide ASL interpretation at this training. Please share this information
throughout your networks. Anyone who is interested can contact Rosalind for more information at Rosalind.Gjessing@osumc.edu or (614) 688-2928.

**Tobacco Cessation Focus Groups and Ohio Tobacco Quit Line Materials**
ODHP hosted two focus groups in December at the P.E.E.R. Center West and MOBILE Center for Independent Living to gain feedback from the disability community on smoking cessation materials that we are developing in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health. Thank you to everyone who helped with these focus groups and to our attendees.

ODHP and ODH are developing 2 posters and 1 brochure to promote the Ohio Tobacco Quite Line among people with disabilities. The brochure provides information on the benefits of quitting and how to help someone quit and is targeted at people with disabilities as well as clinicians and personal care assistants. If your organization is interested in displaying or distributing these materials, please contact ODHP for more information.

**Ohio Partners for Cancer Control (OPCC)**
ODHP participated in a meeting of the Early Detection Workgroup as well as OPCC’s general member meeting to work on Ohio’s next comprehensive cancer control plan.

**Mammography Facility Accessibility Assessments**
Accessibility assessments of mammography facilities across the state continue. ODHP is also working to follow-up with facilities that have received assessments to see how facilities are utilizing accessibility reports. Contact Erica Coleman for more information about this project, (513) 803-4399 or Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org.

**Goal 5: Access to Care**

**Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments**
ODHP conducted five assessments throughout the state during the month of December. We are currently continuing to schedule assessments. Please contact Yiping Yang regarding this project, (614) 688-2928 or Yiping.Yang@osumc.edu. Information about the assessment process can also be found on our website: http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp/accessibilityassessment

**Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness**

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