



# CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

## Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force<sup>1</sup> Update to the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) November 2019 – December 2019

HiAP Task Force members and partners implement multi-agency action plans and carry out innovative initiatives, trying new approaches to advance health and equity by strengthening existing programs and practices. Implementation highlights are below.

- **State entities recognized for their commitment to racial equity.** On November 13, the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) recognized twelve teams, representing 19 state entities for their commitment to racial equity in California through participation in the Capitol Cohort, a racial equity capacity-building initiative for California State agencies. At commencement, initiative members celebrated their progress working to operationalize racial equity strategies within their respective institutions and heard a keynote address from Glenn Harris, president of Race Forward. Throughout 2019, participants worked with their leadership to operationalize and implement racial equity action plans. For example, some outstanding contributions included: SGC adopting and posting their racial equity action plan publicly, CalEPA and Coastal Commission launching equity surveys within their organizations, DSS hosting a multi-day Racial Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Fair, and Caltrans securing staff dedicated to advancing racial equity, among many other accomplishments across the cohort.



<sup>1</sup> 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 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 Public Health Institute, and the California Department of Public Health. For more information on the HiAP Task Force: <http://www.sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html>



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- **HiAP Task Force convenes for final plenary meeting of 2019.** On November 21<sup>st</sup> the HiAP Task Force met to hear updates from CalSTA on new transportation and climate change directives, provided input to HCD as part of their Consolidated Housing Plan Process, and started to map out key organizational priorities for 2020.
- **California Surgeon General speaks at HiAP Task Force Event.** On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the HiAP Task Force hosted an Advancing Equity Speaker Series event, featuring



Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, California Surgeon General. Additional key partners sponsoring the event include Office of the Surgeon General/CA Health and Human Services Agency, CA Department of Public Health, CA Strategic Growth Council and Public Health Institute. The conversation focused on the long-term impacts of childhood trauma, how these are connected to the state's health equity and racial equity priorities, and Dr. Burke Harris' goals for addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in California. The event is part of an ongoing speaker series on racial and health equity developed to complement the racial equity training cohort convened through the HiAP Task Force.



*Speakers at the Advancing Equity Speaker Series Included - Upper left: Julia Caplan, Public Health Institute. Upper right: Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, CA Surgeon General. Bottom*

*Left: Dr. Sonia Angell, CA Department of Public Health. Bottom right: Dr. Louise Bedsworth, CA Strategic Growth Council.*

### **Technical Assistance, Capacity Building and Outreach Activities:**

- HiAP staff presented a brown bag talk for the Department of Conservation on *A River Flows Through Sacramento: Health and Racial Equity in California's State Government*, sharing key principles, accomplishments and lessons learned from a decade of health and racial equity work in California state government.
- HiAP staff provided a seminar session for Masters of Public Health Students at UC Davis on the Health in All Policies field and approach.

### **Key Next Steps:**

- On December 19th, HiAP staff will host Race Forward and the Public Health Institute to provide an executive info session for state entities interested in signing up for the 2020-2021 Capitol Collaborative on Race & Equity learning cohort.