



State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES

Details:

Meeting Title: 2021 State Health Assessment and 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Opening Meeting

Date: April 30, 2021, 9 am – 12 pm

Address: Florida State (Turnbull) Conference Center; Room 108
555 West Pensacola Street | Tallahassee, FL 32306

Facilitator: Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC

Meeting Expectations/Objectives:

1. Introduce the State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee
2. Discuss the State Health Improvement Plan and 2021 State Health Assessment approach
3. Discuss next steps in the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan process

Member Participation:

Member Name	Member Organization	Attendance
Simone Marsteller, JD	Agency for Health Care Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Barbara Palmer, MS	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zackary Gibson	Executive Office of the Governor	<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 checked="" 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"/>
Gordon Bailey, JD, CHIE	Florida Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Wilson, CCE	Florida Chamber Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Casey Stoutamire, JD	Florida Dental Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nikki Fried, JD	Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA	Florida Department of Children and Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vacant	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eric Hall, EdD	Florida Department of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Richard Prudom	Florida Department of Elder Affairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Britney Moore	Florida Department of Environmental Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scott A. Rivkees, MD	Florida Department of Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH	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"/>
Josefina Tamayo, JD	Florida Department of Juvenile Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kevin J. Thibault	Florida Department of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lora Hollingsworth, PE	Florida Department of Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Lock, MS for Kevin Guthrie, MA, CEM, MEP, FPEM	Florida Division of Emergency Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Mayhew	Florida Hospital Association	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Harold L. “Trey” Price	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, FAAFP, FACPM	Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Rachel Kamoutsas, JD	Office of Attorney General Ashley Moody	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rick Owen, MA	United Way of Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael G. Perri, PhD, ABPP	University of Florida – College of Public Health and Health Professions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ana Palacio, MD, MPH	University of Miami – Department of Public Health Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dana Young, JD	VISIT FLORIDA	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Welcome	<p>Dr. Scott Rivkees welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance. He provided context for the 2021 State Health Assessment and 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Planning process and how the development of the State Health Improvement Plan serves as a catalyst for bringing diverse groups together towards a common agenda.</p> <p>Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez acknowledged the dedicated work of all public health staff and their partners through the COVID-19 pandemic. She discussed the 2017-2021 State Health Improvement Plan priorities and highlighted the important work that remains to be done related to the issues of opioid abuse, heart disease, cancer, stroke and behavioral health. She also mentioned that as we move forward, we need to look at the COVID-19 pandemic to understand the importance of public health and collaboration.</p>	<p>Scott A. Rivkees, MD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p> <p>Jeanette Nuñez Lieutenant Governor State of Florida</p>
Steering Committee Member Introductions	<p>2022-2026 Steering Committee members introduced themselves and their respective agency or organization.</p>	<p>Steering Committee Members</p>
Opening Remarks	<p>Dr. Shamarial Roberson launched the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Planning process. She noted that there are a lot of new and innovative ideas that we would like the Steering Committee’s feedback on and asked members to think about how their organization can contribute to this planning process.</p>	<p>Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH Deputy Secretary for Health Florida Department of Health</p>
Agenda Overview	<p>Mirine Richey discussed housekeeping items and provided an overview of the agenda.</p>	<p>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Facilitator</p>
State Health Improvement Plan Overview	<p>Jamie Forrest provided an overview of the State Health Improvement Plan and mentioned that it is a plan for all Floridians to help raise awareness and guide collaborative activities to drive health improvement. She provided a brief history of the State Health Improvement Planning process from 2012 to present.</p> <p>Ms. Forrest acknowledged the role that social determinants of health and the public health system play in the health outcomes of Floridians.</p>	<p>Jamie R. Forrest, MS Director of Strategic Engagement Office of the Deputy Secretary for Health Florida Department of Health</p>

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	<p>She highlighted State Health Improvement Plan successes, including strengthened partnerships such as the Neonatal Abstinence Workgroup and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s 12 Counties Initiative.</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Discussion Question: How has your organization participated in or benefited from the State Health Improvement Plan process?</p> <p>Steering Committee members gave examples of how their agency or organization collaborated with and/or benefited from the State Health Improvement Plan.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller highlighted the Agency for Health Care Administration’s efforts to increase the use of doula services, particularly for high-risk mothers. In addition, the agency utilized their robust health information network to connect primary care providers with information on hospital and emergency department admissions to facilitate needed follow-up services.</p> <p><u>Lora Hollingsworth, PE, Florida Department of Transportation</u> Ms. Hollingsworth discussed the Florida Department of Transportation’s “Vision Zero” initiative and how the State Health Improvement Plan provides support. Through this process, her department has also been able to assist with letters of recommendation or support when the Florida Department of Health has sought funding opportunities and will continue to assist as needed.</p> <p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris highlighted increased access to naloxone kits using federal and state funding which resulted in over 30,000 naloxone kits being shipped to community partners. In addition, the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council has been revamped. Her department has put a heavy focus on increasing the use of evidence-based models like Family Intensive Treatment to increase access to behavioral health services and has also provided information to raise awareness about safe sleep practices.</p> <p><u>Robin Safley, JD, Feeding Florida</u> Pre-pandemic, Feeding Florida distributed about 300 million pounds of food per year. They are projected to distribute about 560 million pounds in response to the economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization operates</p>	<p>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Facilitator</p> <p>Steering Committee members</p>

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	<p>the Fresh Access Bucks program, which provides incentive dollars to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients to purchase fruits and vegetables.</p> <p><u>Josefina Tamayo, JD, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice has required training for staff related to mental health, substance use and suicide prevention. The department has also partnered with the Florida Department of Health on immunization efforts and look forward to continued partnerships.</p> <p><u>Ben Browning, MPA, Florida Association of Community Health Centers</u> Mr. Browning mentioned the importance of strengthened partnerships through the State Health Improvement Planning process. The association has worked with Florida State University on clinical pharmacy issues, collaborated with the Florida Department of Health on colorectal health, among other partnerships.</p> <p><u>Dr. Cynthia M. Harris, PhD, DABT, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University – Institute of Public Health</u> Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University would like health equity to continue to be a priority as it is something that the university has worked on throughout the years with the Florida Department of Health to ramp up outreach, education and training. Dr. Harris also stated that the university would like to enhance current partnerships with many of the organizations represented on the Steering Committee and contribute to vital areas of the State Health Improvement Plan.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom shared that before Governor DeSantis intervened, each of the top ten leading causes of death in Florida were represented in the State Health Improvement Plan except for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD). As a result, the Governor’s Dementia Action Plan directed ADRD to be added as the ninth priority. The Florida Department of Elder Affairs has worked with its partners to strengthen capacity to deal with ADRD issues, establish a competent ADRD workforce and enhance support for those living with ADRD and their caregivers.</p> <p><u>Robin Napier, MS, Florida Department of Health in Hernando County</u> Ms. Napier shared that the Florida Department of Health in Hernando County utilizes the State Health Improvement Plan to align with strategic priorities at the local level. She also highlighted that her community is entering the fifth year of the Great</p>	

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	<p>Hernando Weight Loss Challenge where the community has lost over 20,000 pounds since the start of the program. Hernando County has supported the availability of mental health first aid trainings in the community to address the mental health and substance use priority area.</p> <p><u>Mary Mayhew, Florida Hospital Association</u> The Florida Hospital Association has been engaged with the Florida Department of Health on the Maternal Opioid Recovery Effort initiative by bringing hospitals to the table to raise awareness and implement best practices.</p> <p><u>Dr. Ulyee Choe, DO, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe reiterated that public health has always been a collaborative effort. He mentioned that Pinellas County’s Community Health Improvement Plan aligns to the State Health Improvement Plan. The top health priority in Pinellas County is substance use and mental health. Through an opioid taskforce, naloxone has been distributed and education provided to reduce stigma.</p> <p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler stated that at the local level, the Florida Department of Health in Lake County works with their regional counterparts and has been communicating with partners more than ever due to the COVID-19 pandemic response. He shared that he thinks the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan will be successful because everyone is working together and there is a lot of buy-in right now.</p> <p><u>Paul Runk, MS, Florida Association of Health Plans</u> Mr. Runk shared that the Florida Association of Health Plans has partnered with many organizations, including the Florida Department of Health, to expand access to Hepatitis A vaccinations and the Agency for Health Care Administration on COVID-19 vaccinations, emergency department diversion and transportation programs.</p> <p><u>Dr. Eric Hall, EdD, Florida Department of Education</u> The Florida Department of Education has worked closely with the Florida Department of Children and Families to ensure the safety, health and welfare of early learning and voluntary pre-kindergarten children. The Florida Department of Education has also worked with the Florida Department of Health in support of school nurse programs. In addition, state and technical colleges are helping to build the workforce that will provide valuable services in support of the state’s health care industry. He</p>	

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	<p>added that coordination and collaboration has been critical from a funding standpoint and in terms of creating a safe and healthy environment for students.</p> <p><u>Mike Hill, Florida Association of Health Planning Agencies</u></p> <p>The Florida Association of Health Planning Agencies has been deeply involved in the State Health Improvement Planning process from the beginning with staff serving as writers, chairs and co-chairs. Health councils assist local communities with data collection and facilitating needs assessments.</p>	
<p>2021 State Health Assessment Overview and Approach</p>	<p>Julia Gibby provided an overview of the State Health Assessment process and the four assessments associated with the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships framework. Ms. Gibby discussed roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee, including rebranding and revitalizing the State Health Improvement Plan approach, setting priorities and approving goals, strategies and objectives proposed by the priority area workgroups.</p> <p>State Health Assessment Advisory Group roles and responsibilities were reviewed, and the Steering Committee’s first task is to designate someone from their respective organizations to serve on the State Health Assessment Advisory Group.</p> <p>Finally, Ms. Gibby reviewed the 2021 State Health Improvement Plan timeline that culminates in the launch of the 2022-2026 Florida State Health Improvement Plan on January 1, 2022.</p> <p>Action Item: Steering Committee members were asked to nominate someone from their organization to serve on the State Health Assessment Advisory Group – more information will be provided soon.</p>	<p>Julia S. Gibby, MPH Administrator, Health Improvement Planning Florida Department of Health</p>
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Discussion Question: What are some ways the State Health Improvement Plan can support your organization’s priorities?</p> <p>Steering Committee members discussed the importance of continuing and expanding collaborations that have been initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Data sharing and using data-driven approaches were championed by many members. Members also highlighted the importance of including more stakeholders than are currently represented in the State Health Improvement Planning process, as empowering community and neighborhood-level partners is vital.</p>	<p>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Facilitator</p>

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	<p><u>Dr. George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust stated that each of us has a fiduciary responsibility to work together and move the needle on health outcomes. He suggested that this State Health Improvement Plan is an opportunity to align with our ultimate outcome of being the healthiest state in the nation. Dr. Rust stressed the importance of focusing on optimal and equitable outcomes for all and having accountability for moving the needle on hard health outcomes using data-driven processes and rapid cycle feedback loops.</p> <p><u>Dr. Ana Palacio, MD, MPH, University of Miami – Department of Public Health Sciences</u> Dr. Palacio recommended that we start integrating our efforts by combining our data. She suggested that we harness and geocode all data that is already being collected at different levels to get a better idea of larger themes in addition to local issues.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom mentioned that we must advocate for all adults in Florida so that they not only live well but that they age well. One of the most important initiatives that the Florida Department of Elder Affairs is working on is the partnership with the American Association of Retired Persons to make Florida an Age-Friendly State. The State Health Improvement Plan provides a way for us to all work together for the public good and is uniquely poised to take advantage of the havoc and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic and build new communities that allow us to live and age well.</p> <p><u>Dr. Cynthia M. Harris, PhD, DABT, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University – Institute of Public Health</u> Dr. Harris shared her excitement about the data and collaborative efforts that are being embraced during this State Health Improvement Planning process. She stressed that we must ensure that information is disseminated to community members at the neighborhood level so that those in our communities and neighborhoods understand how this work affects them.</p> <p><u>Dr. Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Roberson announced that the Florida Department of Health is in the process of writing a grant expected in early June 2021 that will allow for the allocation of \$1</p>	

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	<p>million to help support public health campaigns, data visualization and a new website for the State Health Improvement Plan.</p> <p><u>Ryan Lock, MS, Florida Division of Emergency Management</u> Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has worked with many different partners and agencies. Mr. Lock stated that there is a prime opportunity to leverage new partnerships that resulted from the pandemic into our work on the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan. The division has two main goals: the first is to deliver community appropriate messaging and the second goal is community resiliency. The division sees a lot of overlap with their goals and the State Health Improvement Plan and looks forward to providing resources and data as the new plan is developed.</p> <p><u>Josefina Tamayo, JD, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> Secretary Tamayo agreed that work should not be done in silos. She added that the State Health Improvement Plan will allow us to educate providers, specialists and the workforce. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is looking forward to intertwining their data with the State Health Improvement Plan priorities.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller shared her excitement that the State Health Improvement Plan is going to help the Agency for Health Care Administration develop higher quality standards and performance measures as the Medicaid Managed Care contracts are renewed in the coming years. She mentioned that she would like to take a deeper dive into the data on long-term care outcomes and gaps in behavioral and mental health care.</p> <p><u>Lora Hollingsworth, PE, Florida Department of Transportation</u> Ms. Hollingsworth noted that the Florida Department of Transportation has representatives from various organizations serving on its traffic safety coalitions. She agreed with other Steering Committee members that combining our data is the next step to continued progress.</p> <p><u>Melanie Brown-Woofter, Florida Behavioral Health Association</u> Ms. Brown-Woofter shared her vision for the State Health Improvement Plan as the bridge between policy and practice to improve the health and well-being of Floridians. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in more innovation in the last year related to</p>	

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	<p>access to care and service provision such as use of telehealth and exploration of treatment alternatives. She stated that the Florida Behavioral Health Association would like to see the State Health Improvement Plan move forward with data, communication and listening to individuals to inform our interventions as we move forward.</p> <p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler agreed that there are a lot of opportunities to utilize telehealth to address issues with access to care.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom shared that the Administration of Community Living is going to be releasing significant funds for states to address access to and utilization of technology. He mentioned that there is recognition from the federal government about the importance of the social determinants of health. Mr. Prudom stated that this is a one-time opportunity to use this much funding to invest in a health care structure that elevates Florida to the next level.</p> <p><u>Dr. George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust stressed the importance of treating our community partners with trust and respect. He mentioned that health behavior change at the community level is more relational than informational. As such, we need to make sure that in all of our processes, we rely on community stakeholders and the relationships they have in their communities to help us achieve our health goals. Dr. Rust championed the need to have true partnerships where money, resources and decision-making are shared, as true integration and collaboration require community partnership.</p> <p><u>Dr. Ana Palacio, MD, MPH, University of Miami – Department of Public Health Sciences</u> Dr. Palacio suggested that we include someone from the Department of Veterans Affairs’ health system in the Steering Committee as they have implemented strategies related to telehealth and mental health that have been quite successful and might be able to share lessons that their department has learned through their work.</p>	

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	<p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris shared her excitement for the ability to leverage resources to address complex needs and health challenges. She mentioned that transportation and telehealth can be huge links in improving barriers to care by helping individuals obtain access to needed health care.</p> <p><u>Robin Napier, MS, Florida Department of Health in Hernando County</u> Ms. Napier mentioned that the county health departments serve as boots on the ground and have an established trust with the community that helps get the public health message out.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Karen Koch, MSW, MED, Florida Supportive Housing Coalition</u> Ms. Koch mentioned the importance of affordable housing as a social determinant of health because when people have adequate housing, their health is improved.</p> <p><u>Anna Stewart, MPA, Drowning Prevention Coalition</u> Ms. Stewart asked the Steering Committee how more accurate unintentional drowning data can be collected as there seems to be a disconnect between what is reported at the state and local levels. Dr. Shamarial Roberson answered that as part of the State Health Assessment process, we will look at state and local indicators and assess how we can better capture that data.</p> <p><u>Lisa Kern, MSN, RN, NSCN, Florida Association of School Nurses</u> Ms. Kern shared that school nurses benefit from and impact the State Health Improvement Plan priorities in many ways by supporting the health, safety and wellness of school-age children through activities such as immunization compliance for school attendance, access to health care for families without a medical home, care coordination for children with chronic health conditions, promoting healthy nutrition habits, etc. She stated that there is a hidden health care system in Florida schools that can be leveraged to make a significant impact on the health and well-being of school-age children.</p> <p><u>Donna Sabatino, RN, ACRN, The AIDS Institute</u> Ms. Sabatino agreed that telehealth is so important for both rural and inner-city residents who might experience transportation issues. She shared a concern that reimbursement for telehealth through the Florida Medicaid program and other state-funded programs was removed from legislation in the 2021 Florida Legislative</p>	<p>Members of the public</p>

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	<p>Session. She mentioned that she fears the needs, wants and desires for the use of telehealth through the State Health Improvement Plan will not be accomplished if there is not reimbursement through different payers.</p> <p><u>Christine Rover, University of South Florida – Center for Autism and Related Disabilities</u></p> <p>Ms. Rover expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to collaborate and build healthy, safe communities including individuals with autism spectrum disorder. She shared that the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities is available to collaborate and to provide input and resources to inform this work.</p> <p><u>Dr. Lisa Weise, PhD, RN, PHNA-BC, CNE, Florida Atlantic University – Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing</u></p> <p>Ms. Weise shared that many of the Glades County older adults do not have computer access or literacy. She highlighted a successful partnership that could easily be replicated that included Healthier Glades, Boca Tech for Seniors and community partners to train high school students to teach older adults computer and smartphone skills.</p> <p><u>Petra Stanton, MSW, CPSTI, Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital</u></p> <p>Ms. Stanton expressed her appreciation for an invitation to join the meeting and discussion. She really enjoyed the comment from the University of Miami about data sharing especially between research and community efforts and believes this will be addressed in the future planning and implementation.</p>	
<p>Closing Remarks</p>	<p>Dr. Scott Rivkees closed the meeting by thanking the facilitator and attendees for their participation. He thanked everyone for their dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic response over the last 420 days. Dr. Scott Rivkees discussed the resiliency of Florida and how we can harness the increased collaboration and energy to pivot from the state’s COVID-19 response and continue improving Florida’s health. He also reiterated the importance of the State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement Planning process to help Florida become the healthiest state in the nation.</p>	<p>Scott A. Rivkees, MD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p>