

HIA BUZZ

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HIA/HiAP Section news and announcements

- » The **WPHA HIA/HiAP** section will be joining forces with the **Wisconsin Public Health and Planning Collaborative (WPHPC)**. The **WPHPC** is composed of a networking/ learning community of public health professionals, urban and regional planners, and others involved in the intersection of the built environment and health outcomes. This alliance will strengthen the WPHA HIA/HiAP section's role in promoting Health in All Policies (HiAP), while however still maintaining a focus on HIA. Both the WPHPC and the WPHA HIA/HiAP section have similar missions and goals as well as many overlapping members. Furthermore, this collaboration is a first step that will assist in bringing together public health professionals and professionals from other fields, such as development planning and transportation planning, with the ultimate aim of seeking further collaborations in the future such as with the agricultural sector, the food and beverage sector and many more. By working together to promote and implement HiAP we can certainly build healthier communities and environments.
- » The **WPHA HIA/HiAP** and the **WPHPC** will now be conducting joint quarterly meetings, with the first joint meeting planned for January 2015. Stay tuned for more information on this new venture!
- » The HIA/HiAP leadership team would like to extend a big welcome to any **WPHPC members** who are receiving this section's newsletter for the first time. **Welcome!**

Just Released

- » **Human Impact Partners** has just released its in-depth HIA report concerning the assessment of a statewide ballot initiative which proposes the reformation of sentences delivered for 6 low-level non-violent offenses in California – otherwise known as **proposition 47**. Proposition 47 proposes investing resources saved from not incarcerating individuals, in treatment opportunities, such as substance abuse and mental health treatment services. The HIA found that reformations presented under Proposition 47 would in fact not only reduce jail overcrowding but would lead to reduced crime and recidivism rates and may save the State of CA up \$900 million a year. You may access more information on this HIA [here](#).
- » The Society of Practitioners of Health Impact Assessment (SOPHIA) has just released the first version of the Equity Metrics for Health Impact Assessment Practice, authored by the same organization's Equity Working Group. This document sets the processes and the metrics by which HIA practitioners may address and promote equity in HIAs. For further information on these metrics please visit this [link](#).

2014 APA Upper Midwest Conference

- » The upcoming **Upper Midwest APA Planning Conference** will be held this October 22nd – 24th, 2014, at the Music Man Square, in architecturally rich **Mason City, Iowa**. This conference, which is being hosted by APA Iowa, will be providing sessions by planners from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Of interest are sessions concerning HiAP, Safe and Healthy Walking Environments, Local Food Systems, Holistic Approaches to Transportation Planning and also an HIA workshop. For additional information on this conference and its sessions, lodging and conference registration please visit this [link](#).

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- 2) Develop a profile
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HIA Training Resources

» You may access HIA training resources online at these links:

- **WDHS** [link](#)
- **WHO** [link](#)
- **NNPHI** [link](#)
- **HIP** [link](#)

HIA Tools

» Check out these HIA tools and guidance documents drafted by the HIA/HiAP Section at this [link](#). Section members are **encouraged** to send feedback on the ease of use and practicality of these tools. **Please send your feedback to members of the leadership team.**