

Evolutions of Health in all Policies (HIAP) as a Policy Tool in Oregon

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PRESENTATION FORMAT: 15 minute oral presentation

TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: public health professionals working in governmental public health

ABSTRACT: Local, state, and national governments worldwide have been using a Health in All Policies approach in order to devise creative solutions to seemingly intractable health problems. The goal of Health in All Policies is to ensure that decision-makers are informed about the health, equity, and sustainability consequences of various policy options during the policy development process but there is no one “right” way to implement the approach. There is substantial flexibility in process, structure, scope, and membership. Panelists will describe approaches and lessons-learned as public health practitioners in Oregon have adopted these approaches. The strengths and weaknesses of specific tools such as Health Impact Assessment, Health Implications Checklist, scoring rubrics, literature review, and spatial analysis will be discussed. Effectiveness and impact of these approaches will be reviewed providing an opportunity to help guide Health in All Policies approaches as they continue to be developed in Oregon. Participants will come away with an improved understanding of how to use collaborative approaches to improve population health.

OBJECTIVE(S): Assess the strengths and weaknesses of using HIA as an HIAP tool
Describe the strategies and process employed to build support and institutionalize health as a key consideration in local policy making.
Highlight lessons learned, opportunities and challenges to implementing HIAP strategies in local government.

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