



# North Dakota's Multi-Partner Health Collaborative

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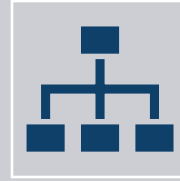
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# Today We Will...



Go back in history to where the vision started – Work As One Needs Assessment Integration



Learn about the Multi-Partner Health Collaborative (MPHC) and how it's integrated with the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).



Discuss successes and lessons learned

# Work-As One Needs Assessment Integration

In 2019, the state Title V/MCH program began facilitating meetings to better align various grant-required needs assessments (NA).

This work included efforts to connect with the State Health Assessment (SHA) and the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

# Partner Agencies



- **State agencies: Health, Human Services, and Public Instruction (Education)**
- **Universities including the American Indian Public Health Resource Center**
- **Community-based Organizations: Family Voices and Prevent Child Abuse ND (state's MIECHV grantee)**

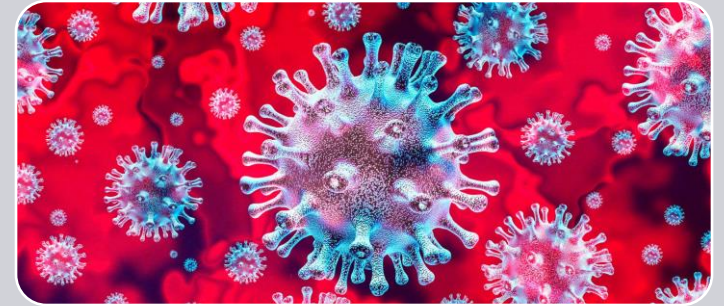
# Work-As One Needs Assessment (WAO NA) Integration



2019: four meetings held with partners and numerous internal discussions

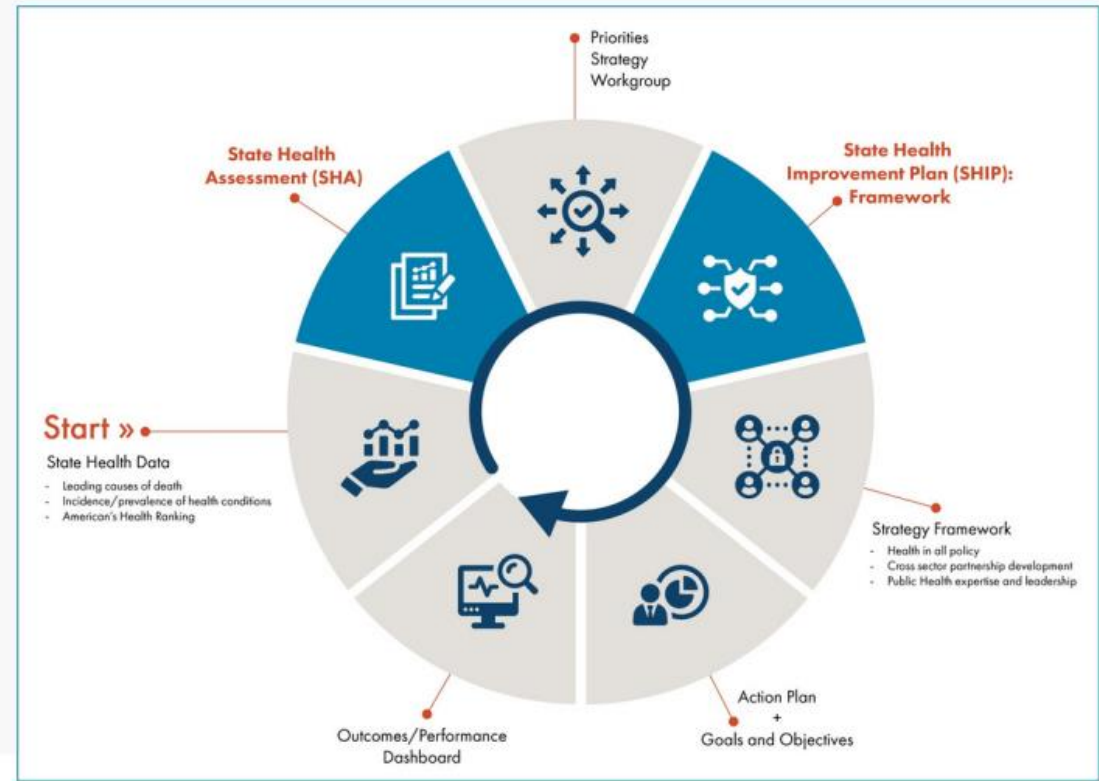


Agreement to move beyond NA and integrate with the SHA and SHIP with an outside facilitator



2020-21: Plans slowed due to COVID – although a WAO NA Charter was developed in Nov. 2021

The development of the ND SHIP occurs in a five-year cycle. The first step of the cycle is to conduct a State Health Assessment (SHA). A timeline of activities and accountabilities in developing and activating the 2024-2029 SHIP is included at the bottom of this page.



2021	2023	2024	2024	2025-2029
Conduct State Health Assessment	Update State Health Assessment	Establish Priorities	Finalize 2024-29 SHIP	Develop and Implement Action Plans
Health Analytics Office	Health Analytics Office	Division Executive Leadership	Division Senior Leadership	Division Senior Leadership
Systems & Performance Office	Systems & Performance Office		State Health Council	Division Sections/Units
NDSU CSR	NDSU CSR			Multi-Partner Health Collaborative

# Also, in 2021 – PHAB Accreditation efforts continued



# **2024: How do we become the Healthiest State in the Nation?**

Data-driven decision-making

# 2024 AMERICAN HEALTH RANKINGS OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

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Opportunity	Rank
Excessive Drinking ( 23.9% vs. 18.4% of adults)	50
Occupational Fatalities (6.5 vs. 3.9 <i>Deaths per 100,000 workers</i> )	46
Premature Death Racial Disparity (3.3 vs 1.6 <i>Ratio</i> )	46
Exercise (20.1% vs 23.0 % of adults)	39
Mental Health Providers (239 vs 325 <i>Number per 100,000 population</i> )	38
Climate Policies (0 <i>Number of four policies</i> )	36
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption (6.3% vs 7.4 % of adults)	35
Smoking (15.1% vs 14% of adults)	34

# State Health Assessment and Secondary Data and Assessments

## America's Health Rankings

United Health Foundation &  
American Public Health Association

## Community Health Assessments

University of North Dakota  
North Dakota State

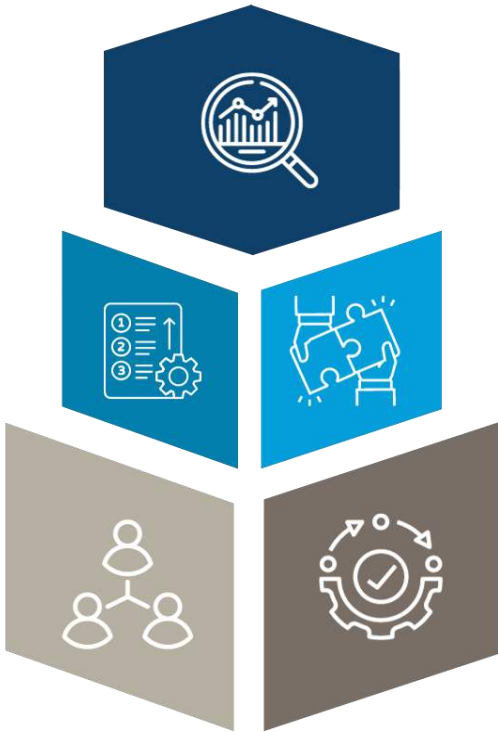
## Health Issues State of North Dakota

University of North Dakota

## Health & Wellbeing in North Dakota, a Social Determinants of Health Perspective

Blue Cross Blue Shield Caring Foundation

# State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)



- **Use Data to Inform Strategy**
- **Set Upstream Priorities for Health Outcomes**
- **Provide Guidance for Strategic Plan Alignment**
- **Track Progress**

# North Dakota SHIP Priorities



**Strengthening  
Workforce**



**Expanding Access and  
Connection**



**Cultivating Wellness**



**Building Community  
Resilience**

# State Health Officer directed the establishment of the Multi-Partner Health Collaborative





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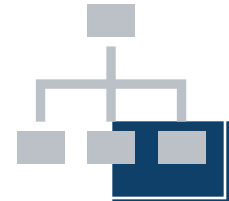
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# Multi-Partner Health Collaborative Structure



## Executive Team

- HHS (Public Health Executive Director, Community Engagement Director, Health Analytics Director)
- Foundation for a Healthy ND
- American Heart Association



## Steering Committee

- Guide and support the four goal groups, ensuring their effectiveness and alignment with the mission, vision, purpose and values of the MPHC
- Application process to assure commitment and cross-sector representation – 29 members



## Goal Groups

- Four groups aligned with the 4 priorities of the SHIP developing action plans – open to anyone
- Each goal group has two appointed representatives from HHS to serve as liaisons and resources for data and community engagement
- Overarching Youth Group



Navigating strong personalities



Funding reductions to support the facilitating agency



Time commitment of HHS staff





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- Bold Vision – Healthiest State in the Nation
- Strong leadership support, guidance, and participation
- Non-traditional partnerships
- Clearly established and documented vision, mission, purpose, values leadership, goals, processes, and evaluation
- Adaptable – recently added Strengthen North Dakota to the Executive Team



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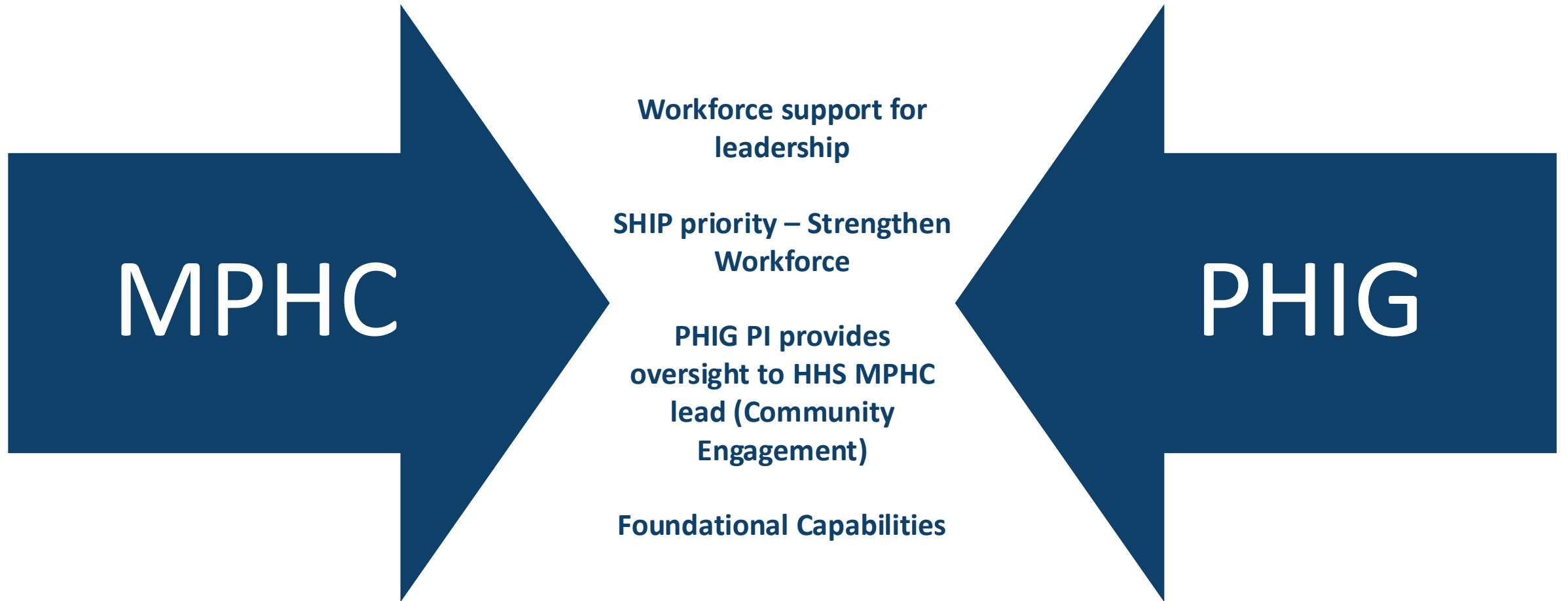


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# MPHC and PHIG Connection



# What's happening in your state?



# THANK YOU!



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