



## Health in All Policies Task Force Update to the Strategic Growth Council April 2015-June 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. This update shares highlights of Task Force work for the period from April through June of this year. Progress continues on 8 implementation plans endorsed by the SGC, as well as a variety of other projects.

### Highlights of Task Force work and interagency projects:

- On May 6<sup>th</sup> Task Force members and invited guests from 16 different government entities attended the Task Force's spring quarterly meeting. Key discussion items included reviewing and finalizing the **Community Greening and Parks** action report, participating in a training on Health Impact Assessment led by experts from CDPH, and participating in a discussion led by representatives from the Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission about the process and lessons learned from integrating health and health equity into the state's Active Transportation Program.
- HiAP staff are organizing individual meetings with each HiAP Task Force member organization. This annual check-in is a time for Task Force members to update the HiAP staff team about their organization's current priorities and goals, explore emerging opportunities for collaboration, touch base on existing projects, and discuss any concerns, needs, or barriers they are facing.
- The Task Force continues to explore its potential role in promoting **Community Safety through Violence Prevention**. HiAP staff have facilitated over 25 informational discussions with government and non-government stakeholders and subject matter experts and are in the process of synthesizing information and coordinating follow up meetings with government agencies to inform the development of a new action plan. These discussions have revealed significant existing collaborative work, in addition to the need for better coordination between State government entities. Key themes that have emerged during discussions include an interest in improved data sharing across agencies, a need for better coordination of government services enrollment, and the need to apply an equity framework to violence prevention. Staff have formed a multi-agency ad hoc working group to guide this process, with participation from the Department of Justice, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Department of Education, Department of Public Health, Department of Social Services, and Board of State and Community Corrections.
- **Active Transportation** action plan implementation is ongoing.
  - The Government Operations Agency engaged a group of graduate student researchers from the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley in developing recommendations for ways that the State can increase walking, biking, and transit use by state employees. The students spent a semester interviewing state officials, analyzing data, and evaluating a variety of alternatives to inform a set of recommendations and synthesized report.
  - On May 14<sup>th</sup> the graduate students, presented their findings and recommendations to a group of Task Force members and colleagues, including representatives from the Government Operations Agency,



Department of General Services, California Public Employees' Retirement System Department of Transportation, Department of Public Health, Strategic Growth Council, and Sacramento Area Council of Governments. Participants received the recommendations with enthusiasm and have requested follow-up meetings to explore ways to implement the recommendations.

- On May 28<sup>th</sup> the Department of Education School Facilities Planning & Transportation Services Division hosted a multi-agency meeting about pedestrian safety near schools, roundabout design, barriers to walking, and design standards. Representatives from the Department of Transportation, CDPH, Federal Highway Administration, San Joaquin County, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and the Local Government Commission participated.
- Task Force members are drafting action reports for their work in the areas of **Housing Siting and Air Quality** and **Farm to Fork** in order to communicate progress and explore the possibility of working on additional healthy housing and food access objectives in the future.

## Highlights of infrastructure development for the Task Force:

HiAP staff collaborated with Task Force members to create two unique cross-agency internship opportunities.

- A HiAP Active Transportation intern will support the equity and health aspects of the Department of Transportation and California Transportation Commission's Active Transportation Program.
- A HiAP Health Equity and Housing intern will develop a web-based resource clearinghouse of materials and tools to inform and engage stakeholders about issues related to housing, air quality, and public health. This project will support the HiAP Task Force's Housing Siting and Air Quality Workgroup, which includes representation from CDPH, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Air Resources Board, and Caltrans.

## 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 June 16<sup>th</sup> HiAP staff and Task Force members attended the Pew Charitable Trusts National Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Meeting in Washington, DC. HiAP staff moderated a panel on the relationship between HIA and HiAP, and a Task Force member from the Department of Housing and Community Development participated on that panel and shared experiences from the California HiAP Task Force. California HiAP representatives also organized a half-day post-conference discussion session on HiAP for a group that included practitioners and funders from across the United States.
- The theme of the 2015 Annual Public Health Association Conference is Health in All Policies, presenting a great opportunity to showcase the work of the California HiAP Task Force. HiAP staff will provide several presentations on the work in California, will conduct a day-long HiAP Learning Institute for conference participants, and will facilitate an international panel with HiAP experts from Namibia, Chile, Finland, Thailand, and Australia.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see [http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s\\_hiap.php](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php) or contact [hiap@cdph.ca.gov](mailto:hiap@cdph.ca.gov).