IMPROVING STATE CAPACITY IN MINNESOTA FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (HIAs)

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GOALS OF ASTHO GRANT

- Provide HIA trainings (3)
  - State agency professionals
  - Local public health and planning professionals
  - Table top exercise

- Develop Website
  - Provide HIA resources
  - Showcase HIA work in MN
  - Establish a communication vehicle for people to share lessons learned

- Provide technical support
  - Develop list of state and local experts
  - Share lessons with other states

- Evaluation
PROCESS & PARTNERS

Steering Committee
- Dan Symonik, MDH, EH
- Tannie Eshenaur, MDH, EH
- Chris Kimber, MDH, Health Promotion
- Amber Dallman, MDH, Chronic Disease Risk Reduction
- Brooke Ahlquist, MDH, State Health Improvement Program
- Philipp Muesing, MPCA
- Tracy Bade, LPH, Carver County
- Holly Kreft, LPH, City of Victoria

Trainers: Design for Health
- Carissa Schively Slotterback, University of Minnesota
- Kevin Krizek, University of Colorado
- Ann Forsyth, Cornell University
TIMELINE

November 2009
1st training

December 2010
evaluation

January 2010

February
2nd training

March
website development

April
3rd training

May
final report to ASTHO
STATE AGENCY TRAINING: 11_20_09

- Methodology: Design for Health | Evaluation
- 38 Attendees: MPCA, MDH, Met Council, DNR, MHFA, Commerce
- Pre evaluation (n=30):
  - 20% read intently on HIAs or have been to previous HIA trainings
  - 80% ranged from “never heard of an HIA” to “have thought about the concept but don’t know what it involves”
  - 0% have performed an HIA
STATE AGENCY TRAINING

- Content:
  - Planning for public health
  - Sources of data for HIAs
  - HIA Preliminary Checklist
  - HIA Rapid Assessment
  - HIA Threshold Analysis
  - Other HIA tools
  - Planning a workshop

- Post eval (n=24):
  - 75% would recommend training
  - 21% (5) didn’t know
  - 4% (1) no

- Successes: raised HIA awareness, interagency dialogue

Lessons learned

Too long: 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Not enough examples & hands on exercises
Local Public Health and Planning Professionals Training: 1_19_10

- Methodology: Design for Health | Pairs of LPH and planners | Evaluation
- 13 Pairs | 37 Attendees
- Pre evaluation (n=26):
  - 15% read intently on HIAs or have been to previous HIA trainings
  - 85% ranged from “have heard of an HIA” to “have thought about the concept but don’t know what it involves”
  - 0% have performed an HIA
Content:
- HIA Preliminary Checklist
- HIA Rapid Assessment
- HIA Threshold Analysis
- Showcasing HIAs
- Partnership exercise

Post eval (n=23):
- 87% would recommend training
- 13% (3) didn’t know

Successes: public health and city/transportation planners worked together, built capacity
RESULTS OF FUNDING TO DATE

- Building relationships with other state and local agencies
- 68 trained state and local professionals, representing 23 different agencies
- Ability to leverage increased capacity to apply for additional funding
IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE NEXT STEPS

- Finishing grant goals
  - Develop website
  - Form expert network
  - Continue trainings
  - Continue evaluation
- Develop standardized or comprehensive HIA for Minnesota
- Policy development requiring HIAs in MN
- Integrate assessment (HIAs) with design (taking the analysis a step further to create solutions or designs)
THANK YOU!

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