



SD State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)

2025 Quarter 1 Work Group Meeting

Work Group AGENDA

Behavioral Health
March 18, 2025

Access to Care
March 19, 2025

Care Quality
March 20, 2025

1. Welcome and Member Review
2. Work Plan Updates
3. Annual SHIP Revisions
4. Data Overview – Sydney Lanning
5. Goal Groups
6. Next Steps



Welcome and Member Review



Welcome: Behavioral Health

Co- Chairs

- **Melanie Boetel**
- **Vanessa Barnes**
- **Michelle Worden**

Department of Social Services
Division of Behavioral Health

Membership

- **23 Individuals**
- Academic Institutions
- Health Systems/Settings
- Nonprofits
- State Agencies
- Tribal Health
- Third-party payers

Membership List: Behavioral Health

Name	Title	Organization
Amber Reints	Director of Behavioral Health	Avel eCare
Amy Witt	Vice President	Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
Andrea Bjornestad	Associate Professor/SDSU Ext Mental Health Specialist	South Dakota State University (SDSU), SDSU: Extension
Anne Kelly		Dakota Wesleyan University
Darcie Lee	Director of Clinical Operations	Horizon Health Care Inc (HHC)
David Ermer	Clinical Vice President of Behavioral Health	Avera Health
David Flute	Cabinet Secretary	South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations (SDDTR)
Denise Hanisch	Chief Medical Officer	State of South Dakota
Holly Arends - SDFMC	Chief Executive Officer	Quality Consulting LLC

Membership List: Behavioral Health

Name	Title	Organization
Janet Kittams	Chief Executive Officer	Helpline Center
Jennifer Humphrey	Strategic Initiatives Program Specialist	SD DSS: Division of Behavioral Health Services
Jill Janecke	Chief Executive Officer	Rising Hope Counseling
Laura Jackson	Executive Vice President, Health Equity, Access & Improvement	Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Melanie Boetel	Division Director of Behavioral Health	SDDSS: Division of Behavioral Health Services
Michelle Worden	Assistant Director Treatment and Recovery Supports	SDDSS: Division of Behavioral Health Services
Patty Juhnke		Sanford Health
Rikki Ohlrogge	Behavioral Health Manager	Horizon Health Care Inc (HHC)

Membership List: Behavioral Health

Name	Title	Organization
Staci Ackerman	Executive Director	South Dakota Sheriffs' Association
Stacie Fredenburg - SDFMC	Director of Operations	South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care (SDFMC)
Sydney Lanning	Program Manager YRBS/BRFSS	SDDOH: Office of Health Statistics
Thomas Otten	Vice President of Avera Behavioral Health	Avera Medical Group Behavioral Health
Tim Heath	Immunization Program Director	South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH)
Vanessa Barnes	Assistant Director Crisis and Prevention Services	SDDSS: Division of Behavioral Health Services



Work Plan Updates



Recurring Work Plan Activities

- Meetings
- Membership
- SHIP Revisions
- Prioritization Review
- Reporting

Managed by SDFMC as the SHIP Contractor



12-month cycle

June to May

**State Health Improvement
Coalition Meeting**

Work Plan: Emphasize Impact through Strategies

- Advance multiple goals and/or objectives
- Promote collaboration
- Enhance existing assets
- Fill a gap
- Awareness campaigns
- Broad-scale assessments or data review efforts
- Community engagement
- Health care integration

Work Plan: Based on Realistic Progress

Examples of strategies in current work plans.

- AC: Provide meaningful and comprehensive data to guide decision making
- BH: Inventory aligning priorities and programs to unify efforts
- CQ: Provide resources to promote health partner alignment with SHIP goals
- CQ: Identify best practices to improve adherence to health care recommendations



Annual SHIP Revisions

Target: April 2025



Annual SHIP Revisions

- SHA
- SHIP
- <https://doh.sd.gov/about/ship-and-sha/>

Terminology has been changed in response to the Executive Orders. Intent of the work remains the same.

- Health equity
- Diversity
- Social determinants of health

Annual SHIP Revisions

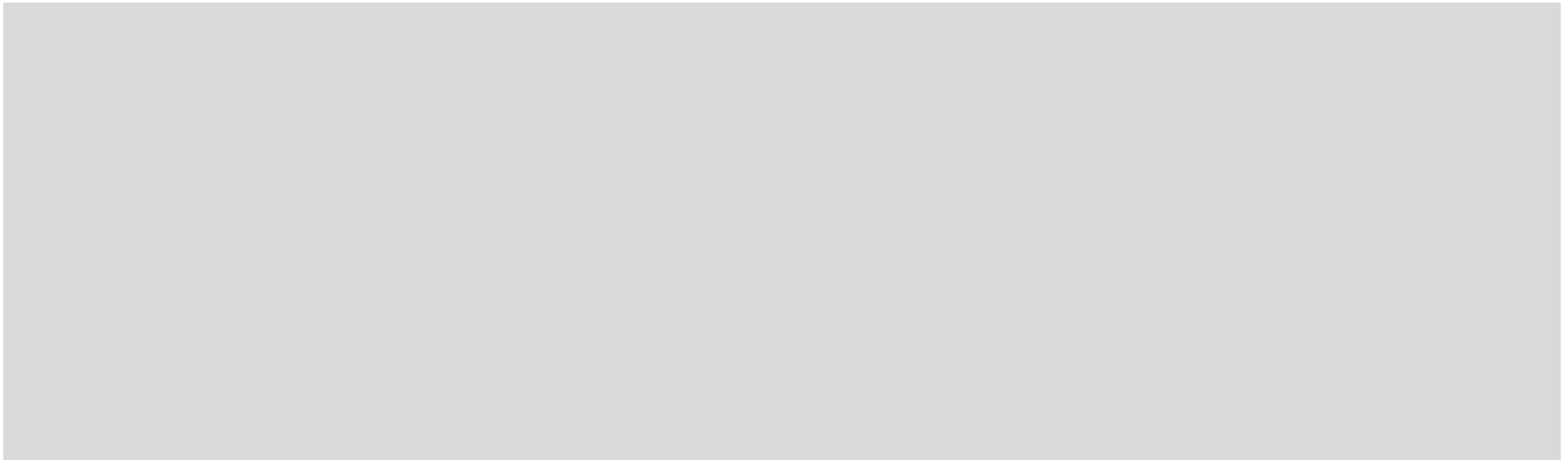
Work Group Support

- Key Health Improvement Partners
- Priority Areas
 - Objectives Data - Complete
 - Strategies
 - Assets
 - Spotlights

- Aligning, Monitoring, and Evaluating
 - State Agency Guiding Documents
 - Health Data and Reports
 - Community Health Needs Assessment Crosswalk
 - State Health Improvement Coalition



Guiding Documents



SD Department of Health Strategic Plan – 03/02/2025

3 External Priority Areas

- Community Engagement and Empowerment
- **Health Outcomes**
SHIP Care Quality
- Health Care Workforce

4 Internal Priority Areas

- **Data and Technology**
SHIP Access to Care
- Evaluation and Quality Improvement
- Financial Management and Sustainability
- DOH Workforce

Health Topic Guiding Documents



- Behavioral Health
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular
- Chronic Disease
- Diabetes
- Opioid Abuse
- Oral Health
- Prevention
- Suicide Prevention
- Tobacco



Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA)

- Completed by non-profit hospitals every three years
- Assessments are in progress
- CHNA crosswalk illustrates alignment with community needs

Health Policy Review

- Legislation session overview
- Commentary on health-related bills
- Changes in health policy impacting access and/or care delivery
- Long-term care reimbursement
- Health care professional rural assistance programs
- Sexual assault kits



Objective Data Update

Annual SHIP Revision

Sydney Lanning

Program Manager, YRBS/SHP/BRFSS

Division of Licensure and Accreditation, Office of Health Statistics

Behavioral Health

AIM: Improve behavioral health outcomes

Priority	Goal #	Goal
1	1	Reduce deaths due to behavioral health crises.
2	4	Improve care coordination following crisis response interventions.
3	2	Improve behavioral health literacy.
4	3	Increase diversity of the behavioral health workforce.

Priority Scoring Matrix

- Work group members selected five criteria
- Criteria was rated using various data sources
- Scoring matrix was used to prioritize objectives

Behavioral Health Data Update Discussion

- Changing trends
- Impact on priority goals
- Focused areas for improvement
- Suicide death rate slight decrease
 - Buffalo County has a high rate
 - American Indian population
- Crisis Lifeline has made significant increases in 988 calls: 3,307 – 13K+
- Nexus is implemented
- Potential for focusing on youth



Behavioral Health Discussion Notes



Goal Groups



Goal Group Interest: 11 Responses

- Access to Care
5/25 - 25%
- Behavioral Health
2/23 – 10%
- Care Quality
6/11 – 55%

Goals with highest interest:

CQ: Increase healthy behaviors: **7**

CQ: Improve early detection: **5**

AC: Improve health insurance: **3**

Goal Group Discussion

- Request was sent with the Doodle poll for the March meeting. Some individuals didn't realize there were two requests in the email.
- Recommendations from the group?



Next Steps



SDFMC Next Steps

Coordinate 2025
Quarter 2 meeting in
May.

Coordinate State
Health Improvement
Coalition in **June.**

- Complete SHIP Revisions
- Engage the co-chairs to create an updated work plan draft
- Distribute a work plan feedback request
- Finalize and distribute updated work plan

Work Group Next Steps

- Review and recommend **SHIP Revisions**
 - Key Health Improvement Partners
 - Assets
 - Spotlights
- Review the **priority scoring matrix**
- Respond to the **work plan feedback request**
- Recommend work group members

All work group meetings are recorded. Recordings and other resources are available at <https://sdfmc.org/ship-work-groups/>.



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