Ohio Disability and Health Program

Monthly Project Update

February 2014

Goal 1: Infrastructure

DCPG Quarterly Calls

ODHP held a quarterly DCPG call on Wednesday February 12th to update our partners on program activities and elicit feedback on ongoing tasks. The call also included a discussion of House Bill 333. Meeting minutes were sent out following the call. Our next DCPG call will be May 14th, 2014.

New Monthly Update Format and Changes to ODHP Website:

ODHP began posting our monthly updates to the ODHP website in January 2014. During our DCPG quarterly call on February 12th 2014, we received positive feedback on this new approach and plan to continue posting monthly updates to the website. Please let us know if you have any comments on this format, or if you are a DCPG member and you would prefer to receive the monthly updates in a PDF format.

We are also continually working on updating the ODHP website to make it more useful for our partners and for community members. Over the last month, we have added more photos and also a new First Responder Disability Resource Page. Please contact Rosalind Gjessing (614-688-2928, Rosalind.Gjessing@osumc.edu) if you have any comments regarding the content or format of the site.

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). This will play a major role in our vision for sustainability as this will help bring the voice of the disability community to public health issues and programs. Some of the committees open for disability representation include: Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership, Ohio Partners for Cancer Control, Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance and Ohio Reproduction Health and Advisory Council. One individual from the disability community attended the Ohio Adolescent Health Partnership meeting in January and there are 3 more individuals who are interested in attending the next meeting coming up end of February. In addition to that, a few others have expressed interest in participating on other open committees at the upcoming meetings. Thanks to all our DCPG members for your help in this recruitment effort. Please contact Anureet Benipal (614.644.9848, Anureet.Benipal@odh.ohio.gov) if you would like more information about this initiative.

ODHP Proposals for the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting

ODHP has been preparing 3 proposals to be submitted for the APHA 2014 meeting in November. The proposals include: 1) Public Health Needs Assessment: Health Status and
Disparities Identified among People with Disabilities in Ohio; 2) Accessible Mammography and Women with Disabilities: Outcomes from Ohio Statewide Trainings and Accessibility Assessments; 3) Combating Smoking Disparities among People With and Without Disabilities: Using Data to Drive Policy Change. Our partners from the Ohio Department of Health’s Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program will be co-presenters for the last proposal.

**Goal 2: Health Surveillance**

**Goal 3: Health Policy**

**ODHP Column on Smoking Cessation for Ohio DODD Quarterly ‘Well-Informed’ Newsletter**

ODHP is drafting an article on smoking cessation with a focus on individuals with disabilities for the new “Well-Informed” quarterly newsletter from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The “Well Informed” newsletter aims to educate and empower individuals, families, and the statewide stakeholder community by addressing health and wellness issues to improve outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities in Ohio.

**ODHP to Present at Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative Meeting**

ODHP has been invited to present at the next Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative meeting in March. We will develop a PowerPoint presentation focusing on health disparities faced by individuals with disabilities. The Collaborative includes individuals and organizations working together to achieve health equity and eliminate health disparities in Ohio. Members are from non-profit agencies, healthcare organizations, government agencies, academia, and private organizations that provide statewide leadership to racial and ethnic minorities within the state of Ohio. It will be a great opportunity for ODHP to lay out the landscape of disability in Ohio to this group.

**ODH Cultural and Linguistic Workgroup Subcommittee**

ODHP has actively been participating on the Cultural and Linguistic Evaluation subcommittee at the state health department, ensuring that people with disabilities are considered in all aspects of the evaluation. The Division of Family and Community Health Services is now much more aware of the needs of those with disabilities and is working towards addressing those needs through the Cultural and Linguistic Evaluation Process. This will ensure that the Maternal and the Child Health Program staff at ODH and sub grantees are using people first language and are aware of disability culture and sensitivity, as information on these topics will be included in toolkits and trainings.

**Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) Policy Brief**

Ohio Disability and Health Program has been working with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) to prepare a policy brief focused on people with disabilities and health. The purpose of the brief is to provide insight into insurance and coverage options for PWD, outline challenges to
access to optimal health and overview potential policy options. The brief is now planned to be released in 3 phases between March 2014 and August 2014 to better cover the breadth of information.

**Goal 4: Health Promotion**

**Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer Sessions**

Due to great interest, a second Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer session for organizations who work with individuals with disabilities has been added for March 21st and 22nd (in addition to the March 24th and 25th workshops). Both 2-day workshops filled up in less than 3 days. [SAVE THE DATE! ODHP Healthy Lifestyles Train-the-Trainer Workshop (PDF)]. Please contact Erica Coleman for more information (513-803-4399, Erica.Coleman@cchmc.org).

**ODHP Collaboration with Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program**

ODHP has been collaborating with the state-based Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program (TUPCP) to promote the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line among people with disabilities. Two disability screener questions were added to the Quit Line intake survey so that the use of the Quit Line among people with disabilities can be tracked. ODHP is currently working with the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program to create and disseminate promotional materials for the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line targeted at individuals with disabilities.

**Healthy U Chronic Disease Self-Management Program**

ODHP has been collaborating with Ohio Department of Aging to make their Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP), Healthy U, more accessible to people with disabilities. More information about Healthy U can be found [here](#). ODHP recruited two individuals to be trained to offer the Healthy U Workshop in American Sign Language (ASL). Plans are in the works for a Healthy U workshop to be offered in ASL in May 2014. More information is forthcoming. Contact Rosalind Gjessing (614-688-2928, Rosalind.Gjessing@osumc.edu) with questions.

**ODHP Particiated in TFOA Quarterly Meeting**

ODHP attended the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance quarterly meeting in January to continually be involved with fighting tobacco in Ohio and building strong partnerships.

**ODHP Particiated in OPCC Subcommittee Meeting**

ODHP participated in the January Ohio Partners for Cancer Control Subcommittee meeting to update OPCC on our progress towards the proposed goal on the Ohio Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.
Goal 5: Access to Care

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Accessibility Assessments

ODHP conducted our second accessibility assessment for an FQHC site. We are currently finalizing the assessment report of the FQHC we assessed in January, which will be submitted this month, and also seeking out additional facilities to assess. Please contact Yiping Yang (614-688-2928, Yiping.Yang@osumc.edu) for more information.

Goal 6: Emergency Preparedness

Ohio EMA to host Functional Needs Summit in May

ODHP is working with and supporting Ohio EMA in their initiative to host a summit for Ohio organizations/services providers on how to best address functional needs gaps in the state. 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. A date for the Summit has been set in May.

First Responder/Emergency Planner Video Training Project

ODHP is creating on-line video trainings to educate first responders and emergency planners on disabilities. We are currently putting together the videos and working on the process of obtaining CEU credit approval. Filming is completed and the First Responder training is being polished; completion of the Emergency Planner training has been postponed until April 2014. A new resource page to accompany the First Responder Training has been posted to the ODHP website: First Responder Disability Resource Page. Please contact Rosalind Gjessing (614-688-2928, Rosalind.Gjessing@osumc.edu) with any questions regarding this project, or if you have suggestions on the best ways to disseminate and promote these training.

Goal 7: Effectively Monitor and Evaluate Program Activities