

Wisconsin Health Impact Assessment - Health in All Policies Network Newsletter

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Training Resources

» Access HIA resources at:

- [WPHA HIA/HiAP](#)
- [WDHS](#)
- [WHO](#)
- [NNPHI](#)
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» Access HiAP resources at:

- [APHA](#)
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Observances for July /August

» July is International Group B Strep Awareness Month!

Group B Streptococcus also known as GBS is a type of bacteria that causes illness in people of all ages, but can especially severe in newborns. Group B strep bacteria are the leading cause of meningitis and sepsis in a newborn's first week of life, in the US. It is recommended that pregnant women should be tested for group B strep bacteria in their 35 - 37 week of pregnancy. To learn more about Group B strep infections and their prevention and management, click [here](#).

» August is National Immunization Awareness Month!

We all need vaccinations to help protect us from serious diseases. Help keep your community safe by checking out [these tools](#) provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services, and find out how you can help promote vaccines and remind family and friends to keep up to date on their vaccinations.

New Wisconsin HIA-HiAP Network!

» We are excited to announce the creation of the Wisconsin HIA-HiAP Network!

This new Network replaces the former WPHA HIA-HiAP Section (created in 2010), and will operate independently. The WPHA HIA-HiAP Section has grown extensively over the past several years, and now includes over 200 individual professionals – with a mixture of many professions and members from various professional organizations. The Section's Leaders have been working hard to ensure the services the section has provided in the past will remain available to all its various members, including WPHA members and members of the Wisconsin Public Health and Planning Collaborative (WPHPC). In order to continue doing this important work in a sustainable way, the WPHA Board and Section leaders have made the decision to move the Network outside of WPHA to ensure that cross sector activities and collaboration continues. The Network will continue striving to be a leader in advancing the Health in All Policies Concept across Wisconsin, through information sharing, policy development, and trainings. The Network's goal is to build a true health in all policies platform across the state that encourages cross-sector collaboration and partnerships to safeguard the health of all of Wisconsin's populations.

» As agreed upon by the WPHA board of representatives, WPHA will maintain a dedicated page on the WPHA website that includes news, information and archived webinars; commitment to at least one HIA-HiAP webinar each year for WPHA members and non-members; and support the appointment of a the HIA-HiAP Network leader as a WPHA organizational representative. We look forward to working together to advance WPHA's long term legislative priority –Infusing health in policy decision-making, with the ultimate goal of a "health in all policies" approach in Wisconsin.

» The Network's future webinars and newsletters will remain available to all its members, including WPHA and WPHPC members. WPHA remains dedicated to sponsoring one of the Network's quarterly webinars as well as one of its HIA training, annually, at the WPHA/WALHDAB conference..

» WPHA thanks the members who provided leadership and vision to the Section over the past 7 years – especially Paula Tran Inzeo, Colleen Moran, Denise Attard Sacco and Lindsay Menard. WPHA looks forward to continued work with the Network. Members interested in learning more about the Network are encouraged to sign-up for the Network listserv by contacting Lindsay Menard, Communications Lead at LMenard@lacrossecounty.org

Green Cities - Good Health

» Check out this website which provides a plethora of information on the positive impacts that urban forestry and urban greening has on health and mental health, local economy, social contact and interactions, active living, public safety, and much more. Green Cities – Good Health provides scientific evidence that supports efforts to better plan, implement, and manage nature in cities. Information and research findings are sorted by benefits themes. Click [here](#) to access these resources.

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Job Opportunities

- » **The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** has positions open for program officer and senior program officers, with area of focus in data for action or building community power. Work within these roles will concentrate on working with multi-sector stakeholders to create the conditions that enable communities and their residents to their greatest health potential. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

Recently Released

- » **Check out** this report from NACCHO, following a 2016 survey of local health departments to determine capacity, funding, partnerships and collaborations needed to conduct HIAs. The report is free for download but does require registration. Click [here](#) to learn more.

WI HIA-HiAP Network Resources

- » Check out our new HIA-HiAP Network page at this [link](#). Updates coming soon.

Save the Date

- » Our next HIA-HiAP Network webinar will be held in September 2017. More info coming soon.

Upcoming Webinars ...

- » **Legal Epidemiology, Part 3: A Tool for Addressing Health in All Policies.** This webinar, will be broadcasted by the National Environmental Health Association, on **8/16/17 from 1:00 - 2:30PM EST**. This webinar will demonstrate how legal epidemiology can be used as a tool to track the growth of HiAP laws, policies and program across the US and to identify current trends in HiAP implementation. Click [here](#) to register.
- » **On July 12 at 1pm-2pm CST**, the Healthy Heartlands HIA community partners together with Human Impact Partners and ISAIAH Healthy Heartland Initiative will be presenting a webinar highlighting how HIAs may be used to create healthy communities and to advance a culture of health. The webinar will include examples of success stories, challenges encountered and lessons learned, from a number of states. To register, click [here](#).

Learn more about ... HEI

- » **The Health Equity Initiative** is a nonprofit membership organization that brings together community leaders and professionals across sectors, and encourages the development of a multidisciplinary social movement to raise awareness on and address the root causes of health equity/health disparities. To learn more about HEI click [here](#).
- » **HEI is currently presenting a** webinar series that addresses the relationship between health equity and the built environment. Upcoming webinars include: -
 - Improving the physical environment to advance health equity: Case studies on community engagement, **7.19.17, 1.00pm – 2.00pm EST**.
 - Strategies for urban designers to engage local communities, **9.13.17, 1pm – 2pm EST**.For further information about these webinars and webinar registration, please click [here](#).
- » **HEI will be holding its** 2018 summit, *Engaging New Allies in the Health Equity Movement: A Partnership Summit* on February 22-23, 2018, in New York City. For upcoming registration info, click [here](#).

The PICO National Network

- » **Founded in 1972**, PICO is a nonpartisan and multicultural national network of faith-based community organizations and is one of the largest community-based efforts in the US. PICO works towards creating innovative solutions to problems facing urban, suburban and rural communities through faith-based community organizing - a method of working with faith communities to address community problems and concerns. PICO is composed of more than 1,000 member institutions representing one million families in 150 cities and 17 states, across the US. The network has successfully worked to **increase access to health care, improve public schools, make neighborhoods safer, build affordable housing, redevelop communities and revitalize democracy**. To learn more about PICO, please click [here](#).

2017 HIA Practitioner Workshop

- » Registration is now open for the 2017 HIA Practitioner Workshop, which will be held on 2-3 October, 2017 at the Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington DC. This work shop provides a great opportunity for HIA practitioners to participate in strategic field building, networking and sharing of best practices. The work shop will include a number of breakout sessions, as well as an expert panel. Registration ends on September 1, 2017. Early bird registration fees are available until July 14, 2017. For more workshop info and to register, visit bit.ly/HIAPW2017.