Health in All Policies Task Force
Update to the Strategic Growth Council
January 2018 – April 2018

Activity Highlights

Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy

The HiAP Task Force’s draft Action Plan to Promote Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy is posted online, and implementation is underway. Actions include:

- **HiAP assisted Los Angeles County in implementation of Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure.** HiAP staff provided technical assistance to Prevention Institute, a steering committee member, as they participate in the development of scoring criteria and an allocation equity methodology for implementation of Los Angeles Measure A: Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Beaches Measure 2016.

- **Department of Public Health submitted the Active Parks, Healthy People Pilot Program to Institutional Review Board for approval.** HiAP staff are facilitating a collaboration between the Department of Public Health Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Branch, State Parks, and three local health departments to increase park utilization and physical activity in low-income communities in Fresno, Los Angeles and Stanislaus Counties. This pilot program intervention is proposed as a weekly physical activity class that runs for 6 weeks at local parks, in late spring-early summer (2018). The pilot study findings will be shared through a report and used to inform future state action and decision-making.

- **California’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-ED) includes interventions related to parks and healthy urban tree canopy in standard guidance.** On March 8th HiAP staff provided input to California’s SNAP-ED process to create standardized local implementer guidance on effective and impactful interventions, which will now include a menu of activities related to parks and healthy urban tree canopy.

Healthy Transportation

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1 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 HiAP Task Force is staffed through a partnership between the SGC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Public Health Institute. For more information on the HiAP Task Force: [http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html](http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html)
The Land Use, Schools, and Health Work Group reports out on accomplishments. The HiAP Task Force's Work Group to promote collaboration between state entities interested in land use issues related to K-12 schools, has compiled and submitted an informational Action Report to the Strategic Growth Council and HiAP Task Force summarizing key outcomes and contributions since 2016.

The Task Force will consider healthy transportation activity recommendations from governmental and non-governmental entities in California. HiAP staff are gathering input from government and non-government partners regarding opportunities and potential next steps for multi-agency approaches to advancing healthy transportation.

### Violence Prevention

The Task Force will consider violence prevention activity recommendations from governmental and non-governmental entities in California. HiAP staff are gathering input from key government (e.g., Department of Housing and Community Development, California Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Public Health) and non-government (e.g., Prevention Institute) partners to identify opportunities to integrate a violence prevention and community resilience lens into government policies and programs.

### Capacity Building and Spread of HiAP Approach

- **State staff received training in addressing interpersonal, institutional, and structural racialization, racism, and othering.** The Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force hosted 150 attendees from 15 departments and agencies for the first in a series of four Advancing Equity Speaker Series events delving into equity issues in government. The February 20th event featured Professor John A. Powell from the UC Berkeley Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society discussing structures and systems the promote belonging and marginalization and targeted universalism as a strategy for promoting equity.

- **State departments practiced applying a racial equity tool to decision making.** At the March 14th, HiAP Racial Equity Capitol Cohort session, 150 state staff from twelve department and agency teams assembled for their second learning session of the year. Government Alliance on Race and Equity trainers introduced a racial equity tool and guided participants through applying the tool to institutional practices such as hiring and recruitment, contracting and procurement, and community engagement. These exercises are preparing teams to develop racial equity work plans for their departments this summer.

- **Researchers studied the HiAP Task Force and the efficacy of the HiAP approach in advancing health equity.** The March 2018 Health Affairs journal includes an article featuring the HiAP Task Force, titled Examining Whether The Health-In-All-Policies Approach Promotes Health Equity. Researchers interviewed officials in the public and private sectors in five states including California, and found a relationship between the use of the HiAP approach and the prominence of health equity as a policy concern.

- **Task Force departments convened to share best practices and strategize about ensuring the longevity of HiAP work in state government.** The HiAP Task Force’s first quarterly meeting of 2018 was held on April 2nd with a theme of government

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2 For more information on the HiAP Task Force’s Capitol Cohort: [http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/docs/20180220-Capitol_Cohort_Fact_Sheet.pdf](http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/docs/20180220-Capitol_Cohort_Fact_Sheet.pdf)
transformation. The Climate Change and Health Equity Program at the Department of Public Health shared an update on the progress made by state entities in embedding health and equity considerations in non-health grants, and offered their insights on success factors that lead to improved health and equity outcomes in grant programs. In addition, the Departments of Social Services and Community Services and Development reported on their experiences developing a racial equity narrative and applying a racial equity tool to operations and programs, and Task Force members provided input on sustaining health and equity work through the upcoming gubernatorial transition.

**Outreach Highlights**

California’s HiAP Task Force continues to be a model for communities in California and other states. Staff and Task Force members frequently give presentations about their involvement in and lessons learned from participating in the initiative. For example:

- On January 31st HiAP staff hosted a session for the statewide convening of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity, in San Francisco, on *State Policy Opportunities/Leveraging the [HiAP Racial Equity] Capitol Cohort: Looking at how developments at the state level could have important impact on local efforts to advance racial equity.*

- On February 28th HiAP staff provided a briefing on the HiAP Racial Equity Capitol Cohort to leadership from The California Endowment.

- On March 2nd Public Health Institute’s HiAP stakeholder group provided input to the HiAP Racial Equity Capitol Cohort, including how to ensure that this work is aligned with and supportive of local efforts across the state.

- On April 9th HiAP staff facilitated a session at the Department of Public Health, Chronic Disease Control Branch’s *Spring into Action Convening* on strategies to increase impact through collaboration and engagement of community partners and stakeholders.

- On April 9th-13th HiAP staff represented the HiAP Racial Equity Capitol Cohort at the Government Alliance on Race and Equity’s National Convening and PolicyLink’s Equity Summit in Chicago, IL.

- On April 12th HiAP staff presented to UC Berkeley undergraduate students in public health and urban development.

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@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:hiap@sgc.ca.gov).