



State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES

Details:

Date: March 31, 2022, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Address: Hotel Duval
Eighth Floor, Horizon Ballroom
415 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Facilitator: Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC

Meeting Objectives:

1. Present proposed priority area objectives for the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan
2. Select priority area objectives for the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan
3. Present next steps

Member Participation:

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| Simone Marsteller, JD | Agency for Health Care Administration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Tom Rice for 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Paul Rowley | Florida American Indian Health Advisory Council | <input checked="" 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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| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Bethany Swonson McAlister | Florida Department of Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 checked="" 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"/> |
| Rita Smith, DNP, MPH, APRN, NP-C | Florida Department of Juvenile Justice | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Lora Hollingsworth, PE | Florida Department of Transportation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| James Bujeda for 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Joseph West, ScM, ScD | Florida Institute for Health Innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Elena Bastida, PhD | Florida International University – Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work | <input 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"/> |
| 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"/> |



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| 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Leslie Pearsall | VISIT FLORIDA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| <p>Opening Remarks</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 and Priority Area Workgroups (PAWs) for their commitment and work. He added that the creation of the State Health Improvement Plan happens in incremental measures. Dr. Ladapo remarked that sometimes solving problems requires stepping past boundaries in novel and untested ways, which requires courage.</p> <p><u>Mirine Richey MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u></p> <p>Ms. Richey informed the Steering Committee that formal introductions will be omitted today in the interest of time; the start for the meeting was delayed due to inclement weather. She reviewed housekeeping items and oriented the Steering Committee to the meeting binder and its contents. She also asked the Committee members to hold their questions or comments until after each presentation.</p> | <p>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p> |
| <p>2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Objectives Presentation and Discussions</p> | <p>ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chairs Jennifer Braisted and Anne Chansler presented the proposed objectives for the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias priority area.</p> <p><u>Jennifer Braisted, Director of Government Affairs, Florida Alzheimer’s Association</u></p> <p>Ms. Braisted shared that the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias PAW is committed to the following issues: raising awareness, early warning signs and creating strategies, awareness campaigns, honing resources, increasing access to literature in different languages and literacy levels, increasing education across the state, utilizing resources. She stated that PAW members want to build on the great work of the 2017-2021 State Health Improvement Plan. Ms. Braisted stressed the importance of early warning signs, risk reduction and reducing barriers to increase</p> | <p>Priority Area Workgroup Chairs</p> |

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| | <p>access. Ms. Braisted also mentioned that the PAW would be working with partners to enhance community resources.</p> <p><u>Anne Chansler, Chief, Bureau of Elder Rights, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u></p> <p>Ms. Chansler reiterated that some of their Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias priority area objectives will build on work of the 2017-2021 State Health Improvement Plan. She emphasized that the PAW is focused on proper training for long-term care providers. She talked about “meeting individuals where they are” and the significance of memory disorder clinics. Ms. Chansler mentioned the importance of dementia friendly businesses such as the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. The PAW will also focus on caregivers. Over 40 percent of caregivers are dealing with their own health issues. The PAW will also focus on early diagnosis. She states that the earlier an individual is diagnosed, the better which prevents crisis mode, etc.</p> <p>CHRONIC DISEASES AND CONDITIONS PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chairs Dr. Christopher R. Cogle and Tara Hylton presented the proposed objectives for the Chronic Diseases and Conditions priority area.</p> <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u></p> <p>Dr. Cogle opened with a discussion on the specific cancer types being addressed by the PAW, noting that lung, breast, prostate and colorectal are the top four most prevalent cancers in Florida. He said that 44 percent of cancers in Florida are one of these four cancers, and he referenced Florida’s statewide cancer registry. Dr. Cogle mentioned that the state needs to address cancer screenings and that the PAW has considered strategy ideas around this topic. Next, Dr. Cogle mentioned the cardiovascular health goal that includes hypertension, stroke and using the age-adjusted mortality rate. Dr. Cogle said that the reason the PAW chose mortality rate is because it represents a composite of many factors related to preventing heart</p> | |

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| | <p>disease, including edema control and measures. Finally, Dr. Cogle mentioned goal three related to palliative care and working to increase board certified providers and partners.</p> <p><u>Tara Hylton, MPH, Chief, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Ms. Hylton discussed the proposed objectives under the priority area's fourth goal related to diabetes. She shared that the keys to managing diabetes are screening, prevention and management. An estimated 2.4 million Floridians are living with diabetes. Ms. Hylton stressed the importance of prevention and locally available prevention programs. She spoke about Chronic Diseases and Conditions partners and the need for lifestyle training and coaching that includes nutrition. According to Ms. Hylton, individuals living with diabetes are twice as likely to have comorbidities. Next, Ms. Hylton discussed the proposed objectives under goal 5 related to respiratory health. She talked about indoor/outdoor air quality, the importance of working with partners regarding smoking. Asthma is a disease of concern and she noted that there are disparities among youth, low-income populations and minorities. Finally, Ms. Hylton mentioned the proposed objectives under goal 6 related to nutrition, physical activity and supportive lifestyle behaviors which includes addressing food insecurity and looking at the built environment.</p> <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u></p> <p>Dr. Cogle spoke about the proposed objectives under the final goal (goal 7) related to oral health. He discussed tooth decay among children and access to fluoridated water and mentioned that there is not enough data on these two issues.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u></p> <p>Secretary Marstiller thanked Dr. Cogle for being open to adding other partners to the PAW. She suggested the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as a partner for Florida water as well as the Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties and Florida Dental Association to manage fluoridation. Secretary Marstiller inquired as to why an objective related to adult oral health was not included and suggested that the Florida Dental Association may be able to help</p> | |

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| | <p>formulate an objective on adult oral health. Finally, she suggested adding the healthcare practitioner licensing boards to the conversation.</p> <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle replied that there is a lack of data and mentioned the need for more partnerships.</p> <p><u>Kenneth A. Schepcke, MD, Deputy Secretary for Health, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Schepcke mentioned tissue plasminogen activator heart disease systems of care and emergency medical services in rural areas. He shared that stroke patients are waiting up to five hours to even decide to go to the emergency room because they do not recognize the symptoms. Dr. Schepcke stated that we need to look at including the role that emergency medical services has in this area and that treatment options are a barrier in some parts of Florida, but not everywhere.</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust mentioned chronic disease and health equity. He advised the PAW to look closely at biopsy delay and emergency department visits for uncontrolled hypertension. Dr. Rust shared that 20 percent of patients are generating 80 percent of costs and analytics do not work one disease at a time. He also asked the PAW to consider multi-morbidity and social complexities. Finally, Dr. Rust requested that the PAW reconsider a whole person health outcome measure and think about the huge population with complexities. Dr. Rust suggested the Mayo Clinic model.</p> <p><u>Alexandra Abboud, DPL, Governmental Affairs Liaison, Florida Dental Association</u> Ms. Abboud commended the Chronic Diseases and Conditions PAW and shared that oral health had its own meeting to try to refine their 20 to 25 objectives. She mentioned that their process has been data driven and that they need data to demonstrate progress. Ms. Abboud discussed difficulties in tracking Medicaid oral care data and requested that the Medicaid managed care plans assist with tracking. Finally, she asked for an oral health measure to include adults.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u></p> <p>Dr. Cogle responded that Medicaid would not be a good tracking system because the Medicaid population is not representative of the general population. He said that Medicaid eligibility does not include coverage for many adult males, but mainly focuses on pregnant women, children and the aged and disabled.</p> <p><u>Kenneth A. Schepke, MD, FAEMS, Deputy Secretary for Health, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Schepke mentioned the need to incorporate the entire system related to addressing stroke treatment and management. He also discussed the need for definitive therapy and further consideration for onset of symptoms. Finally, Dr. Schepke suggested that the current plan leaves out several barriers and again, proposed replacing tissue plasminogen activator.</p> <p><u>Tara Hylton, Chief, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Ms. Hylton responded that they can look at strategies from emergency medical services to outpatient centers discussed, knowing where stroke centers are.</p> <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u></p> <p>Dr. Cogle thanked the PAW members and mentioned that a Chronic Disease Summit will be held on June 10, 2022.</p> <p>INJURY, SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chairs Dr. Robert Karch and Dr. Joseph Pepe presented the proposed objectives for the Injury, Safety and Violence priority area.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Joseph D. Pepe, EdD, MSA, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County</u></p> <p>Dr. Pepe shared that the PAW engaged 35 partners over 40-60 hours of meetings to develop the proposed Injury, Safety and Violence priority area objectives. He added that the PAW used a data driven approach pertaining to the leading causes of injuries.</p> <p><u>Robert D. Karch, MD, MPH, FAAP Deputy Secretary for Children’s Medical Services, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Karch discussed the priority area’s first goal related to childhood injuries. He shared that the leading causes of childhood injury and death are sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUIDs), suicide, drowning and motor vehicle crashes. Dr. Karch added that sleep-related reasons are the leading cause of infant death in Florida. He stated that traumatic brain injuries from car crashes and sports are too common and that these injuries, if not fatal, can lead to long term health issues. Dr. Karch mentioned that there are multiple opportunities to reduce brain injuries. The PAW wants to ensure trainings and services are taking place with stakeholders. Dr. Karch mentioned two initiatives: Prevent Needless Deaths in Pinellas County and a related initiative in Duval County.</p> <p><u>Joseph D. Pepe, EdD, MSA, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County</u></p> <p>Dr. Pepe discussed the objectives under the priority area’s second goal related to preventing and reducing adult injuries. He stressed that protecting the older Floridians is important. Dr. Pepe also stated that Florida has an opportunity to be a leader in this area by treating the whole individual. Florida can lead in reducing traumatic brain injuries.</p> <p><u>Robert D. Karch, MD, MPH, FAAP, Deputy Secretary for Children’s Medical Services, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Karch said that we must include protecting the most vulnerable in the State Health Improvement Plan. Florida has the third largest number of human trafficking cases in the nation. He added that domestic violence increased during the</p> | |

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| | <p>pandemic. Dr. Karch recommended increasing screening and referrals as well as educating providers.</p> <p><u>Jessica Kemper, Chief Quality Officer, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Ms. Kemper mentioned that the Department of Children and Families is involved in the PAW and that there are a couple of objectives related to domestic violence that the Department can partner on through their new Office of Domestic Violence.</p> <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle mentioned partnering with the Agency for Health Care Administration.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller said that there are several areas throughout the PAW's goals where the Agency for Health Care Administration can have a role and wants to be included as partners. For the sake of time, she asked for suggestions of partners later.</p> <p><u>Robert D. Karch, MD, MPH, FAAP, Deputy Secretary for Children's Medical Services, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Karch shared that the PAW includes an established channel with the Agency for Health Care Administration.</p> <p>MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chair Dr. Ghasi Phillips-Bell presented the proposed objectives for the Maternal and Child Health priority area.</p> <p><u>Ghasi Phillips-Bell, ScD, MS, Senior Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Ghasi Phillips-Bell began by thanking the Maternal and Child Health PAW members and shared that co-Chair Dr. Sappenfield was unable to participate in today's meeting.</p> | |

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| | <p>She first mentioned children with special health care needs. There are unmet needs, especially among Black and Hispanic children. She said that Florida had 400,000 children with emotional/behavioral conditions even before COVID-19. She mentioned that there is a shortage of providers, and that action is needed in order to increase the number of behavioral health providers across the state. Dr. Phillips-Bell also discussed untreated tooth decay and lack of access to dental care, especially for low-income children. She stressed the importance of early identification of disabilities.</p> <p>Dr. Phillips-Bell provided an overview of the proposed objectives under goal 2 related to infant morbidity and mortality and shared that Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and seizures can be reduced with interventions. She mentioned that congenital syphilis in Florida has increased by 165 percent and it is best prevented through screening and early treatment. Dr. Phillips-Bell shared that Black infants continue to have the highest rate of infant mortality. She added that breastfeeding helps infants get the best start in life and needs to be supported in hospital settings.</p> <p>Regarding the priority area's third goal on maternal morbidity and mortality, Dr. Phillips-Bell emphasized that many pregnancy-related deaths are preventable as well as the importance of postpartum care. For the fourth and final goal related to preconception and interconception health, she shared that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 60-75 percent of pregnant women have periodontal disease and proper oral health is importance during pregnancy.</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Rust commended the PAW for their excellent work. He added that infant mortality is a measure of population health status. He spoke about the Black-White infant mortality gap and equality in health outcomes. He said that Florida could save 298 babies a year by eliminating the gap in infant mortality and shared that ten states have reduced the gap by 25 percent, including three states in the south. Dr. Rust suggested that we compare what we are doing to the states that are achieving results.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Ghasi Phillips-Bell, ScD, MS, Senior Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Phillips-Bell said that the Black-White infant mortality gap is being monitored and the programs reviewed. She provided one example of increased community engagement on this issue.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller asked about well woman care and preconception visits and if these topics were being addressed by the PAW.</p> <p><u>Ghasi Phillips-Bell, ScD, MS, Senior Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Phillips-Bell said that they had subject matter experts in the PAW and that they are working on these topics throughout the state. She mentioned the importance of identifying additional champions or leads to assist.</p> <p>MENTAL WELL-BEING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chair Jennifer Johnson presented the proposed objectives for the Mental Well-being and Substance Abuse Prevention priority area.</p> <p><u>Jennifer Johnson, MPH, Senior Director of Public Policy, Florida Behavioral Health Association</u> Ms. Johnson began by thanking the Mental Well-being and Substance Abuse Prevention PAW members. She shared that the PAW is working to reduce the impact of mental and emotional health disorders by addressing stigma, prevention and treatment. Ms. Johnson noted that the objectives focus on access to evidence-based treatment, addressing and de-escalating mental health emergencies and that they encompass multiple aspects of mental health and well-being. To form objectives, the PAW looked at trends, data, research and considered the practical significance of the percentage change. Ms. Johnson reiterated that mental health and mental wellness is dependent on multiple factors, including nutrition and</p> | |

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| | <p>physical health. For the proposed objectives under goal three related to substance use disorders and drug overdose deaths, she shared that the PAW wants to prioritize reducing opioid deaths because the increase in opioid deaths over the last few years has been significant. Ms. Johnson acknowledged that the target for opioid related deaths is aggressive but said that targets are based on trends. She mentioned that for the two proposed nicotine-related objectives, the PAW plans to monitor several sub indicators including one that monitors individuals who report four or more adverse childhood experiences.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson also talked about engaging all communities to strengthen our ability to conduct surveillance and ensure that there is a statewide systematic approach for individuals who struggle with addiction. The fourth goal related to suicide prevention with a focus on three groups, youth, adults ages 65 years and older and veteran sub-populations. Ms. Johnson also mentioned that the PAW is exploring an objective focused on first responders and will work with the Florida Department of Health as they implement the National Violent Death Reporting System.</p> <p><u>Michelle Branham, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Branham congratulated the PAW on their hard work and offered partnership with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.</p> <p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Ladapo commended the PAW on how assertive they are being about their objectives. He discussed the Baker Act and mentioned trauma of children in Baker Act situations. He asked the PAW to let him know how the Florida Department of Health can supportive their efforts.</p> <p><u>Rita Smith, DNP, MPH, APRN, NP-C, Chief Medical Officer of Health Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> Dr. Smith shared that the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is very committed to mental health issues. She announced that the Department’s Office of Prevention holds an annual conference and this year’s theme is “Breaking the Stigma</p> | |

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| | <p>Surrounding Mental Health.” Dr. Smith added that conference presenters are welcome and stated that she wants to partner with the PAW.</p> <p><u>Kelli Tice, MD, Senior Medical Director, Medical Affairs, Florida Blue</u></p> <p>Dr. Tice commented on goals to expand efforts and partnerships in the state in this area, particularly in areas of medication-assisted treatment (MAT).</p> <p>SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IMPACTING HEALTH PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chair Nicholas Alford presented the proposed objectives for the Social and Economic Conditions Impacting Health priority area.</p> <p><u>Nicholas Alford, MPH, Evaluator, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Mr. Alford thanked PAW members and his co-chairs, Amanda Baker and Justin Baldwin. He provided an overview of the proposed objectives under goal 1 related to expanding access to educational opportunities and the interconnectedness across PAWs. He mentioned living in a safe, nonpolluted environment. And he mentioned partnerships to develop strategies for the state. For the proposed objectives under goal 2 related to access to health care, Mr. Alford reminded the Committee that improving access to high quality health care services is an important part of staying well. He shared that there are many barriers that can prevent people from accessing health care services and proposed that the PAW work to enhance the health care workforce.</p> <p>He also provided an overview of the proposed objectives under goal 3 by stressing the importance of healthy, interconnected and safe environments. Mr. Alford mentioned that in many areas, the healthy choice is not the easy choice. Addressing universal design and support is necessary. American Association of Retired Persons, Family Service Association, Feeding Florida, Florida Department of Health, HOPE Florida, First Lady Casey DeSantis and the Florida Sheriff’s Association were mentioned as potential partners for the PAW. Finally, he discussed the proposed objectives under goal 4 related to economic vitality and resilience. He</p> | |

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| | <p>mentioned the importance of improving access to employment and reminded the group that many people have trouble finding and keeping a job. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Florida Hospital Association and others are set to partner with the PAW. Additionally, he commented on housing and home ownership.</p> <p><u>Kelli Tice, MD, Senior Medical Director, Medical Affairs, Florida Blue</u> Dr. Tice asked about whether there will be a focus on diversity.</p> <p><u>Nicholas Alford, MPH, Evaluator, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Florida Department of Health</u> Mr. Alford answered yes and shared that the PAW wants to focus on telehealth and underserved populations as well.</p> <p><u>Michelle Branham, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Branham thanked the PAW for addressing food access.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller commented that this conversation is important for the people that her agency serves. She added that what we should be doing as a state is providing people with an opportunity to move up. Secretary Marstiller commented that the employment rate is currently lower than listed in the objective and the number might need to be updated. Secretary Marstiller also asked for clarification regarding objective 2.3 related to newly certified community health workers. She found the objective unclear as to whether it referred to newly certified or certified workers and how long someone is considered a newly certified worker.</p> <p><u>Nicholas Alford, MPH, Evaluator, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Florida Department of Health</u> Mr. Alford said that a main effort is to bring in newly certified community health workers. He shared that he will research the exact definition of “newly certified” community health workers.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Jessica Kemper, Chief Quality Officer, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Ms. Kemper offered additional partner engagement options and suggested HOPE, Florida’s care navigators. She also shared that her Department continues to support the foster care system.</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Professor and Director, Florida State University Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust stated that in several of the PAWs, the gap in the mental health workforce was mentioned and encouraged addressing workforce issues in the mental health area. Dr. Rust also shared that expanding Florida’s physician workforce has not met the needs and that the focus might need to be on producing needed specialties, including whether they are going where they are needed most and if they represent Florida’s diversity. Dr. Rust asked the PAW to refocus objectives 2.1 and 2.3 to include nurse practitioners.</p> <p><u>Christopher R. Cogle, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle asked if the PAW discussed kindergarten readiness in relation to Goal 1.</p> <p><u>Nicholas Alford, MPH, Evaluator, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Florida Department of Health</u> Mr. Alford answered that they did look at kindergarten readiness and that they are looking at strategies to address this topic.</p> <p><u>Joseph D. Pepe, EdD, MSA, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Charlotte County</u> Dr. Pepe mentioned that the Early Learning Coalition would be a great partner to have on the PAW.</p> <p><u>Bethany Swonson McAlister, Chief of Staff, Florida Department of Education</u> Ms. McAlister suggested that the PAW look into early learning and as well as third grade reading level metrics. She also mentioned the Early Learning Coalition.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Rita Smith, DNP, MPH, APRN, NP-C, Chief Medical Officer of Health Services, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> Regarding SEC 2.1 objective, Dr. Smith mentioned that also critical to Florida is increasing the rate of licensed nurse practitioners.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, DO, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe mentioned the Physicians Workforce Advisory Council. He serves as a member of the council and referenced their recently published report as a resource.</p> <p>TRANSMISSIBLE AND EMERGING DISEASES PRIORITY AREA</p> <p>PAW Chairs Daniel Chacretton and Clayton Weiss presented the proposed objectives for the Transmissible and Emerging Diseases priority area.</p> <p><u>Clayton Weiss, MPH, Chief, Bureau of Epidemiology, Florida Department of Health</u> Mr. Weiss began by providing an overview of the proposed objectives under goal one related to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) transmission and HIV-related deaths. He shared that diagnosed and undiagnosed HIV in Florida disproportionately impacts minorities. He highlighted the fact that the PAW objectives are well aligned with the national objectives. Mr. Weiss added that suggested measures will include increasing screening, increasing early treatment and increasing viral load suppression. He emphasized that improvements in these areas cannot be achieved without strong partnerships. Among the partnerships Mr. Weiss mentioned are the Florida Department of Corrections, community health centers across the state, academic institutions and pharmaceutical companies. For goal two related to sexually transmitted infection rates, he noted that national plan's focus is on the same three diseases: chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhea.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Daniel Chacreton, MPH, CPH, CIC, Administrator of Infectious Disease Prevention and Investigation, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Mr. Chacreton began by providing an overview of the proposed objectives under goal three related to vaccine preventable diseases. He said that there are still several gaps and that the focus is on children. Mr. Chacreton mentioned groups who are at especially high-risk for vaccine preventable illness including children, pregnant women, the elderly and people living with conditions such as with asthma and diabetes. For the priority area's fourth goal related to emerging health threats,. he shared that Hepatitis C has been increasing and it is causing an increase of liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. Mr. Chacreton also mentioned an aim to reduce healthcare associated infections and emerging drug resistant infections. Finally, he mentioned the importance of data planning and decision making is needed and mentioned partners, including: Agency for Health Care Administration, American Academy of Pediatrics and Florida Department of Children and Families.</p> <p><u>Kenneth A. Schepcke, MD, FAEMS, Deputy Secretary for Health, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Schepcke suggested combining screenings for HIV, sexually transmitted infections and hepatitis C into one objective.</p> <p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Ladapo shared that he appreciates the strategies described by the PAW. He mentioned that clinically, these populations line-up and share similar risk factors and prevalence. He encouraged the PAW to think more about alignment and suggested that it could be wasteful not to screen simultaneously. Dr. Ladapo suggested a focused expansion in communities with the most prevalence and an opt-out program.</p> <p><u>Other Issues</u></p> <p>At this point in the meeting discussion, issues pertaining to other STDs not covered by the current objectives were raised and discussed by Dr. Cogle and Clayton Weiss.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Michelle Branham, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Branham mentioned special needs shelters and offered partnership with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.</p> <p><u>Clayton Weiss, MPH, Chief, Bureau of Epidemiology, Florida Department of Health</u> Mr. Weiss mentioned that pre-exposure prophylaxis will be included the strategies for the Transmissible and Emerging Diseases priority area.</p> <p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey opened the floor for additional thoughts, comments and questions.</p> <p><u>Kenneth A. Schepcke, MD, FAEMS, Deputy Secretary for Health, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Schepcke recommended that board certified specialists be included in the PAWs.</p> <p><u>Michelle Branham, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Branham praised the amazing work of the PAWs and stated that it keeps getting better.</p> <p><u>Paul Runk, MS, Vice President of Government Programs, Florida Association of Health Plans</u> Mr. Runk said that he is happy to partner with the Mental Well-being and Substance Abuse Prevention PAW.</p> | |
| <p>2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Objectives Selection</p> | <p>Ms. Richey asked the Steering Committee if there were any objections to the proposed objectives presented by the PAW Chairs.</p> <p>There were no objections and the Steering Committee reached consensus.</p> | <p>Steering Committee members</p> |

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| <p>Next Steps and Timeline</p> | <p>Dr. Weiss discussed next steps and shared that the PAWs will address the Steering Committee’s recommendations to the proposed objectives. She mentioned that State Health Improvement Plan implementation will begin on July 1, 2022. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in November, possibly in a location outside of Tallahassee. Dr. Weiss mentioned November 3 and November 10, 2022, as potential dates and asked Steering Committee members to send any suggestions or preferences to the Department’s Health Improvement Planning Team.</p> | <p>Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD Director, Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management Florida Department of Health</p> |
| <p>Public Comment</p> | <p><u>Jon D. Brown, Chief Advocate, Founder, Black Men’s Health</u> Mr. Brown shared that the presentations were wonderful and that he will assist the State Health Improvement Plan in any way through the engagement with black and brown communities.</p> <p><u>Catherine E. Bridges, DDS, Dentist, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Bridges mentioned data gaps. She shared a potential adult oral health objective that reads: <i>By December 31, 2026, increase dental visits among adults 61.2% to 67.3%</i> with the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System as a data source. Dr. Bridges also shared a second potential objective that reads: <i>By December 31, 2026, decrease preventable ER visits from 78.7 per 100,000 to XX, a 5% decrease.</i> She mentioned that the data source would be FloridaHealthCHARTS.</p> <p><u>Lelani Doty, PhD, Alzheimer’s Advocate, Former Director, University of Florida Cognitive and Memory Disorder Clinics</u> Dr. Doty said that she is so excited with the seven priority areas and objectives of the State Health Improvement Plan. She asked the group to use innovative research, especially in the areas of treatment and management.</p> <p><u>Megan Wessel, MPH, Vice President of Cancer Control, American Cancer Society</u> Ms. Wessel commented on issues raised earlier in the meeting by Dr. Cogle regarding STDs not covered in the SHIP objectives.</p> | <p>Members of the public</p> |

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| | <p><u>Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD, Director, Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Weiss shared that the information collected during today’s meeting will be relayed to the PAWs next week.</p> <p><u>Stacey Hoaglund, President, Autism Society of Florida</u> Ms. Hoaglund mentioned the importance of drowning prevention and that drowning rates are higher among autistic children. She shared that there are 50,000 autistic students in Florida. She mentioned weight gain from medication and stated that autistic children have unique oral health needs. Ms. Hoaglund also mentioned college graduates with autism who are unemployed and reminded the group that employment status is relevant to health.</p> <p><u>Tiffany McCaskill Henderson, American Heart Association</u> Ms. Henderson said objectives to reduce mortality rates and ER visits do not recognize or address that hypertension is a leading cause of stroke.</p> | |
| Closing Remarks | <p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Ladapo shared his appreciation for the work and commitment that went into the State Health Improvement Plan. He thanked everyone who participated in the meeting, including community partners. Dr. Ladapo encouraged everyone to continue to be courageous and wished everyone safe travels.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.</p> | Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health |



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Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Priority Area

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| Goal AD1: Strengthen the capacity to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. | Dr. Leilani Doty, Alzheimer's Advocate, suggested the use of innovative research, especially in the areas of treatment and management. | The Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Priority Area Workgroup (PAW) is working to develop a strategy to incorporate the innovative research of the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program under Goal AD1. |

Chronic Diseases and Conditions Priority Area

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| Goal CD2: Improve cardiovascular health by reducing new cases, disability and death from heart disease, stroke and other related illness. | <p>Dr. Kenneth A. Scheppke from the Florida Department of Health mentioned the need to incorporate the entire system when addressing stroke treatment and management.</p> <p>Dr. Scheppke also mentioned tissue plasminogen activator heart disease systems of care and requested that that emergency medical services (EMS)' role in stroke treatment be included.</p> | <p>The following objective was added related to the role of EMS in stroke treatment.</p> <p>Objective CD2.3: By December 31, 2026, increase the percentage of stroke patients arriving to a stroke center by EMS from 49% (2021) to 65%.</p> <p>The PAW is working to develop strategies related to tissue plasminogen activator heart disease systems and stroke system treatment and management under Goal CD2.</p> |



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| <p>Goal CD7: Increase access to, and utilization of, oral health care to reduce the burden and disparities of oral diseases and its impact on overall health among all Floridians.</p> | <p>Secretary Simone Marstiller from the Agency for Health Care Administration suggested adding an objective related to adult oral health.</p> | <p>The PAW revised the language in Goal CD7 to be more robust and well-defined.</p> <p>Original Goal CD7: Improve oral health. Revised Goal CD7: Increase access to, and utilization of, oral health care to reduce the burden and disparities of oral diseases and its impact on overall health among all Floridians.</p> <p>The following objectives were added related to adult oral health:</p> <p>Objective CD7.3: By December 31, 2026, increase dental visits among adults aged 18 years and older from 61.2% (2020) to 67.3%.</p> <p>Objective CD7.4: By December 31, 2026, decrease preventable emergency room visits due to dental conditions among people under age 65 years from 678.7 per 100,000 to 644.8 per 100,000.</p> |

Maternal and Child Health Priority Area

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| <p>Goal MCH2: Reduce infant morbidity and mortality.</p> | <p>Dr. George Rust from Florida State University’s Center for Medicine and Public Health suggested comparing our strategies and activities related to infant morbidity and mortality to other states that are achieving results.</p> | <p>The PAW will consider strategies in other states as they work to address infant morbidity and mortality under Goal MCH2.</p> |



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| Goal MCH3: Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality. | Secretary Simone Marstiller asked about well woman care and preconception visits and how this aligns with the Maternal and Child Health PAW's work. | PAW Chairs have reached out to Agency for Health Care Administration staff to discuss opportunities related to women's preventive care and preconception health. |
| Social and Economic Conditions Impacting Health Priority Area | | |
| Goal/Objective | Summary of Requested Action | Summary of Action Taken |
| Goal SEC1: Expand access to high-quality educational opportunities for all across the lifespan. | Dr. Christopher R. Cogle from the Agency for Health Care Administration suggested that kindergarten readiness be considered under Goal SEC1. | <p>The PAW consulted with Florida Department of Education officials who reported that there are significant changes occurring in the state's educational assessment system. As a result, they recommended the PAW delay incorporating kindergarten readiness objectives until the next SHIP revision cycle.</p> <p>The new assessment system will be implemented beginning with the 2022-23 school year. A new objective will be developed following the first year of administration of the new assessment system.</p> |
| Goal SEC1: Expand access to high-quality educational opportunities for all across the lifespan. | Bethany Swonson McAlister from the Florida Department of Education suggested that early learning and third grade reading comprehension be considered under Goal SEC1. | <p>The PAW consulted with Florida Department of Education officials who reported that there are significant changes occurring in the state's educational assessment system. As a result, they recommended the PAW delay incorporating early learning and third grade reading comprehension objectives until the next SHIP revision cycle.</p> <p>The new assessment system will be implemented beginning with the 2022-23 school year. New objectives will be developed following the first year of administration of the new assessment system.</p> |



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| <p>Goal SEC2: Improve access to high-quality health care services for all across the lifespan.</p> | <p>Dr. George Rust suggested that nurse practitioners and physician diversity be considered under Goal SEC2.</p> | <p>In working to address this action item, the PAW learned that nurse practitioner licensure data are not sufficient to allow tracking this group of health care providers.</p> <p>The PAW is working to develop strategies related to shortages in rural areas and pockets of shortages in urban areas under Objective SEC2.1.</p> |
| <p>Objective SEC2.3: By December 31, 2026, increase the number of newly certified community health workers from 328 (2022) to 656.</p> | <p>Secretary Simone Marstiller requested that “newly certified community health workers” be clarified in Objective SEC2.3.</p> | <p>In reviewing this request, the PAW consulted Dr. Lisa Osborne Schueler and the Florida Community Health Worker Coalition. These experts shared the potential challenges posed by this objective that stem from anticipated changes to community health worker certification requirements in Florida over the next five years. As a result, the PAW has removed this objective.</p> |
| <p>Goal SEC4: Enhance opportunities to foster economic vitality and resilience for all people.</p> | <p>Elaine Roberts from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation suggested the 2021 Florida Assessment of Housing for Special Needs and Homeless Populations as a possible tool to obtain data for Goal SEC4.</p> | <p>The PAW has committed to using the assessment moving forward as they develop strategies and activities to address the identified objectives under Goal SEC4.</p> |
| <p>Objective SEC4.3: By December 31, 2026, decrease Florida unemployment rate from 7.7% (2020) to 4.6%.</p> | <p>Secretary Simone Marstiller requested that Florida’s unemployment rate be revised to reflect the current rate.</p> | <p>According to Florida’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research, the state’s unemployment rate for 2022-23 and 2023-24 is projected to decline until it reaches 3.4 percent after which it is expected to rise and plateau at 4.0 percent. As a result, the PAW has removed this objective.</p> |



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| Transmissible and Emerging Diseases Priority Area | | |
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| Goal/Objective | Summary of Requested Action | Summary of Action Taken |
| <p>Goal TED4: Improve population health by preventing, detecting and responding to existing and emerging health threats.</p> | <p>Secretary Michelle Branham from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs suggested that special needs shelters be considered under Goal TED4.</p> | <p>The following objective was added related to special needs shelters:</p> <p>Objective TED4.5: By December 31, 2026, increase the number of process maps from county emergency managers demonstrating their strategy for handling medically complex/ high acuity patients whose care exceeds the capabilities of general population and/or special needs shelters from 0 (2021) to 67.</p> |
| <p>Goal TED4: Improve population health by preventing, detecting and responding to existing and emerging health threats.</p> | <p>Dr. Kenneth A. Scheppke suggested linking screenings for HIV, hepatitis C and syphilis under one goal.</p> | <p>The following objective was added related to HIV, hepatitis C and syphilis screenings:</p> <p>Objective TED4.7: By December 31, 2026, increase the number of emergency room or acute care hospitals conducting opt-out HIV screening, routine HCV screening and syphilis testing with a smart screen algorithm from 1 (2021) to 15.</p> |