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 - [WPHA HIA/HiAP](#)
 - [WDHS](#)
 - [WHO](#)
 - [NNPHI](#)
 - [HIP](#)
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 - [APHA](#)
 - [ChangeLab Solns](#)
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Save the Date

- » Our next quarterly section meeting shall be held on Thursday April 21st from 11.am-12.00pm central time. During this meeting Audrey Boerner, who is a Health Impact Assessment Specialist with the Institute for Wisconsin's Health, Inc. shall be giving us an update on the Industrial Sand Mining HIA. This HIA was a collaborative effort between the Institute, 14 health departments in western WI, the Ho-Chunk Nation, and the University of Iowa's Environmental Health Research Center. The HIA, which was supported by a grant from the Health Impact Project, examined both positive and negative health impacts of various aspects related to existing and potential future industrial sand facilities in western WI.
- » Click [here](#) to register.

Project of the Month:

Transforming Eau Claire: Designing a Healthy Community

- » *Transforming Eau Claire: Designing a Healthy Community* is a project being conducted by the [Eau Claire City-County Health Department](#) in collaboration with [Eau Claire Healthy Communities](#), the [Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope \(JONAH\)](#), [City of Eau Claire Planning Department](#), the [Mayo Clinic Health System](#), and the [Medical College of Wisconsin](#). The project's goal is to create community policy/practice changes that incorporate health impacts and health outcomes into community planning for Eau Claire's built environment. This shift in current practices will exert long term positive health impacts on Eau Claire's residents. The project is being made possible through a 2-year [Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program](#) grant.
- » Through this grant the project partners will be conducting a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) for the redevelopment of the Cannery District in the City of Eau Claire. This HIA shall be used to put into practice recommendations set forth by the Eau Claire Comprehensive Plan Health Chapter to improve health through community planning for the built environment. Lessons learned as well as capacity developed through this project will be used to inform future redevelopment projects across the city with the aim of including and promoting health in community planning and redevelopment processes.
- » The project partners shall be engaging the Cannery District community and local stakeholders throughout the grant period. In addition to completing a Health Impact Assessment, the project partners shall be reviewing existing processes for redevelopment; researching best practice around HIAs and community engagement for redevelopment; developing metrics and identifying data sources to measure health change as part redevelopment processes; developing best practices and policy for health inclusion in future Eau Claire development and planning; and disseminating successes, challenges and lessons learned with Eau Claire County, across WI and with other states.
- » This project offers the opportunity to engage diverse perspectives in community development to bring about systems change – creating a new way for the community to engage in and view the built environment as both a health and an economic asset. Over the last six months the project team has focused on relationship-building with the community and key stakeholders as a means to build enthusiasm and project buy-in, as well as to identify and address any possible reservations or concerns the community may have about the project. The project partners are currently working with the [Georgia Health Policy Center](#) who are providing technical assistance on the HIA as well as HIA trainings for the project's partners, stakeholders and decision makers. To learn more about this interesting project please contact **Audrey Boerner MS, Project Manager** at audrey.boerner@co.eau-claire.wi.us or at 715-579-5962 or visit this [link](#).

Please Do....

» Keep on sending us information on any cross-sector collaborative projects you may be engaged in and that address the social determinants of health. We shall feature your projects in our monthly newsletters. Information we would need includes:

- Project title
- Lead organization & collaborators/sectors you are collaborating with
- Some project information: goals, objectives, activities
- Contact information of project coordinator
- Project web-link if available

» Please send your project info to deniseatsac@gmail.com. Thanks!

The National Evaluation of Community Participation in HIAs

» This evaluation effort, conducted Human Impact Partners, Center for Community Health and Evaluation and funded by the Kresge and Kellogg Foundations, looks at community participation in the U.S.-based HIA practice.

» The report highlights the benefits of community participation in HIA efforts and shares information on the evaluation tools used.

» Access the full report [here](#).

Working Towards Vision Zero in WI!

- » Last month we talked about the Road Safety Concept known as Vision Zero and the US National Strategy on Highway Safety. This month we are taking a look at equivalent efforts taking place within our State. Zero in Wisconsin is a campaign launched by the WI Department of Transportation to help reduce the number of traffic related deaths in the state. In 2015 alone around 560 people died on Wisconsin's roads either due to drunk driving, speeding or not wearing a seat belt. The Zero in Wisconsin campaign as well as the WI Highway Safety Plan for 2016 consider that even one preventable traffic fatality is too many.
- » The campaign addresses a number of traffic related concerns: Distracted Driving, including texting while driving; Drunk and Drugged Driving; Speeding and Aggressive Driving; Seat Belts and Child Safety Seats; Motorcycle Safety; and Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety. The campaign's media program provides a number of safety messages and educational videos on each of these topic areas online and readily available for download.
- » To learn more about Zero in Wisconsin and to access the campaign's educational material please click on the logo on the right. To access the 2016 WI Highway Safety Plan, click [here](#).



Toolkits – check these out

- » Healthy Heart toolkit – this EPA toolkit provides information on steps you can take to minimize impacts of air pollution on your health. Air pollution has been found to trigger heart attacks & strokes in people who suffer from heart disease. Click [here](#) to find out more about the resources that this toolkit contains.
- » March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month! Colorectal cancer crosses racial and ethnic boundaries and is fourth most common cancer in the US. The US DHHS National Health Observance Toolkit for this month contains information on step to take, to create and spread awareness on this important health concern. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Recently Released

- » [Stress on the street \(SOS\): Race, Policing, Health, and Increasing Trust, not Trauma](#) - This report recently released by Human Impact Partners in collaboration with the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and the Ohio Organizing Collaborative provides information on The health impacts of policing in Ohio as well as recommendations aimed to improve community-police relations.

Have you visited our LinkedIn group yet?

- » View directions on how to access or become a member of the group via the monthly HIA Buzz. (Link works best with Chrome or current version of Internet Explorer.)
- » Start discussions about the latest HIA/HiAP news happening in Wisconsin. (Members are encouraged to post or contribute to a discussion at least once every quarter.)
- » Read timely articles posted by WPHA HIA/HiAP Section Members.

