



### Member Highlight

Thank you  
Abby Jackson!



» Ms Abby Jackson has been an essential member of the WPHA HIA section leadership team. In her role as communications officer for the section Abby was responsible for providing monthly updates on the HIA Section as well as information on HIA opportunities both in Wisconsin and around the US through her publication of the HIA Buzz and HIA newsletters. Abby is also a Program Assistant with the Chronic Disease Prevention Unit, Division of Public Health, at the Dept. of Health Services. Abby's next career step will take her to the University of Wisconsin Madison where she will be working towards a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning. We want to thank Abby for her great contribution to the Leadership Team and wish her the best of luck in her future career endeavors. Good luck in grad school, Abby!

### HIA/HiAP Section news and announcements

- » During the July HIA section quarterly meeting a number of important topics were discussed and decisions were made:
  - Section members discussed and reviewed the HIA Section's Strategic Plan for 2014. Good progress is being accomplished on the Plan's objectives and strategic goals which are:
    - Goal 1: Continue to advance HIA and HIA principles in Wisconsin
    - Goal 2: Expand and strengthen HIA partnerships
  - It was also decided that a Health in All Policies framework should be included as part of the HIA Section's agenda. This will help explore opportunities, other than HIA, that may be employed to assess or take into consideration public health concerns within policies and decisions taken by sectors other than health.
- » Section members also expressed interest to include an educational component within the section's quarterly meetings. The leadership team is in the process of identifying a number of exciting topics and speakers to present during upcoming meetings.
- » Our communications officer Ms Abby Jackson will be leaving the Leadership Team to pursue a Masters degree in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her position as Communications Officer will be taken over by public health consultant, Ms Denise Attard Sacco.

### Local HIA news

- » Check out this [video](#) concerning the **Wisconsin Treatment Instead of Prison Health Impact Assessment (HIA)**, conducted by Human Impact Partners in partnership with WISDOM, a statewide congregation-based network. This HIA, to which a number of HIA Section members contributed both time and effort, assessed the public health impacts of increased funding for Wisconsin's treatment and diversion programs made available to non-violent drug offenders. The success of this HIA has led to a **4-fold Increase in State funding available for Treatment Alternatives!** Well Done Wisconsin!

### HIA and HiAP events around the Nation

- » A quick reminder that this September 15th-16th, **the Society of Practitioners of Health Impact Assessment** (Sophia) will be hosting the 2014 HIA of the Americas Workshop in Oakland California. Registration for this workshop can be carried out at this [link](#).

## Upcoming HIA/HiAP Quarterly Section Meeting

- » The next HIA quarterly section meeting will be held on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** from **11.00 am** till **12.00 pm**
- » Contact number for the meeting is **[1.877.885.3221](tel:18778853221)**, Passcode: **5088303**
- » **Special guest speaker** during this meeting will be **Mr Ned Noel**. Mr Noel is a planner with the City of Eau Claire. He will be providing a presentation on the **[Green Tier Legacy Communities Charter](#)** (GTLCC). The GTLCC is a partnership of Wisconsin communities, non-profit organizations, and state agencies. The GTLCC's assists Wisconsin communities to achieve sustainable community development by raising public awareness on sustainable procedures and encouraging the adoption of smart growth plans to guide future community development.

- » The 2014 Iowa Cancer Summit, due to be held this October on the 21st-22nd in Ankeny, Iowa will be hosting a Health Equity Pre-Summit Workshop that will focus on Health in All Policies. Topics of interest will include cross sectoral collaboration in public health including social justice. The key note speaker for this workshop will be M. Lelinneth B. Novilla, MD, MPH, from Brigham Young University who will be providing insights into HiAP application. Registration for the Iowa Cancer Summit can be carried at this [link](#).

### HIA funding opportunity

- » The Association for State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is providing grant opportunities for HIA capacity building for state and territorial health agencies. This grant, which is composed of two awards of up to \$15,000 each, will be used to support rapid HIAs on a proposed project, program, or policy targeting transportation, land use, community design, parks and recreation, or energy. Grant funds are being provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Center for Environmental Health, and the Healthy Community Design Initiative. The deadline for submission of grant proposals is 09/30/14. For more information on the proposal's RFP please go to this [website](#)

### HiAP in the European Union

- » Learn more about the application of the Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach in Europe. HiAP forms part of one of the key principles of the European Union (EU) Health Strategy [Together for health](#). The strategy acknowledges that a population's health is not dependant on health policy and action alone. Other sector policies play an important role in molding a community's health status, including environmental policy, the regulation of pharmaceuticals and food products as well as the development of social security schemes, to name just a few. The HiAP approach can strengthen cooperation and coordination with new partners across various sectors of the economy to identify and address cross-sectoral concerns that may impact population health. For more information on HiAP in the EU click [here](#).

### Have you visited our 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 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 Section members.

