

Wisconsin Public Health Association

2014 RESOLUTION

Promoting a Health in All Policies (HiAP) Framework to Guide Policymaking

Note: This resolution has been adapted for Wisconsin from, Promoting a Health in All Policies (HiAP) Framework to Guide Policymaking,¹ a resolution approved by the Minnesota Public Health Association.

WHEREAS, Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a systemic and sustained approach to taking into account the impacts of public policies on health determinates and health systems across sectors, at the levels the decisions are made, in political, legislative and administrative processes, in order to realize health-related rights and to improve accountability for population health and health equity.² And

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association³ has adopted a policy of Promoting Health Impact Assessment to Achieve Health in All Policies³ and collaborated with multiple partners to produce *Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments*;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine recommended that federal, state, and local decision-makers adopt a Health in All Policies approach,^{5 6} and

WHEREAS, Health in All Policies is reflected in both the National Prevention Strategy⁷ work across seventeen Federal departments, agencies and offices, and the Healthy People 2020⁸ approach to social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of County and City Health Officials⁹ and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials¹⁰ all published materials describing, guiding and supporting Health in All Policies approach and;

WHEREAS, the California Health in All Policies Task Force,¹¹ the Texas Health in All Policies Project,¹² and the Minnesota Public Health Association¹³ have established websites including resources such as reports, presentations, meeting agendas and minutes describing decisions taken and examples of HiAP in action; and

WHEREAS, Health in All Policies has been promoted by the World Health Organization¹⁴ and practiced more extensively in other parts of the world,¹⁵ with promising results in improving health¹⁶ and

WHEREAS the Wisconsin State health plan, Healthiest Wisconsin 2020 which is a guide for creating and improving health throughout the state of Wisconsin, states that, “[L]eaders can consider the potential health impact of policy options, and can choose to implement policies that improve the health of individuals.”¹⁷ and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) has adopted the intersectoral resolution, Supporting the use of Health Impact Assessments (HIAs) to guide policymaking,¹⁸ which includes health in policy decision making, and

WHEREAS, Public Health responsibilities in support of a Health in All Policies approach include:

- Understanding the political agendas and administrative imperatives of other sectors;
- Building the knowledge and evidence base of policy options and strategies;
- Assessing comparative health consequences of options within the policy development process;
- Creating regular platforms for dialogue and problem solving with other sectors;
- Evaluating the effectiveness of intersectoral work and integrated policy making;
- Building capacity through better mechanisms, resources, agency support and skilled and dedicated staff; and
- Working with other arms of government to achieve their goals;¹⁹ and

WHEREAS, tactics to implement Health in All Policies include: clear mandates for intersectoral collaboration, mediation across interests, accountability and transparency, stakeholder participation, and practical projects to build partnerships and trust. Ultimately, health sectors must learn to work in partnership with other sectors and jointly explore opportunities for collaboration and innovation.²⁰

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wisconsin Public Health Association:

1. Supports reaching out to diverse partners and communities to advance a shared view of health that crosses all levels and sectors of society to address the origins and the distribution of the social determinants of health.
2. Supports the efforts of global, national, state, local and community partners in learning about, sharing ideas, reaching agreement, and applying tools, concepts and principles from a Health in All Policies framework to improve population health.

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² Consultation on the drafts of the "Health in All Policies Framework for Country Action" and the Conference Statement of 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion. May 8, 2013

³ American Public Health Association. October 30, 2012. Policy statement #201210- *Promoting Health Impact Assessment to Achieve Health in All Policies*. <http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1444>

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⁵ IOM (Institute of Medicine). 2011. *For the Public's Health: Revitalizing Law and Policy to Meet New Challenges*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

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⁷ The National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy. June 2011. *The National Prevention Strategy: America's Plan for Better Health and Wellness*. <http://www.healthcare.gov/prevention/nphpphc/strategy/report.html>

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