

Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council October 2014 - January 2015

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was charged by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while also advancing the goals of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC). The Task Force consists of representatives from 22 State agencies, departments, and offices, who contribute their time to this initiative. The Task Force is facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and staffing is provided through a partnership with the Public Health Institute (PHI), with funding from multiple sources. The mandate that created the Office of Health Equity (OHE), housed within CDPH, requires the office and Task Force to work collaboratively to advance health equity in California. This update report shares highlights of Task Force work for the period of activity from October through December of this year. Progress continues on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC.

Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- On October 6th, 2014 the SGC unanimously endorsed the HiAP Task Force's 2014-2016 Action Plan to promote safe and accessible **Active Transportation** throughout California. This Action Plan was created over a nine-month period through an intensive exploratory and consensus-building process between more than 20 state agencies, departments, and offices. The plan represents the Task Force's renewed commitment to increasing opportunities for safe and accessible active transportation (e.g., walking, biking, rolling, or public transportation), reflects the Five Key Elements of Health in All Policies, and aligns with State priorities to promote health and equity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. An accompanying Action Report was also created to share tangible outcomes achieved through the 2012 Implementation Plan to "Support Active Transportation through SB 375 and Complete Streets Implementation" (see the 2014-2016 action plan here: [http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active Transportation Action Plan 9-26-14.pdf](http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active_Transportation_Action_Plan_9-26-14.pdf) and the action report here: [http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active Transportation Action Report 9-26-14.pdf](http://sgc.ca.gov/docs/Active_Transportation_Action_Report_9-26-14.pdf)).
- **Violence Prevention** has frequently been identified as a priority opportunity for cross-sector involvement by the HiAP Task Force based on stakeholder input and because of its link to nearly every policy area the Task Force addresses. The Task Force is exploring opportunities for state agency action to coordinate and enhance violence prevention efforts. This includes holding meetings with government and non-government experts and stakeholders.
- HiAP staff partnered with the Local Government Commission to hold public input sessions, gather input from HiAP Task Force members, and create a **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design** Guidebook for community planners. The guidebook is anticipated to be released in 2015.
- HiAP staff are working with Task Force members to develop **Action Reports** that summarize Task Force successes and lessons learned from ongoing work on **community greening, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and access to healthy food**.

Highlights of infrastructure and capacity development for the Task Force:

- HiAP staff gave a presentation to OHE Advisory Committee about the Task Force's current activities, and discussed opportunities to further engage Advisory Committee members and utilize their expertise to advance the work of the Task Force.
- Several Task Force representatives are engaged in the SGC's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Work Group and Steering Committee, and bring their expertise in HiAP, public health, and co-benefits to the development of program guidelines and processes.

- PHI's HiAP staff has received a grant from the Kaiser Permanente Northern California Community Benefit Program to support the HiAP Task Force's work to bring a health and equity lens to the Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines (revisions anticipated to begin in 2015) and launch an exploratory process to identify opportunities for the Task Force to promote violence prevention.
- PHI's HiAP staff received a subaward from the Sequoia Foundation to partner with CDPH on a grant through the Pew Charitable Trust Health Impact Project. This will include opportunities to engage HiAP Task Force members as stakeholders and advisors on future Health Impact Assessment projects.

Highlights of HiAP external capacity building and outreach:

- The California HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for other states and communities in California. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:
 - On August 7, 2014 HiAP staff and Elizabeth Baca from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research presented to members of the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) on healthy land use and opportunities to engage in the General Plan Guidelines update.
 - On October 8, 2014 HiAP members participated in a Climate Action Team Public Health Workgroup Meeting on the health and climate benefits of promoting active transportation and staff presented on the HiAP Task Force 2014-2016 Active Transportation Action Plan.
 - On October 14, 2014 HiAP staff gave a presentation on Health in All Policies at the quarterly meeting of the Community Health Initiative of the Petaluma Area.
 - On October 17, 2014 Claudia Polsky, Deputy Attorney General for the Environment, gave a presentation about the California HiAP Task Force at the 2014 Public Health Law Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.
 - In November, 2014 HiAP staff members participated in four panel sessions during the American Public Health Association's 2014 Annual Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans, Louisiana. Two sessions featured examples of HiAP in rural California communities (Tulare, Merced, and Monterey counties), one described how the Governor's Office of Planning and Research has collaborated with the HiAP Task Force and other health stakeholders to bring a health lens to the General Plan Guidelines update, and one focused on the growing momentum of the HiAP approach nationally, with staff from California's HiAP Task Force alongside representatives from Richmond, Virginia and New Orleans, Louisiana.
 - Staff provided materials and technical assistance to Health in All Policies initiatives in Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, and the City of Chicago.
 - Task Force members and staff have been interviewed by researchers at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada, who are conducting an international review of Health in All Policies initiatives in order to identify key success factors.

For further information about the California Health in All policies Task Force, please see http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php or contact hiap@cdph.ca.gov.