



## **Oregon State Health Assessment**

### **Quarterly Report: April - August 2024**

## **OVERVIEW OF THE WORK**

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) conducts a comprehensive State Health Assessment (SHA) every five years to assess health priorities, disparities, and system capacity for improving outcomes. The purpose of the SHA is to describe the health of Oregonians, with particular attention to communities that are affected by health inequities. The SHA will provide a comprehensive data resource to inform health improvement planning efforts, both at the local and state level. The SHA will describe the health of the population and identify areas for improvement, contributing factors that impact health outcomes, and the capacity, assets and resources that can be mobilized to improve population health. The SHA will be reviewed and prioritized by the steering committee as a resource to update the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) which is also known as Healthier Together Oregon.

## **THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

The steering committee provides direction and support for the process of developing the State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). In our initial recruitment efforts, we hosted eight informational sessions held over summer and fall of 2023. A steering committee was formed to represent governmental public health (local and Tribal health), coordinated care organizations (CCOs), community-based organizations that serve priority populations or represent key community needs as determined by Healthier Together Oregon, Oregon's previous SHIP as well as community champions with deep roots in community health improvement efforts. Recruitment proceeded differently depending on the type of organization; there were broad solicitations for governmental public health and coordinated care organizations, and targeted outreach to community-based organizations. Additionally, as information spread about our planned state health assessment process, our team was approached by several community champions not aligned with formal organizations; given their experience and knowledge, we invited them to join as individuals. Due to changes in jobs or other life occurrences we had several members transition out of the committee during June and July. From late July to early August 2024, we recruited three representatives from CCOs, a representative from a Disability focused CBO, a Black



Faith/CBO leader, a Micronesian CBO leader and a community champion. This additional recruitment was complete by the end of August 2024. As of August 2024, we had 27 active members.

## **WORK TO DATE**

### **Phase 1: Building the Foundation (April 2024 – August 2024)**

The work kicked off in April 2024 with two orientation meetings, with a separate make-up session, to provide the steering committee with background context and lay the foundation for this work. The orientation meetings prioritized relationship-building to strengthen the committee's functioning and enhance its ability to achieve its goals effectively. Other topics covered included reviewing the previous SHA/SHIP, introducing the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP 2.0) methodology, and reviewing OHA's health equity statement. The committee also started the process of defining the concept of "community" and its role in sharing the committee's mission, vision, and values for this work.

Regular monthly steering committee meetings commenced in May 2024. Each meeting has a relationship-building activity to build trust and collaboration, promote effective communication, and promote engagement.

### **Outcomes:**

#### **Steering Committee Charter**

The committee reviewed, provided input and approved the committee charter that defines the project scope, objectives, and timeline to promote shared understanding and purpose.

#### **Group Agreements**

The committee established group agreements to support the committee's smooth and effective work.

#### **Mission, Vision and Values**

Defining the committee's mission, vision and values creates a big picture overview of the committee's approach to its work and ultimately where it wants to conclude this process. The mission, vision and values define the committee's collective work of developing the SHA and SHIP from other work members do in their communities. A shared mission is an important anchor to the work ahead and one that the committee will continually draw on throughout the process. A Tribal Member representative requested that we share the Mission with Tribal Public Health Directors to get feedback



and provide them with an opportunity to add tribes to the Mission. We requested to be added to an upcoming meeting agenda with this group of leaders.

Over the course of several meetings the committee developed draft mission, vision and values statements. These will be finessed and approved in the upcoming meetings pending Tribal Public Health Leader amendments to the mission.

### **Data and Assessment Overview**

OHA shared the current State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), *Healthier Together, Oregon*, which was developed in 2020 and will be implemented through 2024. Meetings have also included data presentations to discuss demographic information about Oregon's populations, including priority populations from the current SHIP. Additional information was presented on available sexual orientation and disability data. We will host an additional space with data subject matter experts to explore key health indicators.

## **PRACTICES ESTABLISHED**

### **Established:**

#### **Topic/Issue Log**

To increase transparency and track ideas for this process OHA created a topic/issue log to capture items that come up in steering committee meetings that require further conversation or action by OHA staff. The log will be shared on an ongoing basis and discussions will be held to address outstanding topics.

#### **Feedback Tool**

After each meeting, steering committee members are invited to provide feedback, anonymously if desired, to share input on agenda items, raise questions, and request supports that would help them comfortably participate and engage in future meetings.

#### **Engagement Opportunities**

OHA is in the process of reaching out to have individual conversations with each committee member to continue to build relationships, learn more about the experience serving on the steering committee thus far, and discuss how this experience can be made meaningful for everyone involved.

## **WHAT'S COMING NEXT**

**Phase 2: Assessment Development (June 2024 – March 2025)**



In addition to the standing monthly meeting in September, OHA will host an in-person meeting on September 16 focused on deepening relationships between committee members and engaging on data analysis of the Starting Point Assessment and public health indicator data.

This phase of work will include exploring how the mission, vision and values guide the development of the priorities for data assessments. This phase will produce the SHA and its data themes.

**Phase 3: Develop the State Health Improvement Plan (January 2025– September 2025)**

In this phase of work, committee members will review and provide input on the SHA, identify and prioritize opportunities, and develop strategies and metrics aligned with the vision and values for Oregon.

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