### Health in All Policies

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# What we'll cover today... Review of social determinants of health and equity Description of Health in All Policies as approach to operationalize how to address the social determinants of health and equity Definition and context Key elements History and background Strategies to implement Health in All Policies Examples from Bernalillo County, Doña Ana County and McKinley County of using a Health in All Policies approach









#### So what are health policies?

- Transportation policy is health policy
- Land use policy is health policy
- Education policy is health policy
- Tax policy is health policy
- Agricultural policy is health policy
- Economic development policy is health policy
- Criminal justice policy is health policy

## SUMMARY: What is health and where does it come from?

- Health is "a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." (World Health Organization)
- Public health is "what we as a society do to collectively assure the conditions in which people can be healthy." (*Institute of Medicine, 1988*)
- Those conditions can be described as the places where we live, learn, work, and play, and the social, economic and political factors that affect us in those places.









#### **HiAP – 5 Key Elements**

- 1. Promote health, equity and sustainability
- 2. Support intersectoral collaboration
- 3. Benefit multiple partners
- 4. Engage stakeholders
- 5. Create structural or procedural change

# 1. Promote health, equity and sustainability

HiAP promotes health, equity and sustainability through two avenues:

- 1) Incorporating health, equity and sustainability into specific policies, programs, and processes, and
- Embedding health, equity and sustainability considerations into government decision-making processes so that <u>healthy public policy becomes the</u> <u>normal way of doing business</u>. Promoting equity is an essential part of HiAP given the strong ties between inequity and poor health outcomes.

# 2. Support intersectoral collaboration

HiAP brings together partners from many sectors to:

- recognize the links between health and other issue and policy areas,
- break down silos,
- build new partnerships to promote health and equity, and
- increase government efficiency.



#### **The Silo Culture Impedes HiAP**

Defining characteristics of silos include:

- distinct funding streams governmental budgets directed to specific departments
- · competition for funding and credit
- self-preservation within the system

#### 3. Benefit multiple partners

HiAP is built upon the idea of "**co-benefits**" and "**win-wins**." HiAP work should benefit multiple partners, simultaneously addressing the goals of public health agencies, other government agencies and community stakeholders to benefit more than one end (achieve co-benefits) and create efficiencies across sectors (find win-wins).

#### 4. Engage stakeholders

HiAP engages a variety of stakeholders, <u>beyond</u> <u>government partners</u>, such as community members, policy experts, advocates, the private sector, and funders. Robust stakeholder engagement is essential for ensuring that work is responsive to community needs and for garnering valuable information necessary to create meaningful and impactful change.

# 5. Create structural or procedural change

Over time, HiAP creates permanent changes in how agencies relate to each other and how government decisions are made. This requires maintenance of:

- structures which can sustain intersectoral collaboration
- mechanisms which can ensure a health and equity lens in decision-making processes across the whole of government.

This can be thought of as "embedding" or "institutionalizing" HiAP within existing or new structures and processes of government.

#### **Strategies for implementation**

HiAP actions and groups can take many forms. It can be implemented through:

- application to existing processes such as strategic planning, individual initiatives and grant-making
- creation of a new structure or group, e.g., task force
- or both

Many options exist for how to consider health in decisionmaking, from using formal health impact assessment tools to an informal application of a health lens. Partners, leaders, and focus areas will vary, depending upon political support, community needs, and resources.



#### New Mexico Health in All Policies Task Force

Our HiAP Work Group requests the formation of a <u>Health in All Policies Task Force</u> consisting of multi-sectoral representatives of departments in state government, as well as multi-sectoral stakeholders from community-based organizations, either:

Legislatively through a Memorial OR Administratively by building on the NMDOH current long-range planning process



#### California HiAP Task Force: Establishment

• 2010: Executive Order by Gov. Schwarznegger directs Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to establish Health in All Policies Task Force

- Purpose: "to identify priority programs, policies and strategies to improve the health of California while advancing the SGC's goals"
- Facilitated by CA Dept of Public Health (CDPH)
- Extensive engagement of stakeholders
- 2012: HiAP Task Force recognized by Senate Concurrent Resolution and codified within newly established Office of Health Equity in CDPH
- Task Force meetings staffed through partnership with Public Health Institute, funded by California Endowment and others



#### California HiAP Task Force: What is our value added?

"What unique role can we play as a state-level body?"

- Facilitating collaboration: convening/aligning goals across agencies
- Building cross-sectoral understanding, especially where causal relationships are not obvious
- Shaping funding streams/affecting allocations
- Providing analytic tools & guidance for local decision-making
- Gathering & sharing data, through stakeholders' engagement & otherwise







#### **PLACE MATTERS**

- ...is a national initiative of the National Collaborative for Health Equity designed to build the capacity of local leaders around the country to identify and improve social, economic, and environmental conditions that shape health. The objective of this initiative is to eliminate health disparities by identifying their complex underlying causes and defining strategies to address them.
- Addressing upstream causes of health (such as environmental health risks and issues related to employment, education, poverty, and housing) through community action, policy development, and measuring the indicators associated with these determinants of health are at the heart of our PLACE MATTERS work.





In	Bernalillo	County

RACE	Number	Percent
Total Population	662,564	100
White	459,660	69.4
Black or African American	19,652	3.0
American Indian and Alaska Native	31,744	4.8
Asian	15,525	2.3
Some Other Race and Two or More Races	135,983	20,5
HISPANIC OR LATINO		
Total Population	662,564	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	317,089	47.9
Not Hispanic or Latino	345,475	52.1



# **Polluting Industries in Mountain View**31 out of 36 EPA regulated polluting industries located in the South Valley are located in Mountain View There are 16 major air pollutant industries In addition to the 16 major air pollutant there are 66 + smaller industries



# Why are people dying? The five leading causes of death in Bernalillo County are: Heart disease Neoplasm, malignant Chronic lower respiratory diseases Cerebrovascular disease Diabetes mellitus

#### **The Economic Impact of Poor Health**

 Chronic disease has an economic impact in Bernalillo County. In 2007 the Milken Institute estimated that significant reductions in obesity and other chronic disease-related risk factors could save New Mexico over \$6 billion in treatment-related costs as well as costs due to lost work productivity by 2023. A 2009 report from the New Mexico Department of Health stated that, "an estimated \$390 million was spent overall in New Mexico on healthcare services for heart disease; lost productivity amounted to an additional \$780 million in New Mexico."

#### So now what?

- We need to work across sectors to make sure we are creating laws with a "Health in all Policies" approach.
- We can't have a productive population and think about economic development if we don't have a healthy population.
- WE NEED YOUR HELP!











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