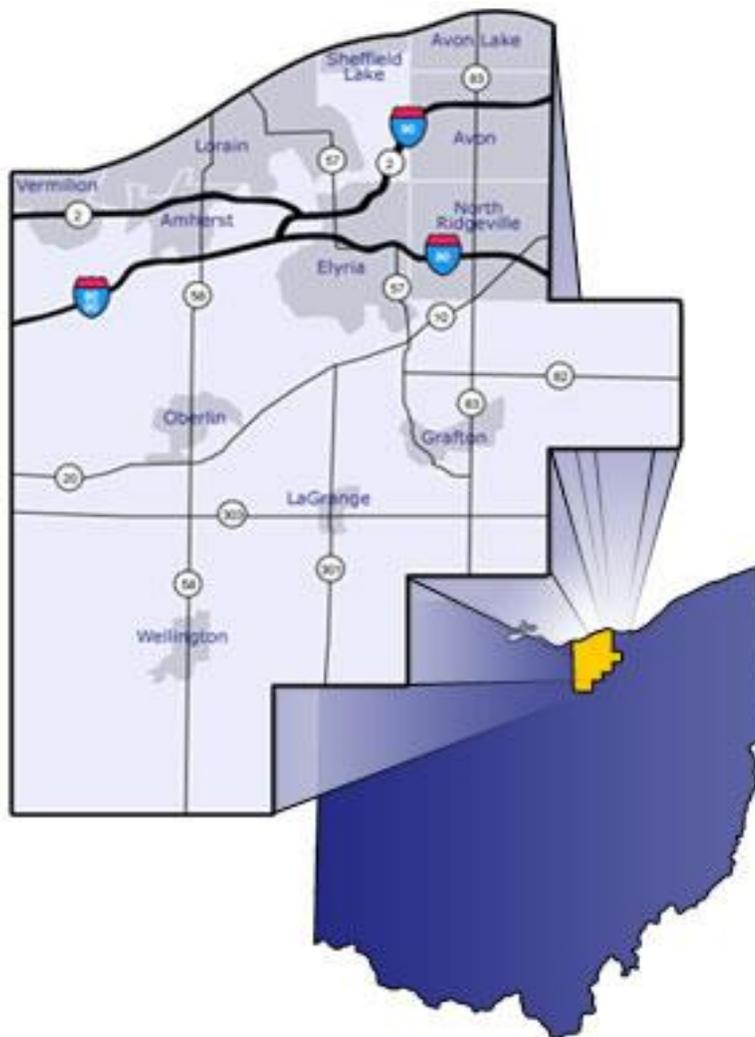


LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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Introduction

In December 2012, partner agencies used data from the 2011 Lorain County Community Health Assessment (CHA) to prioritize issues that affected Lorain County residents, and the top five issues became the Lorain County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Priorities. At the CHIP Summit in August 2014, the CHIP Priorities were shared with partners, as well as an introduction of coordinating agencies for each priority, initial plans for implementation, and progress measures to obtain by 2019. Lorain County's CHIP Priorities are

1. Improve Access to Care
2. Expand Coordinated Education and Prevention Services, with a focus on reducing infant mortality
3. Improve Weight Issues and Obesity Among Adults and Children
4. Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse Among Adults and Children
5. Improve Mental Health of Seniors, Adults, and Children

The Lorain County CHIP was finalized in December 2014 and saw its first revision in June 2016. Creation of the initial plan was a huge undertaking that included input from over 50 partner agencies through the coordination of the Lorain County CHIP Steering Committee and facilitation by the Public Services Institute at Lorain County Community College. CHIP Steering Committee organizations served as the coordinating agencies for the priorities identified in the CHIP. In 2016, the Cleveland Clinic was added to the CHIP Steering Committee. The 2016 Lorain County CHIP Steering Committee was comprised of the following organizations:

- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County
- Cleveland Clinic
- Elyria City Health District
- Lorain City Health Department
- Lorain County Board of Mental Health
- Lorain County General Health District
- Lorain County Health & Dentistry
- Lorain County Metro Parks
- Mercy
- Public Services Institute at Lorain County Community College
- University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center

Lorain County Community Health Assessment

Lorain County completed its second comprehensive CHA in 2015. The adult survey was conducted by the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, the organization that also conducted the first comprehensive CHA in 2011. Youth data was collected by the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and Communities That Care of Lorain County in 2014 through the PRIDE Surveys. Findings from both surveys were added to create one report.

A community event was held at Lorain County Community College on May 24, 2016 to share the findings of the 2015 CHA. One hundred thirteen (113) partners were in attendance, and they received the latest data on the health status of Lorain County residents and progress updates from the CHIP Priority Teams. Partners were also encouraged to join a CHIP Priority Team to help make an impact in the county. To view the 2015 and 2011 Lorain County Community Health Assessments and 2014 Lorain County Community Health Improvement Plan, visit <http://www.loraincountyhealth.com/aboutus/lorain-county-community-health-assessment>.

2016 Update - Improve Access to Care

CHIP Priority 1: Improve Access to Care Coordinating Agencies: Lorain County Health & Dentistry, Mercy, and University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center			
Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
Strengthen network of patient-centered medical homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen network of patient-centered medical home activities 	<p>2011: 52% of adults had one doctor/healthcare professional they go to for routine medical care, 31% had more than one, and 16% did not have one doctor to see on a routine basis</p> <p>2015: 52% of adults had one doctor/healthcare professional they go to for routine medical care, 29% had more than one, and 18% did not have one doctor to see on a routine basis</p>	Help 4,586 adults obtain a medical home (or acquire at least one doctor to see on a routine basis) for a 2% rate of decrease in those who do not have a medical home; reduction from 16% to 14% by 2019
Reduce barriers for access to care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve access to dental services Help more adults (under age 30, low income, and adults living in the urban areas of Elyria and Lorain) obtain medical insurance and maximize use of their insurance plans Make prescriptions more affordable Reduce barriers for access to care including transportation and access for seniors Expand coordinated transitional care management services including those following inpatient hospital stays 	<p>Location and hours of operation for health care providers</p> <p>2015: Transportation barriers assessment completed and used as baseline for county transportation data and hours of operation and location for health care providers. Top transportation barriers were: No ride, car trouble, no car, no gas money, no public transportation, ride not on time, ride unreliable, no money, no license, weather, no car/shares car.</p>	Gather baseline data

Improving access to care was selected as the top priority for Lorain County. The CHIP Priority team identified two objectives - strengthen network of patient-centered medical homes and reduce barriers to access to care. Coordinating agencies for the team were Lorain County Health & Dentistry, Mercy, and University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center.

Projects and progress in 2016:

- A plan for a Patient Navigator Program at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center was created in January 2016. The aim of the program was to provide care coordination services to underserved or

specialized health populations in the hospital and assist in reducing health disparities through the coordination of services.

- The Access to Care Team worked together with members of the Improve Mental Health Team to promote mental health services and trainings. A Mental Health First Aid Course was held on February 22 and 24, 2016, and ASIST Training (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) was conducted on June 23-24, 2016.
- The Access to Care Team also worked with members of the Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse Team to promote efforts to fight the opioid crisis and provide addiction recovery. A town hall meeting was held in Wellington on May 5, 2016 to address the effects of heroin and warning signs of use.
- Emergency department data from 2011-2014 was collected and analyzed to determine the usage of emergency departments and whether people had a primary care provider. Results showed the proportion of emergency department visits covered by taxpayer-funded payment methods has increased over that time period, but employer-funded and self-payment proportions have decreased. Taxpayer-funded payment methods account for more emergency department visits than private/employer-funded and self-payment methods but had the lowest proportion of severity level 1 visits (least severe diagnosis category).
- There was continued collaboration with MOVE (Mobility and Opportunity for a Vibrant Economy) to enhance transportation efforts in Lorain County. There was a levy on the November 2016 ballot for a .25% sales tax increase for the general fund and public transit system; however, it did not pass.

2016 Update - Expand Coordinated Education and Prevention Services (Reduce Infant Mortality)

CHIP Priority 2: Expand Coordinated Education and Prevention Services			
Coordinating Agency: Elyria City Health District			
Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
Reduce infant mortality rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve maternal and child health to reduce infant mortality rates 	<p>2012: Infant mortality rate for those less than 1 year old was 6.8 deaths per 1,000 live births (Ohio Vital Statistics)</p> <p>2014: Infant mortality rate for those less than 1 year old was 6.1 deaths per 1,000 live births (Ohio Vital Statistics)</p> <p>2015: Infant mortality rate for those less than 1 year old was 5.9 deaths per 1,000 live births (Ohio Vital Statistics)</p>	Reduction of infant mortality rate to 5.0 deaths per 1,000 births by 2019

The CHIP Priority Team for Expand Coordinated Education and Prevention Services chose to focus its efforts on decreasing the infant mortality rate for Lorain County, and efforts were coordinated by the Elyria City Health District (ECHD). In the Ohio Department of Health's [2015 Ohio Infant Mortality Data: General Findings](#), Lorain County's infant mortality rate was 5.9 deaths per 1,000 live births, lower than Ohio's infant mortality rate of 7.2 deaths per 1,000 live births. There is still a large disparity between the infant mortality rates of whites and African Americans

in Lorain County and across the state. In Ohio, the infant mortality rate for white babies was 5.5 deaths per 1,000 live births, but the rate for African American babies was nearly three times as high, 15.1 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Projects and progress in 2016:

- ECHD contracted with Cornerstone Pregnancy Services to provide funding for smoking cessation classes and support groups to help reduce the percentage of pregnant women who smoke. Two six-week support sessions were conducted. The contract was completed in June 2016.
- During 2016, Mercy Resource Mothers Program served 263 mothers in the long-term home visiting program and 935 in the short term program. There were 116 births to mothers in the program, 96% of which weighed over 5.6 pounds. Also, 98.5% of infants in the program were compliant with all immunizations.
- The Lorain County General Health District and ECHD continued to make newborn home visits available to all parents within the jurisdiction. Health district nurses visit families in their homes to provide education and information on community resources for mothers, infants, and children. Beginning in June 2016, LCGHD offered prenatal and newborn home visits to Lorain City and Avon Lake City residents, which resulted in triple the referrals.
- Activities through the Ohio Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative (OIMRI) increased awareness of the program, which targeted pregnant African American women.
 - Promotional efforts included radio interviews on local stations, outreach to faith-based organizations, health fairs, newspaper articles, and school-based outreach in the Elyria City and Lorain City School Districts.
 - To increase the self-esteem of young girls and focus on the resiliency of youth, the “Our Girls Matter: A Symposium on Resiliency II” was held free of charge in May 2016 at the Lorain County Community College. This symposium was a contractual effort between the YWCA and ECHD.
 - OIMRI case management for eligible families was conducted by ECHD and Mercy Resource Mothers. Caseloads were approximately 40 clients.
- The Cribs for Kids Program continued in 2016. The grant year ran from July 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. During that time, 248 Pack ‘n Plays were distributed. ECHD also received \$3,000 towards Cribs for Kids from the Leadership Lorain County 5K held in May 2016.
- A safe sleep educational event open to all but targeting grandparents was held in September 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Wellington.

2016 Update - Improve Weight and Obesity

CHIP Priority 3: Improve Weight and Obesity Among Adults and Children			
Coordinating Agencies: Lorain County General Health District and Lorain County Metro Parks			
Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
Increase rates of physical activity among adults and children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of and access to affordable venues for fitness and recreational activities at community and neighborhood levels 	<p>2011: 2/3 of adults were overweight (35%) or obese (32%)</p> <p>2011: 1/4 of youth were overweight (11%) or obese (14%)</p> <p>2011: 56% of adults engaged in physical activity for 30 min 3 or more days; 29% for 5 or more days per week</p>	<p>Increase rates of physical activity among adults by 5% (11,464 more adults) by 2019</p> <p>Increase rates of physical activity among youth by 5% (1,516 more youth ages 12-18) by 2019</p>

CHIP Priority 3: Improve Weight and Obesity Among Adults and Children			
Coordinating Agencies: Lorain County General Health District and Lorain County Metro Parks			
Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
		<p>2011: Participation in 60 min of physical activity by youth - 65% on 3 or more days; 46% on 5 or more days; 24% everyday</p> <p>2014: 12% of 6th graders, 9% of 8th graders, and 11% of 10th graders did not participate in any physical activity on at least 1 day in the past week (PRIDE Survey)</p> <p>2015: Over 2/3 of adults were overweight (32%) or obese (37%)</p> <p>2015: 53% of adults engaged in physical activity for 30 min 30 or more days; 30% for 5 or more days per week; 23% were not participating in any physical activity</p>	

Lorain County General Health District and Lorain County Metro Parks were the coordinating agencies for the Improve Weight and Obesity CHIP Priority Team. The team’s focus was to improve the rates of physical activity among adults and children. Behavior changes, like increasing physical activity levels, take time, but the team has already implemented strategies to increase the number of adults and children engaging in physical activity.

Projects and progress in 2016:

- United We Sweat, a collaboration aimed at raising awareness on different types of fitness and nutrition options available, offered free fitness classes throughout the county. Offerings were expanded on the west side of the county and in Vermilion. In total, 241 events were posted, and the estimated impact of these events was 3,773 people.
- Partnerships with local schools for physical activity opportunities increased in 2016. In February, Keystone and North Ridgeville Schools opened their doors to residents for community walking, and Clearview Schools painted a walking path on their property and started a student walking group.
- In November 2016, an active transportation town hall meeting was held in Elyria. Members of the public were able to share their ideas and concerns about active transportation, such as biking and walking. Thirty people attended.
- Further data analysis was conducted using the 2015 Community Health Assessment data to get information on physical activity and nutrition and the need for interventions in specific parts of the county.

2016 Update - Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse

CHIP Priority 4: Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Abuse Among Adults and Children Coordinating Agencies: Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County and University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center			
Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
Reduce incidence of smoking among youth and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce incidence of smoking in Lorain County Improve alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs education within schools 	<p>2009: 29% of Lorain County mothers smoked during pregnancy (ODH Vital Statistics Warehouse)</p> <p>2011: 22% of Lorain County adults were current smokers; higher among rural areas (29%), Elyria (25%), and Lorain (25%) versus suburbs (13%)</p> <p>2011: 14% of youth ages 12-18 smoked within the past 30 days; 18% for those ages 17-18</p> <p>2014: 2% of 6th graders, 10% of 8th graders, and 17% of 10th graders smoked in the past year</p> <p>2015: 18.1% of Lorain County mothers smoked during pregnancy (ODH Vital Statistics Warehouse)</p> <p>2015: 22% of Lorain County adults were current smokers; higher among urban areas (27%) and rural areas (20%) versus suburbs (14%)</p>	<p>Reduce the incidence of smoking among youth by 2% by 2019 (607 fewer youth ages 12-18, 174 fewer youth ages 17-18)</p> <p>Reduce the incidence of smoking among adults by 2% by 2019 (4,586 fewer adults)</p>
Reduce the number of heroin and opiate-related deaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce misuse of prescription pain medication in Lorain County Increase capacity for treatment and recovery supports 	<p>2013: 67 confirmed accidental drug overdose deaths (Lorain County Coroner's Office)</p> <p>2015: 65 confirmed accidental drug overdose deaths (Lorain County Coroner's Office)</p> <p>2016: 131 confirmed accidental drug overdose deaths (Lorain County Coroner's Office)</p>	Reduce overdose deaths from heroin and opiates by 25% within 3 years by the end of 2017 (17 fewer deaths)

The Reduce Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use and Abuse CHIP Priority was split into two focus areas. One was to reduce the incidence of tobacco, coordinated by University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center and the other focus was to reduce deaths due to opiates/heroin, coordinated by the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County (ADAS).

Projects and progress in 2016 - Drug and Alcohol:

- Town hall meetings were held in the county to address the heroin crisis. There was a meeting in Wellington in May 2016. Meetings were also held at Lorain County Community College in September 2016 and November 2016.
- Lorain County was a target community for the Ohio Department of Health's public awareness campaign about the signs of drug overdose. The campaign also urged family and friends of those who use drugs to obtain naloxone to administer during an overdose due to the increase in fentanyl-related overdoses. The campaign consisted of increased promotion through billboards, radio messaging, and mobile and digital ads. Target communities also received additional funding support to purchase naloxone.
- The Lorain County General Health District received additional state funding to provide nasal naloxone to first responders.
- Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) of Lorain County reviewed a new nasal naloxone all-in-one product that could be used due to the increase in fentanyl-related overdoses.
- Project DAWN met quarterly and reviewed state legislation that impacts the opiate/heroin issues in communities. A Good Samaritan Law was passed in 2016, and Project DAWN discussed how to best educate communities.
- Legislation allowed drug stores to carry nasal Naloxone. Currently, Discount Drug Mart, CVS, and Walgreens carry the product in Lorain County.
- A Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) was implemented in the county. A person in need of recovery can walk into any Lorain County police department or the Lorain County Sheriff's Office and ask for help.
- The team began working more with emergency rooms to discuss ways for overdose survivors to learn about accessing help for their addiction and ways to better engage addicts and their families. Resources were shared with the emergency rooms to distribute as needed.
- A prescription drug take-back day was coordinated for Lorain County on October 22, 2016.
- Early-phase discussions were conducted with the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center about the possibility of bringing detox services to Lorain County.
- A recovery court grant was awarded through ADAS from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to enhance treatment and recovery services for the specialized docket at Lorain County Court of Common Pleas.
- Family and Individual Advocacy Training was held in August 2016 by Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery in partnership with ADAS and University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center.
- The sub-committee members began to research the "warm handoff" where overdose survivors are directly transferred from the hospital emergency room to a drug treatment provider. Quick Response Team approaches are showing promise to engage overdose survivors to get treatment.
- The sub-committee members created an overdose response card that was disseminated through first responders to overdose survivors encouraging them to receive treatment.
- ADAS created a "Heroin Hurts" awareness campaign with billboards and yard signs throughout Lorain County.
- ADAS attempted the county's first ever addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery services levy, which was defeated in November 2016.

Projects and progress in 2016 - Tobacco:

- CHIP Priority Team organizations supported the passage and/or implementation of tobacco-free policies. Oberlin College, City of North Ridgeville, Lorain County Community College, Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority (LMHA), and Village of Wellington have gone tobacco-free or announced plan to go tobacco-free.
- Lorain County Health & Dentistry worked with LMHA to increase cessation resources for residents to quit using tobacco. Plans include resources and counseling. Ten informational sessions were held with residents in 2016.
- Representatives from the Cleveland Clinic, Elyria City Health District, and University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center assisted with cessation efforts in the community by providing group counseling and individual cessation counseling.
- One Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist was trained for increased counseling during community outreach visits.
- The CHIP Priority Team investigated options for staff training to increase awareness and skills related to tobacco cessation. Trainings ranged from introductory level for medical and non-medical office staff to Tobacco Treatment Specialists who can bill through Medicaid.
- A survey was conducted with Cleveland Clinic, Elyria City Health District, Lorain County Health & Dentistry, Mercy, and University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center about current tobacco cessation programs, staff training protocols, referral processes, outcomes, and barriers.

2016 Update - Improve Mental Health

CHIP Priority 5: Improve Mental Health of Seniors, Adults, and Children Coordinating Agencies: Lorain County Board of Mental Health			
Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
Improve access to the continuum of mental health care among adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to the continuum of care • Enhance the quality of mental health services 	<p>2011: 17% of adults reported obstacles that interfered with their ability to get needed mental health services for themselves or their families</p> <p>2014: Mental health providers ratio 1,570:1 (2014 County Health Rankings, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation)</p> <p>2015: 15% of adults reported obstacles that interfered with their ability to get needed mental health services for themselves or their families</p>	Reduce the incidence of adults not seeking or securing mental health services when needed by 5% by 2019
Reduce suicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the incidence of suicide in Lorain County adults and youth 	<p>2011: 11% of Lorain County youth ages 12-18 had seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year and 6% attempted suicide in the past year</p>	Reduce deaths by suicide by 25% by 2019 (approximately 14 fewer deaths)

CHIP Priority 5: Improve Mental Health of Seniors, Adults, and Children

Coordinating Agencies: Lorain County Board of Mental Health

Objective	Goals	Measures	Performance Targets
		<p>2013: 50 adults and 4 youth (under the age of 18 years) completed suicide (Lorain County Coroner)*</p> <p>2014: 8% of 6th graders, 15% of 8th graders, and 17% of 10th graders seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year. 5% of 6th graders, 7% of 8th graders, and 6% of 10th graders attempted suicide in the past year.</p> <p>2015: 3% of Lorain County adults considered attempting suicide and 1% of Lorain County adults attempted suicide in the past year.</p> <p>2015: 38 adults and 0 youth (under the age of 18 years) completed suicide (Lorain County Coroner)*</p> <p>2016: 38 adults and 0 youth (under the age of 18 years) completed suicide (Lorain County Coroner)*</p> <p>* Please note the suicide data is based only on those who the Lorain County Coroner determines have died by suicide. Lorain County residents who die by suicide in another county are not included, so numbers underestimate the total number of suicides by Lorain County residents.</p>	<p>Reduce rate of youth suicide attempts by 5% by 2019 (91 youth)</p>

The Improve Mental Health CHIP Priority Team, coordinated by the Lorain County Board of Mental Health (LCBMH), has made progress on both objectives related to improving mental health in Lorain County - improving access to the continuum of mental health care and reducing suicide. The goal related to suicide prevention has been embedded within the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lorain County.

Projects and progress in 2016:

- A variety of trainings were held to increase awareness of mental health and suicide.

- LCBMH provided a two session (half-day) Mental Health First Aid Training focused on adults and their mental health symptoms on June 6 and 8; June 27 and 28; and November 8 and 10, 2016.
- LCBMH provided a two session (half-day) Mental Health First Aid Training focused on children and adolescents and their mental health symptoms on February 22 and 24; March 28 and 30; and September 30 and 31, 2016.
- A LCBMH-sponsored Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training for community members who interact with who may be suicidal was held on March 17-18; June 23-24; and September 22-23, 2016.
- To assist Lorain County medical professionals in better understanding mental health symptoms and medications for youth, LCBMH sponsored a training for pediatricians, family practice doctors and nurses, and hospital staff on September 30, 2016.
- An Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR) Training for mental health and substance abuse clinicians was held at Lorain County Community College on March 2, 2016. There were 48 people in attendance.
- A SAFE Talk training was scheduled for May 6, 2016. The training helps people identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them with suicide first aid resources, interventions, and caregivers.
- A training was held on September 13, 2016 to reduce the risk of suicide among the elderly. The training was aimed at those who interact and care for the elderly and focused on understanding depression and suicide and how to respond. Twenty-four people attended.
- In 2016, LCBMH increased the number of mini grants awarded to Lorain County schools to address one of the significant drivers of youth suicide - social alienation. Based on excellent outcomes from last year's *You Belong* pilot program in six Lorain County middle schools, this youth-led prevention initiative was again funded in the following middle schools: Amherst, Elyria, Midview, Sheffield/Sheffield Lake, and two Lorain City middle schools. In September 2016, a third Lorain middle school and the middle school in Oberlin were also awarded mini grants. *You Belong* participants from all schools attended a kick-off event with their respective mentors on October 25, 2016 at LCCC. Since that time, youth have surveyed their own peers and created individualized plans to increase connectedness within their respective schools. A year-end event will be held at Lorain County Community College in May 2017.
- Livebinder, a set of mental health and suicide prevention resources for schools, was developed and shared with Lorain County schools to assist the administration, counselors, and teachers in installing policies and practices that can reduce youth suicide.
- In an attempt to ensure clients who are psychiatrically hospitalized in Lorain County get connected to the appropriate outpatient mental health service, LCBMH funded Firelands Counseling to have clinicians provide screening and referral, if needed, to hospitalized patients prior to discharge. Firelands screened 93 hospitalized patients in the first half of 2016. Data from the second half of 2016 is pending.
- The Nord Center applied for and was chosen for the Zero Suicide Academy. As a step in implementing best practices across the agency, Nord added the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale to their electronic record.
- Consistent with Access to Care goals and Mental Health goals, LCBMH developed a Navigator Program where any resident can call one number during business hours to talk with a licensed clinician who can directly connect the caller with the agency best prepared to meet the client's needs, based on answers to some clinically-relevant questions and wait times for specific services across the county.
- Also consistent with Access to Care goals and Mental Health goals, LCBMH released funding to community mental health agencies that could be used to provide transportation for any client who has no other means of getting to a mental health facility.

- Finally, consistent with Access to Care goals and Mental Health goals, the LCBMH has partnered with El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Inc. to fund interpretation services for Spanish-speaking clients seeking services in the network.

Next Steps

Looking ahead in 2017, the Lorain County CHIP Steering Committee and CHIP Priority Teams are planning a CHIP Priorities Meeting on February 28, 2017 to refine and reprioritize objectives associated with each CHIP Priority. The Public Services Institute at Lorain County Community College will facilitate discussions to determine if objectives are attainable within the allotted timeframe of the CHIP and whether they need revised based on recent community health data. After refining the objectives, teams can continue with their work in the community with newfound focus. Reprioritization of objectives could lead to changes in CHIP Priority Team membership and/or coordinating agencies, which would be noted in future reports.

A CHIP Priority Team annual report will be written throughout the life of the Lorain County CHIP. Reports will provide an update on annual progress, as well as any changes to strategies, implementation, and resources. The next comprehensive CHA process will begin in 2018, as Lorain County had chosen to follow the 3-year cycle required by hospitals. The report and data from that assessment will be used for Lorain County to create its second CHIP in 2019.