

Strategic Growth Council
Health in All Policies Task Force
For approval at the March 17 Council Meeting

Background

On February 23, 2010, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Executive Order (EO) S-04-10 to establish a Health in All Policies (HiAP) task force under the auspices of the Strategic Growth Council (SGC).

Purpose and Functions

The purpose of the task force is “to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while advancing the SGC’s goals of improving air and water quality, protecting natural resources and agricultural lands, increasing the availability of affordable housing, improving infrastructure systems, promoting public health, planning sustainable communities, and meeting the state’s climate change goals.” While the SGC has already taken important steps to coordinate the efforts of its multiple member agencies and has included health considerations in important work to date, the HiAP task force will provide the opportunity to focus on the breadth of state policies which impact important health outcomes for the state.

To do this, the task force will:

- Review existing state efforts and best/promising practices used by other jurisdictions and agencies;
- Identify barriers to and opportunities for interagency/inter-sector collaboration; and,
- Convene regular public workshops and solicit input from stakeholders;

Per the direction of the EO, the task force will prepare a report, presented to the SGC on December 8, 2010, outlining:

- Recommended programs, policies, and strategies for consideration;
- Proposed action plans for recommended programs, policies, and strategies; and,
- The potential benefits of recommended programs, policies, and strategies for advancing the SGC’s goals in the context of health.

Members

The EO specifies that the task force will be facilitated and staffed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the members of the task force will be appointed by the SGC. The members will include representatives from the agencies and departments represented on the SGC, and from other agencies or departments whose input may be necessary to achieve the task force’s goals.

CDPH proposes that the following state agencies be appointed to the task force:

- Health and Human Services Agency, with representatives from the Departments of Social Services and Community Services and Development

- Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency, with representatives from Caltrans, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of Traffic Safety
- Environmental Protection Agency, with representatives from the Air Resources Board
- Natural Resources Agency, with representatives from the Departments of Forestry and Fire Protection and Parks and Recreation
- Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Department of Food and Agriculture

Additionally, CDPH proposes that the SGC invite the Department of Education and the Office of the Attorney General to participate on the task force.

Each appointed state entity will designate a staff representative to serve on the Health in All Policies task force. Representatives should be:

- Familiar with the breadth of their department/agency's activities
- Connected to others in their department/agency who can provide more in-depth expertise on various topics
- Empowered to speak on behalf of their agency/department in meetings
- Able to engage agency/departmental leadership in discussions of the task force recommendations

Framework

The Governor's mandate to the HiAP task force is broad. It will be the responsibility of the task force to:

- Define its scope to establish an achievable set of objectives, using the definition of a Healthy Community developed through CDPH.
- Identify a set of aspirational goals based on the Healthy Community framework that can be used to organize the discussions and work of the task force.

Examples of possible aspirational goals include:

- Every resident can safely walk, bike, or take public transit to school, work, and neighborhood destinations.
- Every resident has access to safe places to play and be active.
- Every resident has access to affordable healthy foods in communities, workplaces, and schools.
- Every resident can live, work, and play in a tobacco and smoke-free environment.

Using these goals as guide, the task force could identify specific examples of programs, policies, and strategies that would both promote public health and address the goals and objectives of other SGC and task force member agencies and departments.

Stakeholder Input

In addition to the efforts of the task force members, CDPH recommends broad stakeholder engagement throughout the development of the HiAP report. Examples of

stakeholders to be included are local government, community/regional organizations, state organizations, researchers/academics, business, and industry.

Work Plan

CDPH will facilitate and staff the HiAP task force, which will meet regularly. CDPH will convene regular public workshops throughout the process as necessary, and work with existing SGC working groups. SGC senior staff will review task force work products, including the task force's final report, prior to presentation to the SGC for review and approval.

CDPH's proposed draft work plan for the HiAP task force is as follows:

1. CDPH identifies funding, project staff, and potential expert consultants (as funding permits) while appointed agencies and departments select task force representatives
2. CDPH staff meet individually with task force members and convenes its initial meeting to discuss HiAP task force directives, goals and objectives, work plan, and timeline
3. Task force staff and other members meet with existing SGC working groups to obtain input on goals and objectives
4. CDPH and contract staff develop work plans for each aspirational goal, in discussion and collaboration with appropriate agency and stakeholder representatives, and presents its findings to the task force for discussion. Work plans include:
 - a. Reviewing existing state agency policies/procedures/processes
 - b. Reviewing best practices used by other jurisdictions and agencies
 - c. Identifying opportunities for inter-sector collaboration
 - d. Identifying challenges
5. Through task force meetings, meetings with existing SGC work groups, public forums, and additional stakeholder outreach, staff develops draft and final recommendations
6. The task force approves final recommendations and staff develops a draft report
7. SGC senior staff review and revise the report
8. With SGC senior staff, the HiAP task force presents its final report to the SGC in a public meeting
9. Staff conducts final revisions per input from the SGC and public comment
10. SGC approves final report.

Resources and Staffing

CDPH Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion will serve as lead for the HiAP Task Force, bringing in other CDPH resources as required. CDPH will seek grant funding from The California Endowment and other funders to hire one full-time staff person and several part-time graduate student assistants to staff the Task Force, and to provide funds for consultants to perform specific research and writing tasks related to development of the recommendations and final report.