

Influencing Policy to Improve Health: California's Health in All Policies Task Force

Health in All Policies
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State of California, USA



- Population: 39,250,017
- World's sixth-largest economy
- Diverse demographics
- Significant wealth and health inequities
- Progressive political leadership



Health Inequities in California: Place Matters



California HiAP Task Force: 2010 Governor's Executive Order



EXECUTIVE ORDER S-04-10

WHEREAS the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) was established by state agencies

WHEREAS policies related to air and water quality, affordable housing, infrastructure systems, public health, and other factors can significantly influence the physical, economic, and social conditions in which we live, shop, work, study, and play.....

WHEREAS to improve health outcomes, agencies should ensure that health is considered when policies are developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes of the State of California, do hereby order effective immediately:

1. The SGC shall **establish a Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force** to collaborate with existing SGC working groups to identify priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians while advancing the SGC's goals of improving air and water quality, protecting natural resources and agricultural lands, increasing the availability of affordable housing, improving infrastructure systems, promoting public health, planning sustainable communities, and meeting the state's climate change goals. ...
2. The Task Force shall be facilitated and staffed by the California Department of Public Health
- 3.... shall submit a report to the SGC outlining recommended programs, policies, and strategies for consideration, and the report shall also describe the benefits for health, climate change, equity, and economic well-being that may result if the recommendations are implemented.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the agencies and departments under my direct executive authority shall cooperate in the implementation of this Order.

...establish a
Health in All
Policies (HiAP)
Task Force...



California Health In All Policies Task Force



California HiAP Task Force: Features of Current Structure

- Participation is voluntary
- Quarterly plenary meetings
- Priorities driven by community stakeholders
- Focus on existing work
- Accountability to cabinet-level Council
- **Backbone staff team – blended NGO and health department**

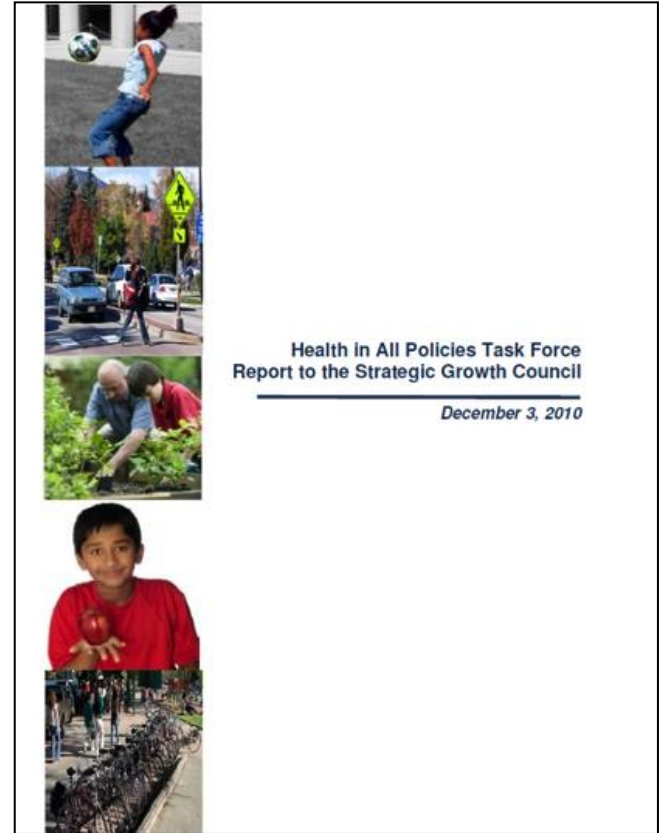


Getting started: What is a Healthy Community?



Recommendations Report

“If only state government would do _____.”



Structure: Multi-Agency Work Groups

- Active Transportation
- Healthy Food
- Health & Equity in Land Use Planning
- Violence Prevention
- Housing and Air Quality
- Land Use, Schools and Health
- Equity in Government Practices



California HiAP Task Force: Example Accomplishments

- ✓ Created inter-agency **Farm to Fork Office**
- ✓ Embedded health, equity, economic development, and environmental sustainability into **State General Plan Guidelines**
- ✓ Nutritional guidelines for government **food contracts**
- ✓ Healthy environments through **school facility land use decisions**



New: Staff Move to Governor's Office

November 2016

Benefits:

- Vote of confidence
- More authority
- New HiAP role in shaping \$3 billion in Cap and Trade investments

Challenges:

- Greater focus on measurement
- Co-staffing between agencies



Moving Forward...

Draft goal: Increase access to **tree canopy and parks** in under-resourced and low-income communities.



Pogo Park, Richmond, California

Moving Forward...



Draft Goal: By 2020: triple **bicycle** trips; double **pedestrian** trips, double **transit** trips.

Genoveva Islas of Cultiva La Salud prepares to lead a “Cumbia Ride” in Fresno, CA.



Moving Forward...

Draft goal 2017-2019: Increase use of **equity** metrics, criteria, tools, and strategies.



San Francisco Chronicle: Students refill a water bottle while visiting the California Academy of Sciences



Questions?

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<http://sgc.ca.gov/Initiatives/Health-In-All-Policies.html>

