



State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES

Details:

Meeting Title: State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Date: July 28, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Address: JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes | 4040 Central Florida Parkway | Orlando, FL 32837

Facilitator: Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC

Meeting Expectations/Objectives:

1. Overview of the 2021 State Health Assessment process
2. Provide a summation of Florida demographics
3. Discuss current efforts and next steps

Member Participation:

Member Name	Member Organization	Attendance
Simone Marsteller, JD	Agency for Health Care Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lori Gephart	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zackary Gibson	Executive Office of the Governor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Quintero for Robin Safley, JD	Feeding Florida	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia M. Harris, PhD	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 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"/>
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"/>
Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA	Florida Department of Children and Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adrienne Johnston, MS	Florida Department of Economic Opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Hall, EdD	Florida Department of Education	<input 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 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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>
Elaine Roberts	Florida Housing Finance Corporation	<input 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 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"/>
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 for Michael G. Perri, PhD, ABPP	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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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. He emphasized the strength in partnerships being able to make an impact on the health of Floridians.</p> <p>Dr. Rivkees provided an overview of how the Florida Department of Health uses the State Health Improvement Plan to help guide its work and to help promote the health of people throughout our state. He discussed the current health priorities in Florida including health equity, maternal and child health, immunizations and influenza, injury/safety/violence prevention, healthy weight, behavioral health, sexually transmitted diseases and other infectious diseases, as well as Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Dr. Rivkees highlighted some of the current State Health Improvement Plan successes around these priorities and stated that we must leverage our partnerships and build on our successes to make Florida even healthier.</p>	<p>Scott A. Rivkees, MD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</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>
2022–2026 State Health Improvement Plan Overview	<p>Ms. Julia Gibby provided an overview of the State Health Improvement Plan and explained that its purpose is to lay the foundation to address the overarching health issues of our state. The State Health Improvement Plan is a roadmap to support optimal health for Floridians; it is a five-year plan to help increase efficiency, effectiveness and performance of the public health system. The State Health Improvement Planning process begins with the State Health Assessment, which is a collaborative process to identify and understand data around health issues in Florida.</p>	<p>Julia S. Gibby, MPH Chief, Bureau of Community Health Assessment Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management Florida Department of Health</p>
Florida Demographic Profile	<p>Ms. Jamie Forrest pointed out that we must know who we are as a state to move forward with the State Health Improvement Planning process. She provided an overview of the demographic profile of Florida, including the fact that Florida’s seven largest counties contain more than 50 percent of its population. Some</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>concerns in urban areas include unhealthy food surplus, poor air quality and pedestrian safety. At the same time, rural areas struggle with tobacco use, health care access and obesity. In addition, approximately 25 percent of adults in Florida have a disability, which is a risk factor for poor health outcomes. Ms. Forrest also discussed the seven leading causes of death in the state. These data can be used to help identify health priorities for the 2022–2026 State Health Improvement Plan.</p>	
<p>America’s Health Model and Roadmap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Outcomes • Health Factors 	<p>Dr. Shamarial Roberson spoke about health outcomes and health factors. Health outcomes include length and quality of life. She stated that policies and programs influence various health factors, which lead to health outcomes. Health factors must be examined, and the next State Health Improvement Plan must be drafted from an evidence-based approach.</p> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p><u>Michelle Branham, Florida Alzheimer’s Association</u></p> <p>Ms. Michelle Branham thanked all the partners that have worked together on the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) priority area on the current State Health Improvement Plan. She reported that Florida is the only state that has ADRD as a priority on their State Health Improvement Plan. Florida has the second highest prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease in the nation, and it is the sixth leading cause of death in Florida. The ADRD priority area has focused on the Healthy Brain initiative; the workgroup has achieved concern and awareness State Health Improvement Plan objectives already this year. Ms. Branham mentioned that there is now a Dementia Director for the state. She provided an overview of the ADRD priority goals for 2021. Lastly, she stated that the ADRD partners had compiled a resource guide, which has been disseminated statewide.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, DO, Florida Department of Health, Pinellas County - Metro County Health Department</u></p> <p>Dr. Ulyee Choe stated that opioid use disorder is a top priority in his health department. There has been an increase in deaths and EMS transports. Collaboration with partners is key to starting to build solutions and strategies. He talked about the award of the Overdose Data 2 Action grant. With this grant, they were able to hire a dedicated person to work on strategies to address opioid use disorder. Some actions that have been taken include distribution of toolkits increasing access to Naloxone as well as increased access to treatment.</p>	<p>Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH Deputy Secretary for Health Florida Department of Health</p> <p>Guest Speakers</p>

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	<p><u>Melanie Brown-Woofter, Florida Behavioral Health Association</u> Ms. Melanie Brown-Woofter emphasized that “there’s no health without mental health.” Mental health (along with health inequities and health disparities associated with it) has been brought to the forefront during the pandemic, and the association has seen an increase in service provision. Anxiety and depression have increased, especially in minority populations. Self-report of mental health challenges is unprecedented, which speaks to decreasing stigma. There has been an increase in overdose deaths, mainly with fentanyl, as well as an increase in alcohol use and co-occurring use (alcohol and opioids together). Access to Naloxone and Narcan kits has increased to further the response to overdoses as well as help get people into treatment. To address Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, women with opioid use disorder are also being identified and referred to treatment. Ms. Brown-Woofter also spoke about mobile response teams, to include a mental health professional along with law enforcement. The Florida Behavioral Health Association is also involved in suicide prevention. 175,000 Floridians have been trained in Mental Health First Aid.</p> <p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Shevaun Harris began by stating that the work at the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) cannot occur without collaboration amongst many state partners. She stated that DCF has been working a lot with prevention, doing so in an integrated fashion, and addressing social determinants of health. There is work being done around pregnant women who are substance using and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. DCF has also implemented a Care Coordination initiative that involves working with people who are receiving services from DCF to help them obtain housing, employment, etc. There are also efforts around suicide prevention; DCF houses the statewide Office for Suicide Prevention. There has been increased education about warning signs and reducing stigma. The Suicide Action Plan, which was developed in conjunction with many partners, focuses on enhancing awareness and increasing education. DCF has also implemented mobile response teams to respond to mental health crises in the community. Lastly, Secretary Harris spoke about the work her team is doing around enhancing protective factors to help keep our kids safe and prevent child deaths.</p>	

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	<p><u>Lora Hollingsworth, PE, Florida Department of Transportation</u></p> <p>Ms. Lora Hollingsworth spoke about the Florida Transportation Plan, which is the state’s long-range transportation plan for all of Florida. It is updated every five years, with the last one having been released in 2020. The Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan is the overarching safety plan for all of Florida, last released in 2021; many partners are involved in developing these plans. This plan includes “target zero” or “vision zero,” which strives to eliminate fatalities and reduce serious injuries on all public roads. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has implemented the Complete Streets initiative, which seeks to reduce obesity, lower speeds and increase transit access. Regarding suicide prevention, they were able to provide a new barrier on the Skyway bridge in Tampa. Other initiatives include Operation STRIDE (Statewide Traffic and Railroad Initiative Using Dynamic Envelopes) and a FDOT source book, which is published each year. Lastly, Ms. Hollingsworth mentioned that committee members can help FDOT in achieving its goals by becoming or staying involved in Traffic Safety Coalitions or Community Traffic Safety Teams already in place in communities throughout the state.</p>	
<p>Remarks from the Lieutenant Governor</p>	<p>Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez acknowledged the dedicated work of all public health staff and their partners through the COVID-19 pandemic. She expressed appreciation to all partners for their continued dedication to shaping the future of Florida’s health. She emphasized that bringing stakeholders together is necessary to improve the health and lives of Floridians. She stated that she is proud of the significant progress that has been made on the State Health Improvement Plan. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez spoke about the main initiatives of the administration, with the primary initiative focused around mental health; the impact of mental health on adults and children has been brought to the forefront, especially during the pandemic. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez mentioned the First Lady’s Hope for Healing campaign and stated that the website had been recently expanded. In addition, funding for mental health care and community-based services has increased for Fiscal Year 2021–2022. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez also spoke about the need to address the needs of our older adult population and their caregivers, as the percentage of people living with Alzheimer’s Disease is projected to increase. Lieutenant Governor Nuñez concluded by acknowledging the progress that has been made and the work that still needs to be done. She</p>	<p>Jeanette M. Nuñez Lieutenant Governor</p>

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	looks forward to continuing to be a part of the State Health Improvement Plan process.	
<p>Discussion</p> <p>America’s Health Model and Roadmap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs and Policies <p>Vision, Strategies and Partnerships</p>	<p>Discussion Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a priority for your agency and the population you serve? • What activities are you engaging in to address the identified priority for your agency and the population you serve? • Who are the partners that are supporting you with these activities or engaging in other activities to address the identified priority for your agency? • How can members of this committee assist you with the identified priority? <p>Steering Committee members engaged in a guided discussion pertaining to the discussion questions listed above.</p> <p><u>Simone Marsteller, JD, Agency for Health Care Administration</u></p> <p>Secretary Simone Marsteller highlighted the Agency for Health Care Administration’s (Agency) efforts around mental health and reducing the stigma around mental health. She stated that approximately 85 percent of babies affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome are served by Medicaid. She spoke about Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), which allows a provider to quickly assess for mental health issues and refer to treatment as needed. The Agency is committed to increasing reimbursement rates for providers who will agree to use SBIRT in their practices. Secretary Marsteller talked about the Agency’s Health Information Exchange Service and Encounter Notification Service for providers; the key is to help providers not only educate patients on seeking health care prior to an emergency, but also for providers to know when their patients have an encounter with a hospital so they can reach out to the patient. Providers are being offered an incentive to subscribe to this service. Lastly, Secretary Marsteller mentioned that she works well with action items and suggested that all committee members should have action items to report out on at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Facilitator</p> <p>Steering Committee members</p>

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	<p><u>Josefina Tamayo, JD, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> Secretary Josefina Tamayo highlighted the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice’s prevention efforts and close collaboration with many partners. They have served 25,000 children in their prevention efforts. She stressed the need for mental health and substance misuse services for children and families. 55 percent of the kids that come to DJJ have behavioral health issues, and this has increased during the pandemic. Secretary Tamayo spoke about DJJ’s suicide prevention training program to train juvenile probation officers and staff. Lastly, she reported that a recent Children’s Cabinet report outlined disparities in accessing mental health services; this must be addressed because our children are of utmost importance in our state.</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, Florida State University (FSU) Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. George Rust began by stating that the integration of behavioral health care and primary care and public health is critically important. Partnerships and community collaborations have been essential when attempting to integrate behavioral health and primary care. He emphasized that partnerships are built on trust and transparency. We must remember that we are “working with”, not “doing to” or “working for...” He spoke about the importance of working with partners to move the needle on critical issues such as infant mortality and asthma deaths. Lastly, he stated that we need to pay attention to the workforce, specific to public health; the FSU Center for Medicine and Public Health has electives for their residents that focus on public health.</p> <p><u>Cynthia M. Harris, PhD, DABT, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Institute of Public Health</u> Dr. Cynthia M. Harris began by stating that she shares some of the same ideas with Dr. Rust. She highlighted the Institute’s work in neighborhoods, emphasizing that all of our agencies/organizations’ plans (such as the State Health Improvement Plan) need to have community agencies involved to review them and have an opportunity to provide input. In that way, communities can help to assess how well we are doing in terms of health in Florida. She highlighted the Institute’s work around health equity and research with respect to chronic disease and Alzheimer’s disease, including caregivers, so that caregivers know what the</p>	

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	<p>resources are and how to gain access to them. The Institute is also working on a vaccine competency initiative in communities with lower vaccination rates.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Richard Prudom spoke briefly about the Governor’s aggressive dementia action plan and expressed appreciation for it. In setting the compass for the State Health Improvement Plan for the next five years, he emphasized that Florida has a large older adult population who want to live and live well in this state. One major concern is older adults who are at risk of needing long-term care services rather than remaining in the community; aging in place is important. Addressing social and emotional needs and mitigating social isolation of this population is crucial in addition to ensuring access to physical and mental health care. There also needs to be a focus on increasing livable communities and age-friendly communities. Lastly, Secretary Prudom stated that the pandemic has shaken the foundation of social determinants of health, and therefore the State Health Improvement Plan needs to address the health disparities impacting the older adult population moving forward.</p> <p><u>Kelly Quintero, representing Robin Safely, JD, Feeding Florida</u> Ms. Kelly Quintero reported that food banks had very long lines at the beginning of the pandemic when people lost their jobs, etc. and did not know where their next meal would come from. However, she emphasized that “it is not just about food, it is more about social determinants of health in general.” She highlighted the agency’s initiative focusing on providing “foods to encourage,” consisting of more produce and nutritious foods. She stated that Feeding Florida is focusing on how their food is impacting people’s physical and mental health.</p> <p><u>Zackary Gibson, Executive Office of the Governor Office of Adoption & Child Protection</u> Mr. Zackary Gibson pointed out that the discussion today had spanned the life course, from prenatal to older adults. He highlighted the great work being done around children and brain health. He talked about adverse childhood experiences and how they are at the root of adversity and contribute to a lot of the health outcomes the State Health Improvement Plan aims to address. He emphasized that we must continue to talk about prevention.</p>	

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	<p><u>Alexandra Abboud, DPL, Florida Dental Association</u> Ms. Alexandra Abboud stated that she agreed we must focus on prevention. She pointed out that dental health is also a major component in overall health, and it is often overlooked. Community water fluoridation is one of the Florida Dental Association’s main initiatives. This can prevent dental decay in children, and the older adult population as well. One concern is Medicaid reimbursement rates; patients need dental services, but Medicaid reimbursements are low. Ms. Abboud also mentioned that citizens may have access to dental services, but they may not know that they do, so education and awareness are key.</p> <p><u>Cynthia M. Harris, PhD, DABT, FAMU Institute of Public Health</u> Dr. Cynthia M. Harris stated that when looking at the priorities at FAMU, health disparities have a big impact, and a large number if not all of the disparities impact black and brown people. The Institute is looking at addressing chronic disease, infectious diseases as well as mental health. Dr. Harris stated that the Institute will work with community-based organizations directly to help address these priorities. She also mentioned that they are hoping to expand their partnerships. Lastly, Dr. Harris requested help in accessing data to help address their priorities.</p> <p><u>George Rust MD, MPH, FAAFP, FACPM, FSU Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. George Rust reiterated that health equity needs to be a specific priority and stated that we must hold each other accountable in moving the needle on disparities. He stated we must give ourselves specific challenges to address, we should use the State Health Improvement Plan to hold ourselves accountable and not just believe disparities are inevitable. When implementing interventions, if something is not working, we can change it to improve it. Lastly, Dr. Rust stated that partnership with the Agency for Health Care Administration is critical when it comes to accessing data because real time data can inform interventions.</p> <p><u>Adrienne Johnston, MS, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity</u> Ms. Adrienne Johnston spoke about the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity’s (DEO) priorities, such as modernizing the unemployment system and enhancing the security system around that. DEO is working alongside Enterprise Florida, Inc. to attract people to our state. DEO is also providing grant programs around resiliency to communities impacted by disasters. Lastly, Ms.</p>	

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	<p>Johnston briefly discussed workforce education and the Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act for those seeking resources for economic self-sufficiency.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Simone Marstiller stated that the Agency for Health Care Administration will be re-procuring the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care contracts and would like to include solid health outcome metrics in the contracts because if the health maintenance organizations can achieve those for their Medicaid population, they can do it for their commercial population as well. Secretary Marstiller would like for the metrics in the contracts to be consistent with the metrics in the State Health Improvement Plan, which lends to holding ourselves accountable.</p> <p><u>Cindy Prins, PhD, MPH, CIC, CPH, representing Michael G. Perri, PhD, ABPP, University of Florida College of Public Health Professions</u> Dr. Cindy Prins stated that a strong workforce is critical. Education and training of the public health workforce is crucial. She suggested that we need to identify the gaps and determine what we need to do to strengthen the public health workforce.</p> <p><u>Kelli Tice, MD, Florida Blue</u> Dr. Kelli Tice began by acknowledging that unique opportunities exist. She pointed out that sometimes the opportunity is missed to address those who are underinsured, not just the uninsured or Medicaid recipients. Florida Blue is doing a lot of diversity, equity and inclusion work in their organization. They are implementing a program to bring together a comprehensive community of services, and we need to consider this as being the new way of doing things; now is the time to move the needle on disparities. Dr. Tice stated that there needs to be access points for their member population. She also agreed with the need to access data so they can identify gaps, stating that this has been a significant blind spot. Lastly, Dr. Tice highlighted Florida Blue’s ability to leverage the business community and make them aware of public health and health disparities. She stated that so often, funding limits what we can do so the business sector may be able to step in to help ensure that the work we do is sustainable.</p>	

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	<p><u>Robin Napier, MS, Florida Department of Health, Hernando County - Medium County Health Department</u></p> <p>Ms. Robin Napier stated that obesity is one of the top priorities in her county. She provided an example of how working with partners to implement a program has been very successful. The Hernando Fit Kids program encourages physical activity and healthy eating habits.</p> <p><u>Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH, Florida Department of Health</u></p> <p>Dr. Shamarial Roberson spoke to committee members' comments about data. She stated that a query would be conducted to find out the data sources we have available such as FLHealthCHARTS.com (CHARTS) and to make sure we have appropriate data agreements in place. She also pointed out that data may already be available, and partners may need to be made aware of how to access it. Dr. Roberson acknowledged that data-driven decisions are what we strive for to guide and implement evidence-based interventions.</p>	
Public Comment	No public comment was given.	Members of the public
2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Timeline and Next Steps	<p>Ms. Julia Gibby presented the State Health Improvement Plan timeline and next steps. She described the four steps of the State Health Assessment and stated that the process will continue through August 2021 with the continued gathering of survey data and the convening of 22 statewide focus groups facilitated by the local health councils throughout the state. These focus group conversations will provide further insight and validity to the data to be presented at the next meeting in September. Once the results of these activities are final, the State Health Assessment Advisory Group will be convened. The main responsibility of the Advisory Group is to oversee the development of the State Health Assessment and recommend potential priorities to the State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee for inclusion in the new State Health Improvement Plan. Once the priorities have been set, the priority area workgroups will convene to develop the recommended goals and objectives to present to the State Health Improvement Plan steering committee for inclusion in the new State Health Improvement Plan. The goals and objectives will be based on data from the State Health Assessment, as well as national benchmarks such as Healthy People 2030. The current priorities and initiatives of partner organizations throughout the state of Florida, which we have discussed today, will also be taken into consideration. The workgroups will present their recommendations to the Steering Committee in early</p>	<p>Julia S. Gibby, MPH Chief, Bureau of Community Health Assessment Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management Florida Department of Health</p>

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	to mid-December for feedback and approval, which will lead to the implementation of the 2022–2026 State Health Improvement Plan beginning January 1, 2022.	
Closing Remarks	<p>Dr. Scott Rivkees closed the meeting by thanking the facilitator and attendees for their participation. He thanked everyone for their dedication throughout the State Health Improvement Planning process. Dr. Rivkees reiterated Secretary Richard Prudom’s comment about people wanting to live well and age well. Dr. Rivkees emphasized that this State Health Improvement Plan will be much different than any other, as we are coming out of a 100-year pandemic. We are facing an opioid crisis as well as a mental health crisis, health disparities and many other issues. We must determine how we are going to best address these issues. Dr. Rivkees reiterated the importance of data and the variety of sources that are available. The upcoming plan must be actionable; and we must continue to build on successes because ultimately, it will be impacting all Floridians.</p>	<p>Scott A. Rivkees, MD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p>