Oklahoma State Department of Health

Community Epidemiology & Evaluation

NEW RELEASE OF THE OHIP REPORT

Community Epidemiology and Evaluation is proud to be one of the many departments that contributed to newest release of the Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan (OHIP). Since the five years from the call for action to improve the health of Oklahomans through development of the OHIP, we have seen major gains in critical health outcomes.

Yet, there is still room for improvement. Many Oklahomans continue to be obese. A large percentage of pregnant women do not receive prenatal care and many babies are born with low birth weight, especially among African-American people. Too many youth begin smoking or using tobacco products every year. Some Oklahomans don't have the same access to quality health services as others. We must create and assure conditions where the healthy choice is the easy choice to address the health challenges we face in our state and meet the goals of Healthy Oklahoma 2020.

This plan focuses our efforts on making improvements in key strategic areas and creating a culture of health. Making improvements in these flagship issues will have the greatest impact on the health of Oklahomans now and for future generations.
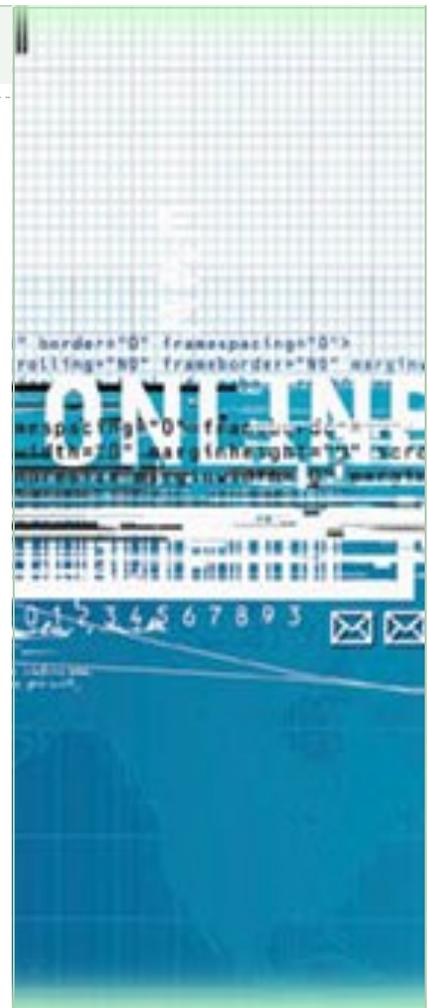
THE OHIP REPORT CAN BE FOUND AT : HTTP://WWW.OK.GOV/HEALTH/

HIGHLIGHTED CEE SERVICE: PATIENT FLOW ANALYSIS (PFA)

PFA is a software-supported system that tracks patient flow and the average time patients spend in a health department clinic, including the amount of time per each procedure and the wait time between procedures. Managers can use PFA to collect data for statistical documentation and graphical representation of a clinic session. The data can also be used to identify problems in client flow, identify personnel and space needs, and track personnel costs related to the clinical services in a specific clinic.

What can PFA do for your clinic?

- Decrease patient time in clinic
- Decrease wait time
- Encourage higher patient satisfaction
- Increase productivity
- Improve the ability of the clinic to meet the needs of the community

Proactively Supporting Partners Through Continuous Innovation

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Community Epidemiology & Evaluation

Community Epidemiology and Evaluation (CEE) provides analytical and evaluative support for a variety of program areas including:

- Community Health Administration
- Child Guidance
- Children First
- Dental Health
- Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention
- Nursing Services
- MIECHV
- Office of Performance Management
- Health Education & Promotion
- Healthy Equity & Resource Opportunities
- Minority Health
- Office of Primary Care & Rural Health
- Records Evaluation and Support
- Turning Point

CEE also works with county health departments and community partnerships to assess the needs of local communities by providing survey development and implementation and data analysis.

MEET CEE!

Front row: *Angela Watkins, Chelsie Dryer (recently returned to her home state), Miriam McGaugh, Amanda Dean.* **Top row**: *Rishu Garg, John Delara, Xana Howard, Jennifer Han.*

Miriam McGaugh is the head of CEE. She uses advanced statistical analysis techniques to tackle our toughest requests while using her years of experience to train her team and delegates duties to her staff members.

Jennifer Han has a strong background in research, fitness, physical activity, and obesity. She provides support to programs within Partnerships for Health Improvement, MIECHV, the County Health Departments, and other areas as assigned. Jennifer is comfortable with quantitative and qualitative evaluation and greatly enjoys mapping (GIS) projects.

Angela Watkins primarily works with Guidance, Dental and CEE specific projects. She focuses more on qualitative data, and uses her business background to apply finance principles to her evaluations.

John Delara provides epidemiological, statistical, and evaluative support to program areas within Community and Family Health Services focusing on Family Support and Prevention Service programs.

Amanda Dean maintains various data system files while providing strong support for her immediate supervisor. She assists all members of CEE in document processing and prioritizing departmental goals.

Rishu Garg works with Child Guidance and Oral Health Programs. He provides support to these programs in data collection, analysis and evaluation activities.

Xana Howard has experience in statistical support, experimental design and writing grants and manuscripts. She provides support for multiple projects with data entry, analyses and writing reports.