



## State Health Assessment Steering Committee

### Mission, Vision and Values

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#### Overview

Defining the mission, vision, and values of the State Health Assessment (SHA) steering committee helps us see the big picture for where we want to end up and our approach to doing the work– it is our guidepost. It helps distinguish the committee’s collective work of developing the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) from the work you are already doing in your community and for organizations you work with. Defining these together offers an important anchor to the work ahead and is one you will continually draw on throughout the process.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The map or the user manual for how you are going to get there.

We draw on community<sup>1</sup> voices, experiences, and ideas to shape state health focus areas and solutions so that all people living in Oregon<sup>2</sup> have the resources and opportunities to thrive. It is important to recognize the government-to-government relationship between the state of Oregon and the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in honoring tribal sovereignty and the role Tribes play in improving health in tribal communities.

**VISION STATEMENT:** A destination for where we are going and what will look different in Oregon because of this work.

Each person living in Oregon can obtain<sup>3</sup> affordable, appropriate and adequate resources that they need to reach optimal health and well-being.

**VALUES:** The guiding beliefs and principles that drive our decision-making and work. Values apply to the process and to both the OHA team leading SHA and the engaged steering committee. Below we describe

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<sup>1</sup> Defined by place, every region and corner of the State.

<sup>2</sup> Opted to use the terminology “living in Oregon” vs. “Oregonians” as everyone may not identify as that.

<sup>3</sup> People-centered services. This does not mean people have to change to get the services, but the system is working for individuals within their community have access.

\*This includes capacity building resources and long-term community-tailored investments to bolster community agency and create the conditions for self determination.

### **Equity:**

- The steering committee will live this commitment to equity when it:
  - Ensures an inclusive statewide process
  - Recognizes current and historical injustices and the enduring impact on individuals in communities when shaping state health priorities
- The equity value will be manifested in the context of the SHIP if it:
  - Addresses the needs of all people as determined by people and communities themselves
  - Reflects a definition of people and communities that have historically been marginalized or underserved including older adults, young children, disabled people, domestic violence victims, veterans, single-parent households, and people living in rural/frontier areas - including those from all racial backgrounds.
  - Encourages capacity building resources and long-term investments as determined by communities\*
  - Includes capacity building resources to support ongoing voice of individuals and communities as the plan is implemented
  - Addresses immediate health concerns as well as long-term wellbeing for people living in Oregon.

### **Transparency:**

- OHA maintains open lines of communication with the steering committee and communities, and there is clarity around the process, goals, and outcomes of the work. The SHA/SHIP priorities are clear, focused, and actionable.

### **Accountability:**

- The steering committee is centered and driven by the shared group agreements. Each member understands their roles and responsibilities, and contributes to the best of their ability to help OHA develop a plan informed by data that accounts for the needs of each person in the state.
- Regular opportunities for feedback are provided to committee members to ensure open communication and adjustments in how the process is managed and facilitated by OHA.

### **Collaboration:**

- The committee works towards common goals and fosters a sense of shared purpose for public health outcomes.

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- The steering committee is engaged in collaborative partnerships with local organizations, healthcare systems, and community leaders to inform community-driven priorities to guide planning and priorities.

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