

SHIP Progress



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State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) Overview

- The SHIP is a long-term, system-wide plan focusing efforts on critical health issues Washingtonians face.
- The SHIP describes how the Washington Department of Health (DOH), cross sector partners, Tribes, and community will work together to improve the health of all Washingtonians.
- The SHIP will set statewide public health priorities.
- The SHIP is led by the SHIP Alliance, a cross-sector decision-making body comprised of 28 members, representing various public health sectors.
- If you have questions or want to be notified of updates, you can reach out to the SHIP team at SHIP@doh.wa.gov.

SHIP Alliance

- The SHIP Alliance 28-member body represents the full spectrum of public health sectors, as shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1: The SHIP Alliance Membership Representation

SHIP Progress

- The SHIP Alliance has completed its prioritization process and determined 2 priority areas for the SHIP.

- Access to Care
- Mental & Behavioral Health (including substance abuse)
- The SHIP Alliance developed 5 prioritization criteria to support the data review across 11 statewide data sources, including the DOH State Health Assessment, and identification of SHIP priorities.
 - Community Relevance
 - Respect Sovereignty
 - Impact
 - Equity
 - Urgency

SHIP Timeline

The current progress of the timeline is shown in Figure 2.

Process Timeline

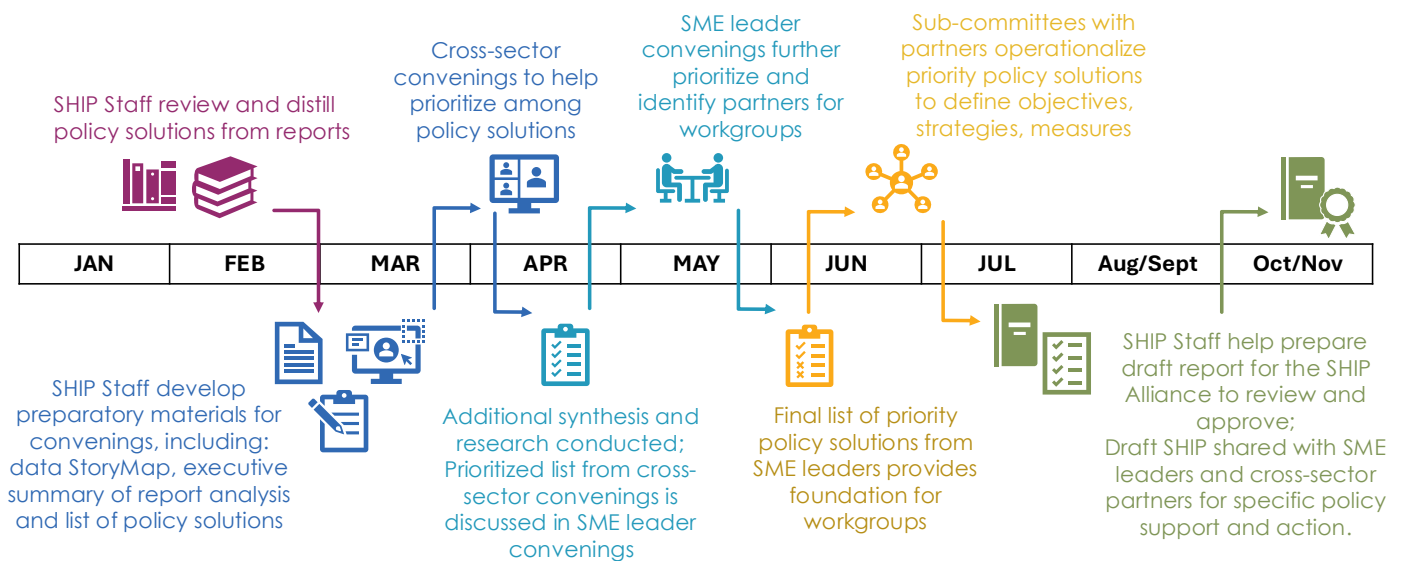


Figure 2: The SHIP Process Timeline

SHIP Goals

The overall goal of the SHIP is shown in Figure 3.

A Comprehensive Collective Action Policy Plan

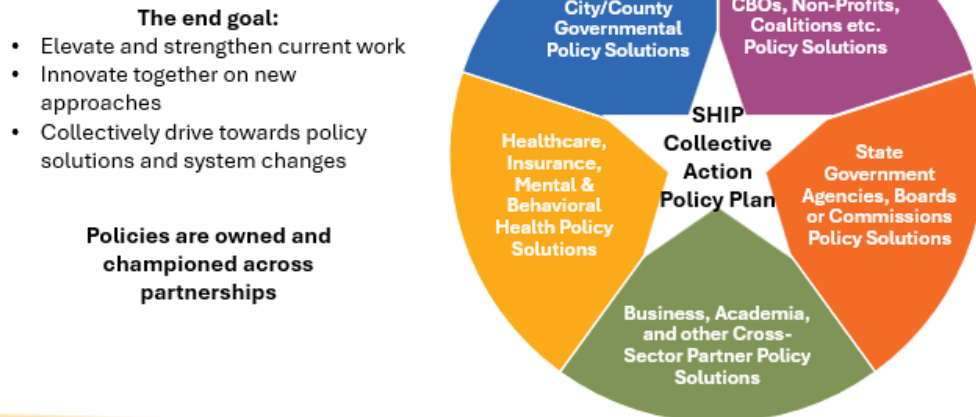


Figure 3: SHIP Goals

Call to Action

- We encourage you to share the priorities of the SHIP across your professional and personal networks
- We welcome ideas towards policy solutions related to mental and behavioral health and access to care. If you have a proposed policy action you would like to share, please email SHIP@doh.wa.gov
- We invite you to sign up for our SHIP newsletter for upcoming opportunities to participate. [Sign up today!](#)