



State Health Improvement Plan Steering Committee Meeting MINUTES

Details:

Date: October 22, 2021, 8:30 – 11:00 am

Address: First District Court of Appeal; Room 1183
2000 Drayton Drive | Tallahassee, FL 32399

Facilitator: Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC

Meeting Expectations/Objectives:

1. Discuss and select priority health issues for the 2022–2026 State Health Improvement Plan
2. Identify priority area workgroup membership for the 2022–2026 State Health Improvement Plan
3. Present next steps

Member Participation:

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



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Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA	Florida Department of Children and Families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adrienne Johnston, MS	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"/>
Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD	Florida Department of Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Murray Jordan, 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"/>
Lora Hollingsworth, PE	Florida Department of Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Lock for Kevin Guthrie, MA, CEM, MEP, FPEM	Florida Division of Emergency Management	<input 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 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"/>
Cindy Prins, PhD, MPH, CIC, CPH	University of Florida – College of Public Health and Health Professions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Ana Palacio, MD, MPH	University of Miami – Department of Public Health Sciences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leslie Pearsall	VISIT FLORIDA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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<p>Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Meeting facilitator, Mirine Richey, introduced Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration, as the Chair of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller welcomed Florida’s new State Surgeon General, Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo.</p> <p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Ladapo shared his excitement to be in Florida working with Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Health. He said his strongest interests have been in cardiovascular health and HIV. He loves it when people are passionate about their own interests, and he listed other areas of interest such as mental health, child health, nutrition and opioid use. Dr. Ladapo added he believes strongly in empowerment. He also believes circumstances influence lives, health and financial outcomes. Dr. Ladapo commented individual choices can make a big difference and can inspire others. He thanked the participants for their commitment, patience and teaching. He added that he looks forward to working with and learning from the Steering Committee.</p>	<p>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD State Surgeon General Florida Department of Health</p>
	<p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller commented the State Health Improvement Plan is Florida’s health improvement plan that all committee members are working toward, because optimal health is an important part of all our efforts. She stated the Steering Committee must commit both time and resources to develop meaningful goals, and also to measure its steps to move priority health issues forward. Secretary Marstiller stressed the importance of identifying agency partners with subject matter expertise and leadership that can be a significant force in their respective areas of influence. She shared the Steering Committee is seeking consensus on the identified priority health issues and added that the State Health Improvement Plan is a living document; priority area workgroups will work to operationalize the State Health Improvement Plan in the coming months.</p>	<p>Simone Marstiller, JD Secretary Agency for Health Care Administration</p>

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Steering Committee Member Introductions	Steering Committee members introduced themselves and their respective agencies and organizations.	Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC Steering Committee members
Priority Health Issues Overview	Dr. Ursula Keller Weiss provided an overview of the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan priority health issues, topic areas and overview data associated the identified priority health issues and topic areas.	Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD Director Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management
2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan Priority Selection	<p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey shared that the Steering Committee is seeking consensus on priority areas and she opened the floor for discussion.</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, Professor and Director, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust stated that the Steering Committee needs to move forward to establish the workgroups for the priority areas. He thinks there is a need to analyze the overarching areas and track in real time to see if what the Steering Committee is doing is beneficial to the priority area workgroups. Chronic diseases and conditions, for example, would work if a person had just one condition at a time, but with triple complexities, the Steering Committee should figure out how to tie it together. He suggested the life-cycle approach.</p> <p><u>Robin Safley, JD, Executive Director, Feeding Florida</u> Ms. Safley mentioned that health access and nutrition was supposed to be one of the subgroups, but she did not see it listed in the materials. She added that she thinks this is the foundation to improving mental health and chronic diseases.</p> <p>Facilitator Mirine Richey commented there would be opportunity to add it.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle asked whether the title “Mental Well-being and Substance Prevention” was meant to include a focus on prevention.</p>	Steering Committee Members

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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 stated that looking at it more cohesively, the committee can narrow things down with workgroups to specify the specific areas most in need of attention.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle said “mental well-being” verbiage is important and the Steering Committee needs to ensure everyone is on the same page.</p>	
<p>Next Steps: Priority Area Workgroups</p>	<p>Dr. Weiss shared the next step in the State Health Improvement Planning process is the formation of the priority area workgroups (PAWs). She shared the purpose, primary functions and roles and responsibilities of PAW members.</p>	<p>Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD Director Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management</p>
<p>Priority Area Workgroup Membership Discussion</p>	<p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey asked the group about brainstorming partners for the PAWs.</p> <p>ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom mentioned that local communities are where things happen. He stressed the committee needs to include community members and their caretakers. The emphasis should be on a public/private partnership.</p> <p><u>Barbara Palmer, Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities</u> Director Palmer mentioned, in addition to the Alzheimer’s Association, the PAW needs to include people living with dementia as well as their care providers. Their input is needed and should be valued.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle suggested the priority language be changed to "related" dementias. He mentioned the vascular/cardiovascular components of dementia and shared the importance of including caregivers on the PAW to inform policy decisions. He</p>	<p>Steering Committee members</p>

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	<p>added that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act money could be used to shore up the care gaps across the state.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom agreed with Dr. Cogle about support/advice to care partners. He said there are dementia care task forces throughout Florida, and he will ask them for nominations. Additionally, he added that the pandemic affected caregivers disproportionately and caregivers need appropriate representation.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle mentioned that dementia therapy is expensive. He asked if the committee should be prepared to communicate with state officials about the expense of therapy and other associated drugs. He emphasized the need to bring new therapies into the discussion involving resources for assistance.</p> <p><u>Ana Palacio, MD, MPH, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Miami – Department of Public Health Sciences</u> Dr. Palacio mentioned testing and efforts to treat.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, MD, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe said this population requires resources, and he reminded the group that Florida is an age-friendly state.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom reiterated that Florida is an age-friendly state where residents should live and age well. He added that age-friendly initiatives can provide more information about the PAWs opportunity, and the committee can work to address social determinants of health to provide help for Florida’s communities.</p> <p><u>Melissa Murray Jordan, MPH, Director, Division of Community Health Promotion, Florida Department of Health</u> Ms. Jordan mentioned the state has a committed investment in research in this area that uses new and innovative approaches. She posed the following question to the committee members: <i>How can we work to incorporate funding into the community?</i></p>	

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	<p><u>Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom mentioned the State Health Improvement Plan positions the state to be eligible for access to additional funds, and the state can consider prioritizing additional funds to address these issues.</p> <p>MENTAL WELL-BEING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION</p> <p><u>Melanie Brown-Woofter, President and CEO, Florida Behavioral Health Association</u> Ms. Brown-Woofter suggested the Suicide Prevention Council, veterans, universities and entities like the National Alliance on Mental Illness be included to provide their perspective on the PAW.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller said the PAW needs to involve providers so it can get a community perspective, regarding both children and families. She also recommended that the Guardian ad Litem program be included.</p> <p><u>Josefina Tamayo, JD, Acting Secretary, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> Secretary Tamayo mentioned children, child welfare, Guardian ad Litem program and overall, representing children in the PAW.</p> <p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris commented it is important to hear from those rendering services, for example, the managing entities, to ensure the most vulnerable can access services. She recommended including community-based care agencies.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller said it will be important to have people who are doing leading edge research for childhood trauma on this PAW. She also mentioned trauma-informed care. She commented there is a significant amount of research actively happening across our state university system, and the committee members can benefit from their knowledge. She specifically mentioned evidence-based practices and measurable outcomes (how it works, why it works and results).</p>	

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	<p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler mentioned having regional PAW partners. He said there are some who are further along on the research journey (due to need or different goals) that the Steering Committee should be reviewing. He suggested the PAW consider regional representation and determine where representation is lacking.</p> <p><u>Eric Hall, EdD, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education</u> Dr. Hall commented student services areas also need representation. He noted there are three million students in Florida schools.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle mentioned the University of South Florida Baker Act Data Center.</p> <p><u>Sarah Quaranta, MPH, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Gulf/Franklin Counties</u> Ms. Quaranta suggested law enforcement have a seat at the table. She also mentioned Adverse Childhood Experiences, and she stated the healthy families program focuses on the first 5 years of a child's life.</p> <p>CHRONIC DISEASES AND CONDITIONS</p> <p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey mentioned there is a move toward population health outcomes and evidence-based practices.</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, Professor and Director, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust said people typically have more than one condition at a time. He added the PAW needs representation from people who do care provision for a living, for example, Medicare and Accountable Care Organizations, people who understand the analytics (predictive analytics) of chronic conditions and people who specialize in mental health conditions. He added this needs to be done through an equity lens.</p> <p><u>Mirine Richey, MPH, IBCLC, Facilitator</u> Ms. Richey reminded the group that recommendations can be from Steering Committee members' organizations or other partners.</p>	

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	<p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle requested tobacco be on the list of topic areas, given that tobacco-related illnesses are 100% preventable. He also recommended the Florida Cancer Control and Research Advisory Council be included.</p> <p><u>Robin Napier, MS, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Hernando County</u> Ms. Napier shared that Federally Qualified Health Centers would be the perfect partners to be represented on the PAWs. She also mentioned the issues of hunger and nutritious food.</p> <p><u>Ben Browning, MPA, Vice President, Florida Association of Community Health Centers</u> Mr. Browning agreed with Ms. Napier.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle recommended Megan Wessel for the PAW.</p> <p>TRANSMISSIBLE AND EMERGING DISEASES</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, MD, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe suggested that the Immunization Coalition be represented in the PAW.</p> <p><u>Cindy Prins, PhD, MPH, CIC, CPH, Assistant Dean for Educational Affairs and Clinical Associate Professor of Epidemiology, University of Florida – College of Public Health and Health Professions</u> Dr. Prins mentioned the Emerging Pathogens Institute and recommended Dr. Glenn Morris Jr. for the PAW.</p> <p><u>Barbara Palmer, Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities</u> Director Palmer mentioned representation for HIV/AIDS and specifically recommended the AIDS Alliance and the AIDS Institute.</p>	

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	<p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler suggested the group consider non-traditional partnerships with individuals with vulnerable health conditions.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle shared there is currently an epidemic in HPV and head/neck cancer in men.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, MD, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe suggested adding Ending the HIV Epidemic as community partners.</p> <p>INJURY, SAFETY AND VIOLENCE</p> <p><u>Melanie Brown-Woofter, President and CEO, Florida Behavioral Health Association</u> Ms. Brown-Woofter mentioned adding a member from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Department of Transportation to the PAW.</p> <p><u>Josefina Tamayo, JD, Acting Secretary, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice</u> Secretary Tamayo commented that work is being done in her office, the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, and they can provide representation.</p> <p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris stated domestic violence shelter representation is needed in the PAW.</p> <p><u>Eric Hall, EdD, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education</u> Dr. Hall mentioned the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Commission would be a good fit for the PAW.</p> <p><u>Melissa Murray Jordan, MPH, Director, Division of Community Health Promotion, Florida Department of Health</u> Ms. Jordan suggested falls and unintentional overdoses as areas to consider.</p> <p><u>Barbara Palmer, Director, Agency for Persons with Disabilities</u> Director Palmer mentioned the Florida Department of Children and Families hotline.</p>	

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	<p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris stated she thinks her organization will be represented in every area of the State Health Improvement Plan.</p> <p>MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, Professor and Director, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust said the maternal/child health list is fairly traditional and emphasized the life cycle approach for this issue area. He asked if the PAW has a dashboard that shows what is causing young children to wind up in emergency rooms. Dr. Rust listed issues related to children’s health such as asthma, mental health, autism, aging out, learning difficulties and schools/nutrition. He said there is a need to look beyond the traditional public health approach and there is also a need to involve schools in nutrition and mental health activities. He added that, locally, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Florida State University, have developed a maternal and child fellowship program.</p> <p><u>Paul Runk, MS, Vice President of Government Programs, Florida Association of Health Plans</u> Mr. Runk said he will reach out to the medical directors from his organization’s member health plans and ask them to participate in the PAWs.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, MD, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe mentioned the importance of late term, third trimester testing/care centered around congenital syphilis and the need for representation in this area.</p> <p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris mentioned Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and substance abuse programs that allow moms to engage in treatment while keeping their babies (and the importance of bonding during this time). She said there needs to be more support to promote evidence-based models for programs like this.</p>	

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	<p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle recommended Dr. Robert Karch, Dr. William Sappenfield and Dr. Rob Kandu for the PAW.</p> <p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler mentioned baby-friendly hospitals and bill supplements.</p> <p>SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IMPACTING HEALTH</p> <p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, Professor and Director, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust shared the need for community voices with real life experience. He specifically recommended Miaisha Mitchell from the Greater Frenchtown Revitalization Council, as well as mental health peer counselors in general. He also mentioned Ms. Micah Richards and share the following quote, “Nothing about us without us.”</p> <p><u>Shevaun Harris, MSW, MBA, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families</u> Secretary Harris mentioned housing partners working on housing stability need to be included in the PAW.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller commented Medicaid currently has a few pilot projects underway, and she suggested the PAW invite representatives from those health plans to share successes regarding program implementation. She mentioned organizations that address hunger and food instability need to be included in the PAW and recommended Feeding Florida.</p> <p><u>Christopher Cogle, MD, Medical Director, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Dr. Cogle suggested the PAW include information technology connector organizations.</p> <p><u>Eric Hall, EdD, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education</u> Dr. Hall discussed closing gaps early. He also suggested the Florida Center for Reading Research and the Federal Reserve Bank be invited to participate.</p>	

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	<p><u>Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom recommended including the American Association of Retired Persons because they not only have data for Florida, but also have data nationwide. He also recommended including the Director of Livable Florida at his Department.</p> <p><u>Ben Browning, MPA, Vice President, Florida Association of Community Health Centers</u> Mr. Browning mentioned including county administrators who will have a local perspective across the state (such as regional planning councils).</p> <p><u>Britney Moore, Outdoor Recreation Program Manager, Florida Department of Environmental Protection</u> Ms. Moore mentioned working with different regional planning councils that focus on different areas and work with their communities. She also mentioned Florida Parks & Recreation Association land management agencies and local community parks.</p> <p><u>Richard Prudom, Secretary, Florida Department of Elder Affairs</u> Secretary Prudom suggested guest lecturers such as Isabel Rivera, Chuck Henry and representatives from Sarasota and other age-friendly communities in the state.</p> <p><u>Ulyee Choe, MD, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County</u> Dr. Choe commented on the use of best practices such as Health in All Policies and using a health equity lens.</p> <p><u>Aaron Kissler, MPH, Health Officer, Florida Department of Health in Lake County</u> Mr. Kissler commented it would be good for churches and health ministries to participate.</p> <p><u>Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD, State Surgeon General, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Ladapo mentioned this priority area, Social and Economic Conditions Impacting Health, presents an enormous challenge because these issues affect all other priority areas. Dr. Ladapo shared his personal experiences, that he did not have many resources growing up and his parents prioritized education. Overall, he sees one sustainable solution, which is education access and quality. In his opinion, to</p>	

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	<p>set a sustainable path to fix all the priority areas, access to quality education is the single most important factor.</p>	
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>George Rust, MD, MPH, Professor and Director, Florida State University – Center for Medicine and Public Health</u> Dr. Rust reminded the group not to lose sight of how we operationalize the overarching priority – health equity.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller shared that each of the represented agencies and organizations on the Steering Committee are responsible for the success of the State Health Improvement Plan.</p> <p>She encouraged the members to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to have interaction between the PAWS. • Plan to have meetings to bring together the groups and discuss progress. • Plan regular Chairs meetings so that PAW members are not working in silos and can work together as a unit. <p>Secretary Marstiller reminded the Steering Committee to be strategic about the individuals nominated to participate on the PAWs.</p> <p><u>Dorene Barker, JD, Associate State Director, AARP Florida</u> Ms. Barker asked if there is a plan for PAWs to interact with one another. She pointed out COVID-19’s impact on each priority area.</p> <p><u>Ursula Keller Weiss, PhD, Director, Division of Public Health Statistics and Performance Management, Florida Department of Health</u> Dr. Weiss responded the PAWs will convene on a regular basis and discuss their progress.</p>	<p>Members of the public</p>

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	<p><u>Dorene Barker, JD, Associate State Director, AARP Florida</u> Ms. Barker asked about AARP and COVID-19. She mentioned long-term care in Florida needs improvement. She mentioned thousands of elderly people in the state live in long-term care facilities. She also shared information about the needs of home care.</p> <p><u>Mark Lander, Interim Deputy Secretary for County Health Systems, Florida Department of Health</u> Mr. Lander commended the Steering Committee and encouraged them to think about the local level. He stated there will be people that the Steering Committee has not even considered yet who need to be included.</p> <p><u>Simone Marstiller, JD, Secretary, Agency for Health Care Administration</u> Secretary Marstiller reminded Steering Committee members that they can nominate PAW members by filling out the provided nomination form or by completing the online survey by October 29.</p>	
Closing Remarks	Secretary Marstiller adjourned the meeting by sharing her excitement about the 2022-2026 State Health Improvement Plan and reminded Steering Committee members about the next meeting, which will be held in December.	Simone Marstiller, JD Secretary Agency for Health Care Administration