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Subject: Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force

Reporting Period: July - September 2018

Staff Lead: HiAP Program Staff

Recommended Action:

For information only – no action required.

Update:

1. **July-September written update:**

The HiAP Task Force is submitting an update on activities and accomplishments between July and September 2018. This document provides a brief update on topical work groups and activities related to equity in government practices, parks and healthy tree canopy, active transportation, and violence-free and resilient communities.

Background:

The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force was created by Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010 to foster interagency collaboration to promote healthy, equitable, and environmentally sustainable communities. This work is based in the recognition that the health of Californians is impacted by the policies and practices of many sectors, and that environmental stewardship and health equity are closely intertwined. The HiAP Task Force is staffed through a collaborative relationship between the SGC, the Public Health Institute (PHI), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).



Health in All Policies Task Force¹ Update to the Strategic Growth Council July 2018 – September 2018

Key Accomplishments: HiAP Task Force members and partners continue to implement a variety of multi-agency action plans, carry out innovative initiatives, and try new approaches to advancing health and equity by strengthening existing programs and practices. Highlights are outlined below.

- **Resources, Food and Agriculture, and Transportation Agencies briefed by HiAP Task Force members in preparation for gubernatorial transition.** In the months of July, August and September, Task Force members conducted executive briefings with the Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), and the Transportation Agency (CalSTA), including representatives from their affiliated departments where appropriate. Briefings included updates from the HiAP Racial Equity Capitol Cohort and discussions of how to ensure continued partnerships through the upcoming gubernatorial administration change. Briefings with additional HiAP Task Force members are in process.
- **Departments of Education and Transportation featured their progress at HiAP Task Force July plenary meeting.** Department of Transportation presented on their progress in the Capitol Cohort. Department of Education shared details of their initiative to pilot the HiAP approach as an internal organizing tool. Governor's Office of Planning and Research provided a briefing on the Global Climate Action Summit's consideration of health and equity. The Task Force also explored priorities for early 2019.

Equity in Government Practices

- **HiAP Racial Equity Capitol Cohort² promotes workforce equity and authentic stakeholder engagement.** Capitol Cohort teams continue to participate in trainings to inform development of racial equity action plans. On July 11, the cohort focused on workforce equity and authentic stakeholder engagement, and reviewed findings from the HiAP-sponsored [analysis of racial and gender pay gaps in state civil service](#). On August 15, the cohort discussed strategies for delivering racial equity trainings in their departments, and on September 12th teams developed communication strategies to share and advance their work.
- **National webinar featured the Capitol Cohort.** HiAP staff partnered with Race Forward and Dialogue4Health to host a national webinar about the politics and practice of the Capitol

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>

² For more information on the HiAP Task Force's Racial Equity Capitol Cohort: http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/docs/20180220-Capitol_Cohort_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Cohort model on August 21. Presentation slides and recording are available:

<http://dialogue4health.org/web-forums/detail/governing-for-racial-equity>

- **New materials communicate the impact of the Capitol Cohort.** The Strategic Growth Council's website now hosts a short video about the capitol cohort and recordings from Advancing Equity speaker series, available: <http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/gare/>
- **Over 130 State employees learn about Institutional Barriers to Racial Equity & Community Trauma.** The August 23rd *HiAP Advancing Equity Speaker Series*, featured Dr. Flojaune Griffin Cofer, Director of State Policy and Research at Public Health Advocates, and Dr. Ken Epstein, Children's System of Care Director at San Francisco County Behavioral Health Services. Over 140 participants from 12 departments learned about the intersections between structural racism, community trauma, and racial equity and explored institutional barriers and solutions to promoting racial equity and a trauma-informed work place.
- **HiAP partners publish research on racial and gender pay gaps in state civil service.** In partnership with the Government Operations Agency, Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Human Resources, Department of Public Health Department, and Strategic Growth Council, HiAP [published](#) the results of a graduate research project on racial and gender pay gaps in state civil service. The research was presented to the Capitol Cohort and includes a data analysis [methodology](#), which departments and agencies can use to identify and analyze pay inequities within their own organizations.

Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy

- **State funded efforts to pilot interventions increasing park access, tree canopy, and physical activity convened to share strategies.** The UC Davis Institute for Population Health Improvement, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Davey Resource Group, Department of Public Health, and State Parks convened to discuss aligned efforts engaging Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program–Education (SNAP–Ed) eligible populations. For example, DHCS is leveraging a number of funding sources including from CAL FIRE, to plant 300 trees within two low-income, low-tree canopy communities in Sacramento and Yolo counties.
- **State Parks releases California's Health in Parks Partnership – Parks for All Californians website.** This website communicates the important role parks play in public health and includes materials to help inform decision makers and communities about the benefits of parks and recreation programs, a survey to support state and local park planning, a space to share and capture stories, tools, and more. State Parks is also using a HiAP approach in their stakeholder engagement process for developing the Prop. 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program guidelines.
- **Proposed building code requiring shade trees at public schools and community colleges advances with input from HiAP Task Force members.** Proposed by the Division of the State Architect during the development of the [2018 HiAP Action Plan to Promote Parks and Healthy Tree Canopy](#), this code supports implementation of action 2F. The proposed code has been approved as submitted by the Building Standards Commission Green Code Advisory Committee, and will advance for formal rulemaking before the Building Standards Commission in late 2018. The proposed code requires shade trees at open areas of public

school and community college sites, including in parking lots. HiAP Task Force members and external stakeholders have been instrumental in shaping the proposed code language.

- **School grounds tour highlights the stages of greening schoolyards.** Green Schoolyards America invited HiAP to learn more about their work with The Trust for Public Land and Oakland Unified School District, which includes creating a new policy on living schoolyards this fall and transitioning paved schoolyards to include pervious surfaces, trees, and vegetation. The tour included conversations with the principals, students, and district health, facilities, operations and management, garden, and central office staff and will inform the Task Force's work on this topic area.

Healthy Transportation

- **HiAP Task Force issues report detailing progress on active transportation.** On July 31, the Strategic Growth Council accepted the HiAP Task Force's Active Transportation Action Report. Key outcomes highlighted in the report include: 1) Department of Motor Vehicles updated the [California Driver Handbook](#) in 2017 to include recommendations CDPH and other stakeholders provided in support of safe active transportation. 2) Caltrans used a HiAP approach in developing the Caltrans State Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, [Toward an Active California](#) and worked closely with CDPH, HiAP staff, and other public health partners to develop and implement the new plan. 3) In 2018, the California Department of Human Resources implemented a Bicycle Commuter Benefits Program, allowing employees who use bicycling as their main mode of commute to and from work to receive up to \$20/month.

Violence Prevention

- **State departments explore the role of the built environment in promoting resilience and preventing violence.** On August 2 and September 5, the HiAP Task Force hosted the final sessions of a 3-part series on strategies to prevent, respond to, and address violence and promote resilience through the built environment. The events featured presentations from the California Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity and Sacramento County and provided opportunities for staff from over nine State departments and agencies to build relationships, share strategies, and identify possible action steps for program improvement.

External Capacity Building and 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:

- HiAP staff are providing consultation to Health Departments in Florida State and Madera County, California to as they seek to implement a HiAP approach.
- In August, Public Health Institute's HiAP stakeholder group provided input on accountability strategies and institutionalization of health and equity in California state government.
- The HiAP Task Force was featured in a recent World Health Organization publication, [Key Learning on Health in All Policies Implementation from Around the World](#), which highlights examples of HiAP implementation around the world.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please visit <http://sgc.ca.gov/programs/hiap/> or contact hiap@sgc.ca.gov.