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Subject: Health in All Policies Council Updates

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Summary

This staff report includes an update from the California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force, and updates on the release of the HiAP Grant and Contract Evaluation Tool and other upcoming work.

Background: Health in All Policies

SGC's Health & Equity Program (HEP) facilitates the HiAP Task Force with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The HiAP Task Force was created in 2010 by [Governor's Executive Order S-04-10](#) and celebrated its 15-year anniversary with a commemorative report in December 2025. In alignment with the California Strategic Growth Council's (SGC) mission, HiAP brings together California state agencies and departments to discuss, collaborate, and learn how their work can make communities healthier. HiAP is an approach to include health and equity in state programs and policies that serve all Californians.

HiAP activities are based on quarterly interagency meetings. Meetings include presentations, input opportunities, and updates on public health initiatives within the state, local government, community-based organizations, academia, and other partners. HiAP is excited to share the release of the [HiAP Grant and Contract Evaluation Tool](#) (Tool) and updates on the upcoming action plan for HiAP's work in 2027 and beyond.

Health in All Policies and Health & Equity Program Updates

Health in All Policies Grant and Contract Evaluation Tool

HEP and the Equity and Wellness Institute (EqWI) developed the tool in alignment with SGC's [Council Priority 2](#) on technical assistance and capacity building. The online tool will guide state agencies and departments through their grant and contracting process to ensure they are fair and flexible as well as publicly accessible. With the tool, HEP aims to increase contracting opportunities with Tribes, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and other entities who do not usually contract with the state due to complicated and lengthy processes. The tool was collaboratively developed and refined with the HiAP Grants, Contracts, and Funding Equity Workgroup, which includes state staff who work closely with grants and contracts. Development of the tool included focus group testing to ensure the tool is an effective resource, informational interviews, and a training for HiAP members in June.

Health and Equity Program and Office of Health Equity Collaboration

HEP and the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity (OHE) continue to co-facilitate the HiAP Task Force and its initiatives. HEP and OHE developed the HiAP Steering Committee to lead the decision-making process for HiAP and provide high-level feedback on ongoing initiatives. The HiAP Steering Committee consists of SGC and OHE leadership and meets monthly to ensure HiAP advances SGC and CDPH values and priorities. Through this partnership, HEP provided updates on HiAP's work to the public OHE Advisory Committee in May 2026 and restaffed the HiAP Partnership group to best fit the needs of HiAP members. This ongoing collaboration between HEP and OHE is critical to the long-term success of HiAP with the new 2027 HiAP Action Plans. Collaboration between SGC and OHE to advance HiAP initiatives is further established in [California Health and Safety Code Section 131019.5](#).

Health in All Policies Action Plans

HEP and EqWI are developing HiAP Action Plans for 2027-2030, with a planned release at SGC's December Council meeting. The action plans will include a new strategic vision for the HiAP Task Force and the Grant Programs, Contract & Funding Equity and Equity in Data Access to Information workgroups. The updated plans will provide strategies for membership engagement that align with state priorities, evaluation metrics and strategies, and long-term goals to continue HiAP's long-standing success.

Next Steps

HEP will continue to collaborate with EqWI and OHE to finalize the HiAP Action Plans and lead a social media campaign for the HiAP Grant and Contract Evaluation Tool to increase access to state funding opportunities.

Attachments

N/A