Goal 1: More people in Hamilton County will report making healthier food & beverage choices.

Five WeTHRIVE® Communities implemented healthy eating strategies during the progress period. Cheviot's community garden at St. Martin of Tours (benefitting the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry) was expanded to provide fresh produce to food pantry clients. Forest Park partnered with the OSU Extension to provide free cooking classes. During National Farmers’ Market Week, the Montgomery Farmers’ Market had a taste-a-thon where kids could try various produce and other healthy foods. Through its Service to Community grant, Montgomery provided funding for Operation Give Back, which provides boxes of produce to residents in need. Reading piloted a successful Farmers' Market. Woodlawn established its new community garden, “Miss Mary’s Garden,” which was named after a long-time WeTHRIVE! team member, Mary Wagner. Two child care providers made menu changes that met or exceeded Ohio Healthy Program (OHP) requirements and obtained the OHP designation. One provider implemented family-style dining, a gold standard practice for feeding children. Additionally, three providers received the Healthy Children Healthy Weights training. The nutrition module of the Community Health Assessment and Group Evaluation (CHANGE) Tool was completed in Mt. Healthy. The School Health Index nutrition module was completed with the Winton Woods School Wellness Team.

Goal 2: More people in Hamilton County will report engaging in physical activity.

Three WeTHRIVE! Communities implemented active living strategies during the progress period. Cheviot purchased and installed bicycle racks throughout the community. They also provided free water aerobics and youth swim lessons to residents. Forest Park wrapped up its free Summer Fitness Series that featured fitness boot camp, hula hoop fitness, Zumba, cardio drumming and core, yoga, Tae Kwon Do fitness, and cardio fit-boxing. The Mt. Healthy S.A.Y. Soccer Program was expanded to include spring and fall leagues, which has resulted in its highest number of teams and participants. The Winton Woods School District and the Princeton Partnership (Princeton Schools, Evendale, Woodlawn, and Lincoln Heights) continued to wait on the status of their Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure grant proposals. The physical activity module of the CHANGE Tool was completed in Mt. Healthy. The School Health Index physical activity module was completed with the Winton Woods School Wellness Team.
Goal 3: Fewer people in Hamilton County will report using tobacco products.

The Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation (TUPC) grant from the Ohio Department of Health began on 7/1/18. One tobacco counter-marketing campaign was implemented that focused on second-hand tobacco smoke. HCPH staff attended events held at the Three Rivers Local Schools and Winton Woods Schools to promote the districts’ newly adopted 100% Tobacco-Free Campus policies. Tobacco cessation classes were provided at a senior housing complex in St. Bernard as part of the HUD Smoke-Free Housing policy implementation. Mini-grants for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention were awarded with funds from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Drug Forfeiture Funds to: Lockland Schools, Three Rivers Local Schools, Tikkun Farm, St. Bernard Community After-school Program, Village of Lincoln Heights, and Deer Park Schools. Projects will wrap up next progress period. The tobacco module of the CHANGE Tool was completed in Mt. Healthy. The School Health Index tobacco-related modules were completed with the Winton Woods School Wellness Team.

Priority Area 2—Maternal, Infant, & Child Health

Goal 1: More babies in Hamilton County will celebrate their first birthday.

The Fetal-Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Case Review Team reviewed one fetal/infant loss, and the Child Fatality Review (CFR) Case Review Team reviewed one infant sleep-related death during the progress period. HCPH continued its work in North College Hill on the Infant Vitality Pilot (IVP) in partnership with Cradle Cincinnati. Twenty-five stakeholders were engaged to support the IVP initiative, 29 women were identified for potential services, and 11 referrals/connections were made. The Ohio Equity Institute (OEI) 2.0 grant from the Ohio Department of Health will begin 10/1/18. In preparation for the OEI 2.0 grant, Sydney Battle was promoted as the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Coordinator and will oversee all activities of the grant. HCPH will be hiring three Neighborhood Navigators who will identify, screen, and refer pregnant women to services. Additionally, Ms. Battle was presented Cradle Cincinnati’s “Champion for Health Equity” award at the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners meeting on 9/28/18.

Goal 2: A more comprehensive Pediatric Case Management Program (PCM) will be established at HCPH.

During the progress period, a potential quality improvement (QI) coach was identified, as well as staff that will be assigned on the project. This project is anticipated to begin with a kick-off meeting during the first quarter of 2019.

Goal 3: A more cost-effective and time-efficient Immunization Program will be established at HCPH.

During the progress period, a potential quality improvement (QI) coach was identified, as well as staff that will be assigned on the project. This project is anticipated to begin with a kick-off meeting during the first quarter of 2019.
PRIORITY AREA 3 — MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION

Goal 1: Fewer Hamilton County residents will die of opiate-related overdose deaths.

During the progress period, 156 Deterra bags were distributed, 2,296 individuals were trained to administer Narcan®, 4,898 doses of Narcan® were distributed, and 99.06% of prescribers in Hamilton County were utilizing the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). A flyer was developed and distributed that educates the public on safe medication disposal and how to keep medication secure. A drug drop box was delivered to the Cleves Police Department and is close to being installed. Additionally, two local pharmacies received a second allotment of Deterra bags. Staff turnover resulted in limited Narcan® distribution at the Justice Center. However, HCPH received supplemental funding from the Ohio Department of Health to hire a staff member to work on the Justice Center project. Safe drug disposal funding was eliminated for year three of the Prescription Drug Overdose grant, which doesn’t allow for a widespread distribution of Deterra bags or the purchase of another drug drop box. Finally, Narcan® doses were distributed in a much higher volume than anticipated. As a result, staff had to limit the distribution of Narcan® to those with the greatest need.

Goal 2: Fewer intravenous drug users will contract an infectious disease in Hamilton County.

The Exchange Project served 2,975 clients during the progress period of which 443 were considered new clients. A total of 86,223 syringes were exchanged. There were 66 Hepatitis C tests and 94 HIV tests were administered. Additionally, 208 pregnancy tests were distributed. Exchange Project staff made six referrals to treatment and two medical referrals.

Goal 3: More Hamilton County schools will be aware of resources available to address, mental and behavioral health in the school setting.

The CFR Case Review Team reviewed two child suicide deaths during the progress period. HCPH’s Performance Management Council approved the Workforce Development Workgroup’s recommendation to require mental health and/or addiction training for all staff. During the progress period, 21 HCPH staff received QPR Training (Question, Persuade, Refer). Training was sponsored by the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Team (CAT) and provided by Child Focus, Inc.

PRIORITY AREA 4 — ORAL HEALTH

Goal 1: More Hamilton County residents will have access to comprehensive oral health care.

On 8/15/18, Hamilton County Commissioners launched the Oral Health Coalition to: produce a strategic plan with measurable goals and objectives; increase dental capacity and access for Medicaid and low income uninsured populations; improve overall oral hygiene of the population; and work to implement a collaborative and contractual relationship between Hamilton County dentists and Federally Qualified Health Centers in Hamilton County. Bootsy Collins and his wife Patty were named honorary chairpersons of the coalition. An additional 12 members were appointed to the coalition, including Health Commissioner Tim Ingram. During the progress period, the coalition met on 8/28/18 and 9/25/18 and hired a part-time coordinator, Dr. Chuck Madden. The coalition is will be updating the 2015 Oral Health Needs Assessment completed by the Health Management Associates to inform the strategic plan.