



## **Case Studies – Health In All Policies**

### **Situation**

The Health in All Policies Task Force was established in 2010 under the Strategic Growth Council and charged with identifying priority programs, policies, and strategies to improve the health of Californians. The Task Force mandate grew from the recognition that many interventions required to prevent chronic illness relied on agencies in sectors other than health. Created under the Governor's executive order the Task Force positioned itself as an opportunity for collaboration across disciplines to improve health equity and sustainability. The HiAP Task Force sought to make program and priority recommendations with stakeholder input that could be implemented in the near future and make progress toward institutionalizing health in all policies.

### **Actions**

Abinader Group was asked to assist the HiAP Task Force in facilitating two rounds of regional meetings with stakeholders. The first round sought to develop a set of HiAP recommendations. The second round gathered community input about prioritizing the HiAP recommendations. In the first round of regional meetings we traveled to five locations within the state. Abinader Group did extensive planning and designing with the HiAP team for each meeting. Participants were asked to provide input on recommended actions that state agencies could take to promote healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities while building momentum for interagency collaboration. Abinader Group guided and facilitated stakeholders in visioning the current and future framework for HiAP collaboration. Participants discussed strategies and methods for linking and leveraging local or state efforts within specific health area. Local best practices informed recommended state actions, guidelines, assistance, and strategies.

From the regional meeting feedback the HiAP Task Force developed and released a report outlining 34 recommended state actions to advance health policy. For the second round of input, the Task Force wanted regional representation in selecting several priority recommendations to implement in the near future. Abinader Group distilled meeting intentions and aims while adapting material for each region's specific needs. We supported participants in prioritizing recommendations that were most likely to facilitate, advance, and support local work while also linking with state initiatives. Participants were asked to select catalytic recommendations that provided the most regional benefit for communities.

### **Results**

As a result of the HiAP Task Force effort participants developed a list of specific recommendations and sub recommendations with an array of stakeholder input. Several recommendations were also prioritized with consideration for current local work, regional needs in implementation, and possible co-benefits of increased collaboration. In working with Abinader Group the HiAP Task Force also strengthened its efforts to build a collective future vision that institutionalized health in all policies.