

## Health in All Policies (HiaP) Talking Points

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What is Health in all Policies (HiaP)? According to NACCHO, "HiaP is a change in systems that determine how decisions are made and implemented by local, state and federal governments to ensure that policy decisions have neutral or beneficial impacts on health determinants". HiaP is a long process and commitment of a community to invest in the health of its residents. It is a systematic manner of looking at health through systems and policies that are implemented throughout government. "Ensuring that health is considered in the policy formulation process creates opportunities for policy decision to achieve the non-health agency mission and minimize or improve the policies impact on health".

Why would you/we use it? It is a way to collaborate with decision-makers in a community to tackle complicated health problems that do not have on single solution. HiaP provides an avenue to define solutions that are local to the community and relevant to the issue. NACCHO states that "the achievement of health equity is a central tenant for HiaP". Policy development and initiatives should be used to elevate all communities to improve the social determinants of health; those conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age (WHO). HiaP eliminates the "siloes" of work that can often be performed in the community that is reactive to one particular need and brings key stakeholders together to plan for future needs in the community.

**Collaborative partners to consider in the City of Key West?** Housing, public safety, sustainability, public health, economic and community development, planning, criminal justice system, school districts, transportation, parks and recreation, social services, at the minimum. Also, consideration of including faith-based, and community-based organizations (i.e. MCC, Healthy Start Coalition, etc).

What is the implementation process? Determine first what issues need to be addressed. Utilization of the health departments CHIP/PACE-EH process may be a good starting point. Look at the integration of tobacco free events, smoke-free multi-unit housing, and tobacco free worksites to provide healthy air across all sectors of the community. Projects to model: PACE -EH, CHIP, Healthiest Weight, and Louisville Healthy Hometown Movement, complete streets, access to health care/transportation. (Include samples from NACCHO document 10-12.)

What are the next steps? How do you see the City of Key West moving forward with HiaP? What would you need from me to make this happen? Who would you recommend talking to next?

Reference: NACCHO Health in ALL Policies: Experiences from Local Health Departments http://www.naccho.org/programs/community-health/healthy-community-design/health-in-all-policies

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