Introduction to HIP

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Why is collaboration an important part of HIA?

- Broad range of people affected
- Data, information, resources
- Relationship building
- Capacity for advocacy
Examples of Roles in HIA

- Identify priority health issues to be studied through HIA
- Prioritize research questions for the HIA
- Research and organize baseline/ existing conditions data
- Conduct surveys, interviews, focus groups, and interpret or ground truth data
- Conduct data analysis to predict impact of decision on health of community
- Write, review and edit final HIA report (that includes findings and recommendations for decision-makers)
- Develop and execute a communication, media and advocacy plan to report HIA findings to key decision-makers
- Continue to hold decision-makers accountable for decision agreements and mitigations
Jack London Gateway HIA

*Working with a variety of stakeholders to ensure that infill development is healthy.*

• A non-profit developer proposing to build 55 units of low-income senior housing and additional retail in West Oakland

• Residents were interested in using this project as a case study for HIA; site near freeways and port

• A rapid HIA was completed in 4 community meetings over 3 months; concerns prioritized: air quality, noise, retail use, safety

• Oakland Planning Commission asked developer to work with HIA collaborators and to implement recommendations

• To date many mitigations have been implemented: air filtering, front entrance, balconies
South Los Angeles HIA

*Influencing housing development plans to improve community health*

- Proposal to build an affordable housing development in a formerly industrial location of South Los Angeles
- Collaborators: ACORN, HIP, housing developer, LACDPh, redevelopment agency
- Collectively developed, and ACORN conducted, 300 surveys in the community; identified main areas of concern as pollution, housing, pedestrian safety, transportation, education, retail diversity
- Community presented HIA findings to City, Developer, and other decision makers - strong support for most recommendations
- Project is going into first phase of development in next year
Humboldt County General Plan Update HIA

- Collaborators: Public Health, Planning, HIP & Community Coalition
- HIA assessed 3 GPU alternatives
- 50 focus group participants helped set scope
- 35 indicators in 7 areas: transportation, housing, environment, infrastructure, public safety, social cohesion, economy
- 37 data contributors

- Findings: compact development would improve almost all indicators
- Planning Dept contributed data, reviewed drafts, and included assessment & recommendations in their plans
- Outcomes: engaged community; changed proposed plan; data for health advocates