Ohio Disability and Health Program

Monthly Project Update

March 2014

Goal 1: Infrastructure

ODHP joins Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative

ODHP is officially a member of the Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative and is listed on the collaborative website. The collaborative consists of an array of diverse agencies, 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. More information about the Collaborative can be found here: http://www.ohiohealthdisparitiescollaborative.org/

ODHP to attend Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative kick-off meeting

ODHP is a member partner of the Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative in the effort to prevent and reduce the burden of chronic disease in Ohio. ODHP team members will be attending the Collaborative’s Kick-Off meeting this month, where Ohio’s Plan to Prevent and Reduce Chronic Disease: 2014-2018 will be formally introduced.

ODHP contributes to the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance Strategic Plan: 2014-2018

ODHP has contributed to the Tobacco Free Ohio Alliance Strategic Plan: 2014-2018 by including a goal to increase the use of Ohio’s Tobacco Quit Line by smokers in the disability population. ODHP will work with the state based Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program (TUPCP) at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to create and disseminate promotional materials for the Tobacco Quit Line and will monitor Quit Line utilization by people with disabilities.

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

ODHP has submitted 3 proposals for APHA’s 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 (submitted in partnership with the TUPCP at ODH)

ODHP participated in the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day

ODHP participated in the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council’s Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day at the Statehouse to promote our disability and health program, meet community members, and share our resources with the disability community. DD Awareness Day was a great success! It was a well-attended and informative event with great speakers from the disability community.
Goal 2: Health Surveillance

Goal 3: Health Policy

ODHP presents to nursing students on Health Disparities for People with Disabilities

ODHP presented at the Mt. Carmel School of Nursing on health disparities and barriers to care for people with disabilities and on what health care providers, such as nurses, can do to eliminate some of the barriers. ODHP’s presentation was part of a larger discussion about health disparities presented by the Office of Health Equity at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Approximately 60 final year nursing students were present along with 3 nursing instructors. The ODHP Infographic was shared with the students.

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

ODHP has written an article on the importance of smoking cessation for people with disabilities for the quarterly newsletter for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). The newsletter is geared towards DODD service providers. The newsletter has an anticipated release date of March 20th.

ODHP to Present at Ohio Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative Meeting

ODHP is presenting at the next Statewide Health Disparities Collaborative meeting. 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.

ODH Cultural and Linguistic Workgroup Subcommittee

ODHP has been participating on the Cultural and Linguistic Workgroup at the state health department and has been attending monthly meetings with the contractor. ODHP has been providing technical assistance related to disability culture competence.

Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) Policy Brief

ODHP has been participating in the workgroup led by HPIO in creating a series of briefs on health policy and people with disabilities. ODHP has written parts of the brief and has reviewed the draft of the first brief for accuracy and clarity of content. The first brief focuses primarily on describing disability and disability prevalence in Ohio, and provides an overview of the state agencies’ programs and coverage options for people with disabilities. These briefs will be an outstanding resource for Ohio. This first brief in the series is very easy to read and makes a complex topic seem manageable.
**Goal 4: Health Promotion**

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

All registrants have confirmed attendance to the Healthy Lifestyles train-the-trainer workshops scheduled at The Ohio State University in March. Healthy Lifestyles is a health promotion program for people with disabilities that covers emotional, social, physical, and spiritual health, as well as health through meaningful activities. Another Healthy Lifestyles workshop is being planned for June 2014 in northeast Ohio (Cleveland).

**Education Seminars for Breast Sonographers**

Last month, ODHP presented with a breast sonographer from University of Cincinnati Medical Center at a Breast Imaging Educational Seminar for 100 professionals. The presentation included information to help mammography technologists ensure that mammography and breast sonography services are accessible for women with different types of disabilities. ODHP is also working with Susan G. Komen of Northeast Ohio to host a second *Women with Disabilities Seminar for Mammography Technologists* event in June of 2014.

**Goal 5: Access to Care**

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

ODHP plans to conduct 39 FQHC accessibility assessments across the state through 2015. ODHP continues to work on recruiting FQHCs that are interested in receiving an accessibility assessment. We are reaching out to contacts throughout Ohio to schedule more accessibility assessments at FQHCs and have completed two assessments. 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 continuing to work with 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. Please contact ODHP if you would like more information about this initiative.

**First Responder/Emergency Planner Video Training Project**

ODHP is working on creating on-line video trainings to educate first responders and emergency planners on disabilities. ODHP is continuing to work on finalizing the content and editing of the first responder and emergency planner video trainings. Both trainings are slated to be completed by the end of April 2014. 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 trainings.

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