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Let's Celebrate May!

May is...

- » **National Stroke Awareness Month.** Did you know that 80% of strokes are preventable? Learn about stroke warning signs, risk for stroke, and preventive actions by visiting the [American Stroke Association](#) website.
- » **National High Blood Pressure Education Month.** Around 26% WI adults aged 20 and older, have reported to have been told by a clinician that they have high blood pressure ([CDC, 2011](#)). The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute provides a number of resources to increase High Blood Pressure awareness. Click [here](#) to access.
- » **National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.** Physical activity can reduce the risk of diabetes and improve cognitive functioning. Click [here](#) to access awareness raising tools on the benefits of physical activity.
- » **Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.** Between 1995-2013, WI experienced a 90% increase in rate of new melanoma cases ([ACS, 2016](#)). Use of indoor tanning devices before the age of 35 increase the risk for melanoma by 59% ([ACS CAN, 2017](#)). Access the resources provided by the USDHHS to raise awareness about skin cancer, its prevention and detection, by clicking [here](#).

Recently Released

- » Released in April of this year, **Urban Blight and Public Health** speaks to us about neighborhood blight - substandard housing, abandoned buildings, vacant lots - and its impact on the health of our communities. Research has shown how urban blight can have profound effects on health, including impacts on psychological behavior, asthma, higher rates of chronic illness, violence, unhealthy eating habits, lack of physical activity, as well as social exclusion. Housing factors that may impact health, include housing affordability, neighborhood conditions, as well conditions within a home itself. This research report provides a number policy and program recommendations on how to address urban blight, including the use of HIAs, and makes a very interesting read. You can access and download the document [here](#).
- » **Health Impact Assessments (HIA) and Health in All Policies (HiAP) Project.** This project, which is being led by the Policy Surveillance Program and funded through the Health Impact Project, consists of four longitudinal, empirical legal datasets exploring state-level HIA and HiAP bills and laws that were introduced, enacted and/or amended between January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2016. The data shows there is a slow but increasing trend of HIAs and HiAP being implemented through a legislative approach, throughout the US. Click [here](#) to access the four data sets which are presented as HIA Bills and Laws and HiAP Bills and Laws, with the aid of an interactive map.

Upcoming Webinars

- » **Tracking the Walking Path** – this webinar, which forms part of the America Walks 2017 webinar series, will be broadcasted on **June 14, 2017 at 1.00pm – 2.00 pm CST**. Attendees will learn about data and mapping tools that may be used to assist the development of walkable and smart cities. Click [here](#) to register.
- » **A City in Transformation: A Look at St. Paul, MN** – is another webinar included in the America Walks 2017 webinar series. This webinar, which shall be broadcasted on **July 12, 2017 at 1.00pm – 2.00 pm CST** will take a look at the strides the city of St. Paul, MN has made to become a walkable and inclusive place to live in. It is in fact the first City in Minnesota to receive the Annual White Cane Award (StPaul.gov), an award bestowed by the American Council of the Blind of Minnesota, for the work conducted to make the city more walkable for people with visual impairments, ensuring a good quality of life for all residents. Click [here](#) to register for this webinar.

Training Resources

» Access HIA resources at:

- [WPHA HIA/HiAP](#)
- [WDHS](#)
- [WHO](#)
- [NNPHI](#)
- [HIP](#)

» Access HiAP resources at:

- [APHA](#)
- [ChangeLab Solns](#)
- [NACCHO](#)
- [RWJF](#)
- [WHO Int.](#)

Celebrating June!

- » **Sunday June 4 is National Cancer Survivors Day**, which this year is celebrating its **30th Anniversary**. Click [here](#) to access resources on how to organize for and celebrate cancer survivors and how to provide inspiration to those newly diagnosed, their families and communities.
- » **June is National Safety Month** – this month is used to highlight medication safety, prescription drug abuse, work place safety, emergency preparedness, fall prevention in the elderly, and much more. Click [here](#) to learn more and access resources that increase awareness on injury prevention.

» **Beyond the Bedside: Social Determinants of Health Curriculum and**

Assessment in the Health Professions Webinar. Co-sponsored by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the Association of American Medical Colleges, this webinar will take a look at integrated curriculum models that assess learners' knowledge and application of the social determinants of health. The use of community-based experiences and simulation-based learning can profoundly enhance training in the social and economic factors that influence health. This webinar shall be broadcasted on **May 15, 2017 at 1 p.m. ET**. Register [here](#).

Vital and Vibrant Communities: The Power of Walkability

- » Registration is now open for the **2017 National Walking Summit**, which this year will be held in **St. Paul, MN from September 13-September 15, 2017**. This year's summit is divided into 6 tracks. It will look beyond the beneficial physical health impacts and shall encompass the social, economic and civic (arts and culture) benefits and aspects of walkable, vibrant communities. Register [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- » **New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming.** This funding opportunity will provide support for 20 grants at a maximum of \$50,000 per project over a 12-month duration. The goal for this call for proposals is to enhance networking, mentorship and help build strong qualitative and quantitative research skills needed to create a Culture of Health. Applicants must have completed a doctoral degree within the last 10 years (obtained by September 1, 2007 or later) and must be early-career scholars, such as a post-doc or assistant professor. Deadline for submission of proposals is **May 16, 2017**. Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.
- » **Health Data for Action.** This call for proposals from the RWJF will be awarding \$150,000 grants per project for a 12-month funding period, to proposed research proposals that use available data from either the [Health Care Cost Institute](#) or from [athenahealth](#) to answer important, policy-relevant questions. Dead line for submitting a brief proposal is **May 24, 2017**. Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.
- » **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program.** This funding program, being provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is geared towards supporting projects that improve air quality. These may include public transit, bicycle/pedestrian facilities, ridesharing programs and facilities projects and more. This current funding opportunity is open to southeastern and northeastern Wisconsin non-attainment and maintenance counties, including Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee, Walworth, Sheboygan, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Door County. Proposal submission deadline is **June 19, 2017**. Click [here](#) to learn more about this RFP.

About the WPHA HIA/HiAP Section

- » Check out our [HIA/HiAP section page](#) and learn more on our section's role and activities. Access our HIA library for tools and resources
- » Read through our HIA Buzz and Newsletter archives
- » Interested in becoming a WPHA member? Click [here](#)