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Subject: Health in All Policies Task Force

Reporting Period: April - July 2017

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Recommended Action:

For information only – no action required.

Update:

The HiAP Task Force is submitting a update on activities between April and July 2017. This document provides a brief update on topical work groups and activities related to active transportation, community greening, equity in government practices, and violence free and resilient communities and outlines emerging opportunities to institutionalize HiAP approaches into government functions.

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 California Department of Public Health (CDPH), and the Public Health Institute (PHI).



Health in All Policies Task Force¹ Update to the Strategic Growth Council April - July 2017

Ensuring the Future of Health in All Policies (HiAP) in California:

- **Measuring Impact:** The HiAP Task Force is piloting the inclusion of impact metrics in the draft *Parks, Community Greening and Places to be Active* and *Equity in Government Practices* Action Plans as discussed during the June 14th Quarterly HiAP Task Force meeting.
- **Embedding Health and Equity in Government Operations:** The Task Force continues to support long-term institutionalization of the HiAP approach and the draft *Equity in Government Practices* Action Plan includes an activity to embed health and equity into duty statements, job titles, program descriptions, and strategic plans.

Key Accomplishments:

- **The Department of Education's (CDE) One System Action Team (OSAT),** is using the HiAP Task Force as a model for collaboration and elevating their participation in the Task Force as a pilot for testing collaboration mechanisms. HiAP staff presented on the HiAP approach and collaborative methods to division representatives to inform the development of internal collaboration mechanisms.
- **Caltrans** updated the Safety and Health Director's Policy, DP-03-R2, to expand considerations for health and safety in operations, programs, and practices. Additionally, the "Air Quality and Environment Branch" was renamed to the "Air Quality, Environment, and Health Branch." These are examples of strengthened commitments by a department resulting from their participation in the HiAP Task Force, which elevate health as a priority and will have a lasting impact on the organizations operations.

HiAP Task Force Activity Highlights:

Equity in Government Practices:

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** To ensure Task Force actions are informed by stakeholder needs and to improve government stakeholder engagement processes, on May 12th, HiAP staff gathered input from non-governmental stakeholders on stakeholder engagement methods and tools that promote equity and support healthy communities.
- **Work Group:** As a next step in finalizing the *Equity in Government Practices* Action Plan, on May 31st the Task Force's Equity in Government Practices Work Group agreed to a revised set of policy activities for implementation. Participants included Health and Human Services Agency, Department

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>

of Transportation (Caltrans), Department of Public Health (CDPH), Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

- **Task Force Lunch and Learn:** The Task Force built the capacity of state agencies to incorporate health and equity criteria in decision-making through a June 14th presentation by Strategic Growth Council (SGC) program staff on strategies used in developing the Transformative Climate Communities Program guidelines. Example strategies include using health metrics, linking projects to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and deploying strategies that prevent business and housing displacement.

Parks, Community Greening, and Places to be Active:

- **Focus Group:** The HiAP Task Force is supporting the development of the 2020 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan ([SCORP](#)) that serves the health and equity needs of Californians. HiAP Task Force staff partnered with the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services to convene a focus group for Task Force members to provide input into SCORP that articulates how state and local agencies will meet the park and recreation needs of Californians.

Active Transportation:

- **Building Capacity:** To support Caltrans in infusing department practices with health and equity, HiAP and Caltrans staff co-presented on the relationship between health and transportation to the Caltrans Executive Board, which includes Caltrans Headquarters Executives and the Caltrans District Directors from offices across California. Additionally, Task Force staff helped CDPH provide educational forums on the Integrated Health and Transport Impact Model (ITHIM) for Caltrans, OPR, and SGC staff. The Climate Change and Health Equity Program at CDPH used ITHIM to project health benefits (i.e. years of life saved and correlated dollars saved) of achieving the Caltrans goal of doubling walking and transit and tripling cycling trips. The model projected, among other things, savings of between \$1 and \$15 billion from avoided costs and loss of productivity due to illness and premature death.

Land Use, Schools, and Health:

- **Land Use, Schools, and Health Work Group Activities:** The Work Group identified school parcel data needs and current uses, by hosting the GreenInfo Network to share their California School Parcel Database and engage in a multi-sectoral discussion. Additionally, Work Group members provided input into the Air Resources Board's Green Mobility in Schools pilot project. The proposed project would allocate \$5 million in California Climate Investment funds to K-12 schools for low carbon transportation investments.


Violence-Free and Resilient Communities:

- **Youth Program Think Tanks:** To increase efficiency of state youth violence prevention and response programs, on May 18th HiAP staff hosted the first of 3 "think tanks" for State employees administering youth programs to learn innovative program design techniques. On July 6th, a second forum to improve data collection and analysis and program evaluation featured a panel including the Department of Justice and the Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity.

External Capacity Building and Outreach Highlights:

The 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 partnered with the Public Health Alliance of Southern California and the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative to build state department capacity to address inequity by delivering six "Health Equity 101" trainings to staff at CDPH.

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- HiAP staff contributed to the growing HiAP field, providing technical assistance phone consultations to HiAP practitioners in Gaston, NC, St. Petersburg, FL, and Colorado.
 - As a professional development opportunity to build skills in health equity and collaboration, HiAP staff briefed OPR fellows and interns on the Task Force and facilitated activities to practice health lens analysis.

For further information about the California Health in All Policies Task Force, please see http://www.sgc.ca.gov/s_hiap.php or contact hiap@sgc.ca.gov.