



State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES

Details:

Date: December 16, 2021, 8:30 – 11:00 am

Address: Florida Department of Health; Room 301
4052 Bald Cypress Way
Building 4052, Room 301 | Tallahassee, FL 32399

Facilitator: Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC

Meeting Objectives:

1. Review Priority Area Workgroup membership
2. Present recommended priority area goals for the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan
3. Select priority area goals for the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan
4. Present next steps

Member Participation:

Member Name	Member Organization	Attendance
Simone Marstiller, JD	Agency for Health Care Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Palmer	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robin Safley, JD	Feeding Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia M. Harris, PhD, DABT	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University – Institute of Public Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Rowley	Florida American Indian Health Advisory Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ben Browning, MPA	Florida Association of Community Health Centers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mike Hill	Florida Association of Health Planning Agencies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Runk, MS	Florida Association of Health Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melanie Brown-Woofter	Florida Behavioral Health Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kelli Tice, MD	Florida Blue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Wilson, CCE	Florida Chamber Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alexandra Abboud, DPL	Florida Dental Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Member Name	Member Organization	Attendance
Nikki Fried, JD	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessica Kemper for Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA	Florida Department of Children and Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Debbie Smiley	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacant	Florida Department of Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Wickersheim for Michelle Branham	Florida Department of Elder Affairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Britney Moore	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD	Florida Department of Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kenneth A Schepcke, MD, FAEMS	Florida Department of Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Quaranta, MPH	Florida Department of Health – Rural County Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robin Napier, MS	Florida Department of Health – Medium County Health Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Aaron Kissler, MPH	Florida Department of Health – Large County Health Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ulyee Choe, DO	Florida Department of Health – Metro County Health Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric. S. Hall, EdD	Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lora Hollingsworth, PE	Florida Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Luke Strickland	Florida Division of Emergency Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Mayhew	Florida Hospital Association	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elaine Roberts	Florida Housing Finance Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph West, ScM, ScD	Florida Institute for Health Innovation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elena Bastida, PhD	Florida International University – Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ashley Heath Dietz, MS	Florida Philanthropic Network	<input type="checkbox"/>
George Rust, MD, MPH	Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Gary Howze for Rachel Kamoutsas, JD	Office of Attorney General Ashley Moody	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rick Owen, MA	United Way of Florida	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Prins, PhD, MPH, CIC, CPH	University of Florida – College of Public Health and Health Professions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ana Palacio, MD, MPH	University of Miami – Department of Public Health Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leslie Pearsall	VISIT FLORIDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Meeting Notes:

Topic	Summary of key points, decisions and action items	Presenter
Opening Remarks	<p><u>Mirine Richey MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u></p> <p>Ms. Richey opened with a few housekeeping tips, welcoming remarks, and reminder of the meeting process and procedure. She then introduced Florida's State Surgeon General, Dr. Joseph Ladapo.</p> <p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Ladapo welcomed everyone and thanked the Steering Committee members for their hard work and commitment. He mentioned the feelings that go along with this time of year/this season and wished everyone a happy holiday. He remarked that the time is right to set the vision for health priorities infused with Florida's overall mission of good health. He closed his remarks by saying that he looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee in finalizing the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) and putting it to action.</p>	<p>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p>
Steering Committee Member Introductions	<p>Steering Committee members introduced themselves and their respective agencies and organizations.</p>	<p>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Steering Committee members</p>
Priority Area Workgroup Membership Overview	<p><u>Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD, Director, Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Weiss welcomed all attendees and asked committee members to review the resources binder; she reminded the group of the seven priority areas identified at the October 22, 2021, State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee meeting. She described that the purpose of this meeting was to select and approve the proposed goals for each priority. Dr. Weiss commented on the robust representation of attendees and contributors. She shared that all partner organizations that committee members had identified were contacted and that each of the Priority Area Workgroups (PAWS) met at least twice to discuss goals. Today's meeting will be followed by PAW meetings to develop measurable objectives for each priority. She stated the Florida Department of Health is excited for the launch of the new State Health Improvement Plan website that will coincide with the start of the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD Director Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management</p>

<p>2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Goals Presentation</p>	<p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey moved to the next agenda item and the presentations by PAW Chairs to share the proposed goals for their respective priority areas.</p> <p>ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS (ADRD)</p> <p>PAW Chairs: Anne Chansler, Florida Department of Elder Affairs Jennifer Braisted, Florida Alzheimer’s Association</p> <p>Jennifer Braisted, Florida Alzheimer’s Association and Anne Chansler, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.</p> <p>Proposed Goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengthen the capacity to address Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.2. Ensure a competent Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias workforce.3. Enhance support for those living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and their caregivers. <p><u>Jennifer Braisted, Director of Government Affairs, Florida Alzheimer’s Association</u> Ms. Braisted’s remarks included a presentation of significant data that identify Florida as one of the epicenters for Alzheimer’s disease. The impact of ADRD is expected to increase due to the state’s aging population. Ms. Braisted also highlighted successes in the area of brain health education, needed support for caregivers, early detection, and the activity of the Brain Bus.</p> <p><u>Anne Chansler, Chief, Bureau of Elder Rights, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Ms. Chansler discussed the increased need for accessibility for underserved populations, direct care worker support and training in long-term care facilities, staffing increases, promoting comprehensive care planning, as well as the need for</p>	<p>Priority Area Workgroup Chairs</p>
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increased quality of care. Ms. Chansler commented on the importance and impact of the proposed goals for the state of Florida as well as those affected by Alzheimer’s disease and those who care for them.

Comments/Questions:

Christopher Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Dr. Cogle suggested replacing the word “related” with “other cognitive dementias” in the priority area title. He explained that from a disease standpoint, the use of “related” is not appropriate.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Ladapo, while recognizing Dr. Cogle’s statement from a disease standpoint, stated he preferred the word “related” as it conveys connection.

CHRONIC DISEASE AND CONDITIONS

PAW Chairs:

Dr. Christopher Cogle, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Tara Hylton, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Christopher Cogle, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.

Proposed Goals:

1. Reduce new cases of cancer and cancer-related illness, disability and death.
2. Improve cardiovascular health by reducing new cases, disability and death from heart disease, stroke and other related illness.
3. Increase palliative care access and use.
4. Reduce the burden of diabetes and improve quality of life for all who have or are at risk for diabetes.

5. Improve respiratory health.
6. Promote the attainment and maintenance of health through healthy nutrition, physical activity and supportive lifestyle behaviors.

Christopher Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Dr. Cogle presented the statistics around cancer as the number two cause of death in Florida and spoke to the need to address access and health disparities. Then he spoke about cardiovascular disease as the number one cause of death in Florida and how it crosses all age groups. Dr. Cogle discussed problems with palliative care access across multiple disciplines, co-morbidity issues as well as the strong partnerships required for improved quality of life. He also discussed diabetes prevention based in screening for at-risk populations and family history. He spoke of the importance in improving respiratory health for persons with conditions such as asthma and the direct correlation of respiratory health to environmental conditions in the state and tobacco use and other contributing factors. His final comments were on issues of promoting an overall healthy lifestyle through healthy nutrition, physical activity and behaviors.

Comments/Questions:

George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Rust introduced the issue of food insecurity, as well as behavioral health, co-morbidity, and health equity as topics that will need more specific attention throughout all goals and/or objectives for this priority area.

Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Secretary Marstiller asked about oral health and discussed the level of importance and impact it has in all areas of disease. She advocated for oral health being a stand-alone goal.

Barbara Palmer, Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Ms. Palmer seconded the motion of Secretary Marstiller.

Alexandra Abboud, DPL, Governmental Affairs Liaison, Florida Dental Association

Ms. Abboud agreed with Secretary Marstiller and Ms. Palmer.

Christopher Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Dr. Cogle agreed and stated the PAW would support elevating oral health to the goal level.

INJURY, SAFETY AND VIOLENCE

PAW Chairs:

Dr. Robert Karch, Florida Department of Health

Chris Lolley, The Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida

Dr. Joseph Pepe, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Joseph Pepe, Florida Department of Health, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.

Proposed Goals:

1. Prevent or reduce childhood injuries.
2. Prevent or reduce adult injuries.
3. Prevent or reduce injuries in vulnerable populations.
4. Increase mitigation of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) as a statewide prevention strategy.

Joseph Pepe, PhD, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County

Dr. Pepe opened his presentation by discussing Florida's status as a disaster-prone state and how this reality creates problems with housing instability and other issues. He then provided a quick overview of childhood unintentional injuries as the leading cause of death in children under the age of nineteen and how high those numbers have risen in recent years. Dr. Pepe also discussed the need to reduce

the life-changing injuries that occur with adults, including lowering the rate of injuries in vulnerable populations e.g., those who are trafficked, homeless, and those with one or more disabling conditions. Finally, Dr. Pepe discussed Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the need for program awareness of ACEs across all disciplines. He mentioned the success rate of reduction in disease and cost effectiveness of programs that include ACEs awareness where they have been implemented.

Robert Karch, MD, Deputy Secretary for Children’s Medical Services, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Karch supported Dr. Pepe’s presentation and stated he looks forward to working with all the PAW partners on these very important goals.

Comments/Questions:

Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Secretary Marstiller stated she would like to see an objective to address violence specifically, and Dr. Pepe agreed.

Melanie Brown-Woofter, President and CEO, Florida Behavioral Health Association

Ms. Brown-Woofter spoke in support of the ACEs goal.

Joseph West, ScD, ScM, CEO, Florida Institute for Health Innovation

Dr. West stated he would like to see more on prevention related to the harm from social media as well as trauma-informed care models.

Ben Browning, MPA, Vice President, Florida Association of Community Health Centers

Mr. Browning stated he would like to see intimate partner violence addressed. Dr. Pepe replied that it would be addressed.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

PAW Chairs:

Dr. Ghasi Phillips-Bell, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Bill Sappenfield, University of South Florida

Dr. Ghasi Phillips-Bell, Florida Department of Health, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.

Proposed Goals:

1. Increase access to quality primary, preventative, and sub-specialty care for infants, children and adolescents.
2. Reduce infant morbidity and mortality.
3. Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality.
4. Improve preconception and interconception health.

Ghasi Phillips-Bell, PhD, Senior Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Phillips-Bell emphasized the need to prioritize special health care systems with well-coordinated access and preventative care, reduction of health disparities around infant death, and greater attention to preventative measures for pre-term births along with the ongoing developmental complications that may come from early delivery. Dr. Phillips-Bell discussed the significant racial disparities that exist related to delivery and pregnancy complications and talked about the importance of improving preconception and interconception health for those at-risk.

Comments/Questions:

George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Rust emphasized the black/white mortality gap and the importance of addressing equity in the goals and/or objectives within the Maternal and Child Health priority area.

Melanie Brown-Woofter, President and CEO, Florida Behavioral Health Association

Ms. Brown-Woofter said it would be important for one objective to focus on nutrition.

Robin Safely, JD, Executive Director, Feeding Florida

Ms. Safely commented that nutrition is going to be addressed across all priority areas.

Alexandra Abboud, DPL, Governmental Affairs Liaison, Florida Dental Association

Ms. Abboud asked where oral health will be included. Dr. Phillips-Bell replied, stating it could be included in all goals but will surely be included across objectives.

MENTAL WELLBEING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

PAW Chairs:

Jennifer Johnson, Florida Behavioral Health Association

Dr. Lisa Spector, Nemours Children's Health

Jennifer Johnson, Florida Behavioral Health Association, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.

Proposed Goals:

1. Reduce the impact of adult mental, emotional and behavioral health disorders.
2. Reduce the impact of pediatric mental, emotional and behavioral health disorders.
3. Reduce substance use disorders and drug overdose deaths.
4. Reduce suicide behaviors and deaths.

Jennifer Johnson, MPH, Senior Director of Public Policy, Florida Behavioral Health Association.

Ms. Johnson introduced her co-chair, Dr. Lisa Spector, Development Behavioral Pediatrician, Nemours Children’s Health. Ms. Johnson then presented information on current behavioral health data, including the evidence that one in five individuals in Florida suffer from a mental health condition. She discussed reducing stigma, improving screening, and increased access to effective therapies as well as prioritizing prevention. Ms. Johnson mentioned that the PAW had revised a prior goal that was written specific to opioids. She discussed the high rate of fentanyl related overdose deaths and overdoses and the rate of increase that has occurred due to the mental state of many Floridians during the pandemic. The PAW wanted to expand the goal from solely focused on opioids to broader substance use. In her concluding remarks, Ms. Johnson emphasized that it will be very important for this PAW to work closely with the Injury, Safety and Violence PAW as their objectives will inevitably overlap.

Comments/Questions:

Ulyee Choe, DO, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County

Dr. Choe commented on the importance of addressing the workforce issue (i.e., shortage of behavioral health care providers).

Christopher Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Dr. Cogle applauded the presented goals, especially the one around substance use disorders.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IMPACTING HEALTH

PAW Chairs:

Nicholas Alford, Florida Department of Health

Amanda Baker, Florida Self-Advocates Network'D

Rebecca Roberts, Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Nicholas Alford, Florida Department of Health and Amanda Baker, Florida Self-Advocates Network'D, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.

Proposed Goals:

1. Expand access to high-quality educational opportunities for all across the lifespan.
2. Improve access to high-quality health care services for all across the lifespan.
3. Support communities to promote healthy, interconnected and safe environments.

Nicholas Alford, Evaluator, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Florida Department of Health

Mr. Alford's comments included a discussion about increasing educational opportunities, access, and equity. He discussed enhancing the workforce, developing a more efficient infrastructure and universal design for access to all Floridians. He also mentioned the importance of increasing infection control methods in vulnerable populations, access to resources, housing, telehealth, and addressing food insecurities.

Comments/Questions:

George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Rust again brought up the importance of including equity in the goal language.

Amanda Baker, Vice President, Florida Self-Advocates Network'D

Ms. Baker replied by adamantly agreeing with Dr. Rust and guaranteed health inequities will be addressed. She spoke about the importance of supporting communities to promote healthy, interconnected and safe environments.

**Ana Palacio, MD, MPH, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Miami
Department of Public Health Sciences**

Dr. Palacio suggested each PAW should have an objective that addresses health equity.

Robin Safely, JD, Executive Director, Feeding Florida

Ms. Safely commented again that nutrition and food insecurity will be addressed in objectives across priority areas.

TRANSMISSIBLE AND EMERGING DISEASES

PAW Chairs:

Daniel Chacreton, Florida Department of Health

Clayton Weiss, Florida Department of Health

Daniel Chacreton, Florida Department of Health, presented the proposed goals for the priority area.

Proposed Goals:

1. Eliminate HIV transmission and reduce HIV-related deaths.
2. Reduce sexually transmitted infection rates.
3. Reduce vaccine preventable diseases across the lifespan and for all people.
4. Improve population health by preventing, detecting and responding to existing and emerging infectious diseases.

**Daniel Chacreton, Administrator, Infectious Disease Prevention and
Investigation, Florida Department of Health**

Mr. Chacreton shared current statistics pertaining to new Florida HIV cases and deaths as well as methods to eliminate transmission. He also discussed the rapid increase in sexually transmitted infections, specifically congenital syphilis and gonorrhea and increasing levels of antibiotic resistant infections. Next, he discussed the need for a reduction of vaccine preventable diseases for all ages along with overall health prevention, detection, and response to existing and emerging disease. Finally, Mr. Chacreton discussed diseases of zoonotic origins

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	<p>(an infectious disease that is transmitted between species from animals to human) and agricultural influences in disease coming into the United States.</p> <p>Comments/Questions:</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle applauded the proposed goals and asked about the consideration of PrEP in this work. Mr. Chacreton replied that the PAW is considering PrEP, viral suppression, etc.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, DO, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe suggested the work of this PAW should be partnered with the Maternal and Child Health PAW regarding issues such as congenital syphilis.</p>	
<p>2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Goals Selection</p>	<p><u>Mirine Richey MPH, IBCLC , Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey reiterated that comments and thoughts of the members would be taken into consideration as the PAWs develop the objectives in the coming weeks. She opened the floor for discussion on oral health.</p> <p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler suggested that oral health could roll into at least three of the proposed Chronic Diseases and Conditions PAW goals.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller reiterated she wants to see oral health as its own goal and asked for special permission for the Chronic Diseases and Conditions PAW to add a seventh goal.</p>	<p>Steering Committee members</p>

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	<p><u>Alexandra Abboud, DPL, Governmental Affairs Liaison, Florida Dental Association</u> Ms. Abboud agreed with Secretary Marstiller that oral health should be a stand-alone goal.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle agreed that oral health should be a stand-alone goal under Chronic Diseases and Conditions priority area.</p> <p>There was consensus from the Steering Committee that oral health will be a stand-alone goal, the seventh goal in the Chronic Diseases and Conditions priority area.</p>	
<p>Next Steps and Timeline</p>	<p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey shared a slide which displayed the next steps and timeline for the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan.</p>	<p>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust suggested that when objectives are presented, there should be a matrix showing which objectives address health equity and what measurable outcomes are needed to reflect this. Dr. Weiss responded that this would be provided prior to the next Steering Committee meeting. Dr. Rust also stated he wants to see a map on how the objectives align with county health department (CHD) needs. Additionally, he would like to see direct community input from CHDs. He stated the CHD information should flow up to the state about needs of the community locally and that the state should be informed by the CHDs about such needs (i.e., CHIP should inform SHIP).</p> <p><u>Robin Napier, MS, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Hernando County</u> Ms. Napier stated the CHDs do a crosswalk to align County Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) goals and objectives.</p>	<p>Members of the public</p>

Asim Jani, MD, MPH, FACP, Medical Director, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Jani commented on Dr. Rust's suggestion of inclusion of health equity in several goals including a goal under Chronic Diseases and Conditions, a goal under Maternal and Child Health, and a goal under Social and Economic Conditions Impacting Health.

Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration

Secretary Marstiller suggested using the word equal instead of the word equitable in the goals.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health

Dr. Ladapo strongly agreed with Secretary Marstiller but stressed the implications of certain words and said the group should be as concrete as possible with language we use. He suggested using the term health disparities.

Amanda Baker, Vice President, Florida Self-Advocates Network'D

Ms. Baker stated we must be thoughtful in our language to make sure we represent everyone as all people of Florida are depending on us.

COMMENTS VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

- Many virtual attendees placed comments into the chat feature of Microsoft Teams, stating that they do not agree that equality and equity are the same. Virtual attendees indicated that the State Health Improvement Plan should be inclusive and using the word "equal" as opposed to "equitable" may not allow for inclusivity.
- One virtual attendee from the University of Florida voiced support for oral health to be added as a stand-alone goal under the Chronic Diseases and Conditions priority area.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Another virtual attendee, Paul Ledford, spoke to palliative care and thanked Dr. Cogle for including palliative care as part of the goals in the Chronic Diseases and Conditions priority area. He also supported the idea of adding oral health as a goal.	
Closing Remarks	<p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Ladapo thanked Dr. Weiss and all the Steering Committee members for coming together in their ongoing commitment to the health of Floridians. He discussed the next phase of the process which will be to focus on solidifying the objectives with an eye toward action. Dr. Ladapo highlighted the new State Health Improvement Plan website which will be launching in early 2022. Finally, Dr. Ladapo announced January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and there are many coalitions, task forces and other areas where assistance could be used in this mission. Dr. Ladapo also provided information about whom to contact if anyone suspects or has knowledge of human trafficking. Dr. Ladapo again wished everyone a happy holiday season.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.</p>	<p>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p>