Health in All Policies (HiAP)

National Association of Local Boards of Health

Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach to decision making that integrates health considerations into policy making across sectors and at all levels in order to improve the health of all communities and people. HiAP applies to policies in agricultural, environmental, community design and land use planning, housing, transportation, education, and fiscal sectors. HiAP is complementary to traditional public health efforts with potential to more completely improve the health of the community. The main focus of HiAP is to put health at the heart of the public policy process and to further evidence-based policy making.

The Surgeon General's **National Prevention Strategy**, released in June 2011, uses a health in all policies approach. This initiative was the result of work by the **National Prevention Council**, which includes representatives from 17 agencies and departments across the federal government, such as the Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, Education, Transportation, Labor, and Defense, and the Federal Trade Commission. The National Prevention Strategy targets four strategic directions for improving health: **healthy and safe community environments**, **clinical and community preventative services**, **empowered people**, and the **elimination of health disparities**. Under the Healthy and Safe Community Environments strategic direction, specific recommendations are made on integrating health into decision making across multiple sectors and enhancing cross-sector collaboration in community planning and design to promote health and safety. The National Prevention Strategy provides a detailed roadmap on how to translate these larger health movements into local initiatives.

Board of health members are in a unique position to address the social determinants of health and help incorporate health in all policies. Boards of health have important responsibilities for recommending, developing, and/or enforcing public health policies. Through collaborating with other local officials and policy makers, board of health members can use their positions as local health officials and experts to advocate for health and ensure that the health effects of new or existing policies have been considered and addressed.

Health in All Policies (HiAP) Tools and Resources

NALBOH has four new free Local Board of Health and Environmental Health Policy factsheets that list policy elements and opportunities for board of health involvement in air quality, land-use planning, brownfield and land reuse, and food safety. **Download them now.**

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) – **Health in All Policies (HiAP): A Path to Promoting Environmental Public Health Factsheet**

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) – **Health in All Policies (HiAP): Frequently Asked Question**s

California Health in All Policies Task Force – **Health in All Policies Factsheet**

Kansas Health Institute – **Children's Health in All Policies: A Workbook**

World Health Organization (WHO) – **Health in All Policies Prospects and Potentials**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – **Healthy Places: Health Impact Assessment (HIA)**

American Public Health Association – **Health Impact Assessment (HIA): A Tool to Benefit Health in All Policies**

National Research Council – **Improving Health in the United States – The Role of Health Impact Assessment**

Health Impact Project – **The HIA Process**

Health Impact Project – **Toolkits and Guides**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – **Health Impact Assessments: A Tool for Promoting Health in All Policies**

World Health Organization – **Health Impact Assessments: Promoting Health Across All Sectors of Activity**

UCLA Health Impact Assessment Clearinghouse Learning and Information Center – **UCLA HIA Training Manual**

Human Impact Partners – **Health Impact Assessment Toolkit, 3rd Edition**

Human Impact Partners – **HIA Summary Guides**

 North American HIA Practice Standards Working Group – **Minimum Elements and Practice Standards for Health Impact Assessmen**t

Planning for Health Places with Health Impact Assessments
This free course is a guide for conducting health impact assessments (HIAs). It explains the value of conducting an HIA and the steps involved. It was developed by the American Planning Association and the National Association of County & City Health Officials, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The course also includes examples of health impact assessments. This entire course takes approximately 6 hours to complete and is free.

Making Data, Policy and Politics Work for Public Health
Offered through the Michigan Public Health Training Center, this course intended for public health professionals and decision makers provides the needed knowledge base to locate, interpret, and use health related data to influence public and policy needs. The 2.5 hour course is free and can be taken individually or in a group setting.

Effective Leadership for Healthy Communities: Concepts, Collaborations and Case Studies
This course covers the fundamental concepts of collaborative leadership and clarifies the multiple layers of influence that impact health. Course topics include the nature of successful collaboration and a discussion of the collaborative leadership practices. This free course requires 3-5 hours to complete and continuing education credits are available.

The Power of Policy: A Cost-Effective Tool for Improving Population Health (Archived webinar) With presentations from Georges Benjamin, APHA executive director; Judith Monroe, CDC OSTLTS director; Thomas Farley, New York City Health Commissioner; and Paul Kuehnert, Kane County, IL Public Health Director, this webinar presented solutions to policy formation effecting health. Topics addressed include an overview of public policy and its role in health policy; cost-effective policy initiation measures including the CDC's Six Winnable Battles, the National Prevention Strategy, and the Community Guide; examples of policy implementation on federal, state, and local levels as proven successful in New York City; and overcoming fiscal challenges in public health policy development as implemented in Kane County, IL. This hour long webinar concludes with a question and answer session and further resources mentioned in the webinar can be found on the APHA web-site.

Eight Essential Elements for Strong Public Health Policy (Archived Webinar)
This webinar by Public Health Law and Policy describes how to craft sustainable public health policy that supports healthier environments by defining the problem, finding policy solutions that work and locating resources for help.

Transportation, Health, and Equity Webinar Series
The American Public Health Association's archived webinar series includes the topics community health and transportation planning, the health benefits from active transportation, health impact assessments (HIAs) in transportation, and preventing roadway fatalities and injuries.

Health in All Policies (HiAP) Organizations & Partner Links

- **American Planning Association**
- **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**
- **California's Health in All Policies Task Force**
- **CDC's Healthy Community Design Initiative**
- **ChangeLab Solutions** (formerly Public Health Law and Policy)
- **Community Commons**
- **Green Cities California**
- **Health Impact Project**

- **Healthy People 2020**
- **Human Impact Partners**
- **National Association of County and City Health Officials**
- **National Center for Healthy Homes**
- **National Conference of State Legislatures**
- **PolicyLink Center for Health and Place**
- **Safe Routes to Schools**

For questions or more information about NALBOH's National Environmental Health Policy Network, please contact **Carrie Hribar.**

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Health Equity

The October NEWSALERT focuses on the health disparities and health equity. Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a policy - making approach that seeks to improve health by considering health in policies in sectors outside of health and healthcare.
http://www.nalboh.org/pdffiles/HiAP/Health_Equity_10_12.pdf