

2022 Health in All Policies Summit: Collaborations for Better Health Post-event Summary

On September 9, 2022, the Metro Public Health Department hosted its first Health in All Policies (HiAP) Summit at the Downtown Nashville Library in Nashville, Tennessee. With the title, Collaborations for Better Health, the event provided community partners with a learning opportunity to inspire action towards strengthening current collaborations and establishing new partnerships across sectors to improve the health of Nashville residents.

The free, full-day event welcomed an audience of approximately eighty-six (86) attendees from the public, private, and academic sectors. Twenty (20) participants completed the post-event evaluation survey; 65% were from the government sector, 15% each representing the nonprofit and academia, and 5% from the healthcare sector. The primary reasons for attending the event included: Expanding their knowledge of HiAP (85%), Learning new strategies to support their work (70%), Networking (60%), and Finding solutions to community issues (50%). Of the responses, 85% of the participants indicated that their primary goal for attending the event was fulfilled, while 15% remained unsure. In general, the respondents indicated high levels of satisfaction with the overall event experience, especially the registration process, venue, and selection of speakers.

The responses to the open-ended questions about event takeaways and areas for improvement reinforced the significance and purpose of the event. Specifically, the majority highlighted the importance of collaborations and opportunities for collaborative work among community partners, utilizing a system-thinking approach, and the need for diversity and health equity at all levels, including leadership (*See Appendix A*). The primary improvement themes were better time allocation, especially for lunch and networking, and more diverse speakers (*See Appendix B*).

Considering the value of the participants' feedback, the HiAP team will work on utilizing the lessons learned and incorporating the respondents' feedback on future support (*Appendix C*).

APPENDICES

A: Takeaways

| Themes | Respondents' feedback |
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| Collaboration/ Opportunities for Collaborations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with others to advance goals • Others are doing HIAP all over country & region • We are in it together • Opportunities abound • The Breakout Sessions in reference to working together to look at the needs of the community |
| Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall learning about Health and Equity in All Policies and how to apply it. Content was very interesting and engaging. • Great examples shared • This was my first experience with Health in All Policies, and I was very excited to hear about the intersectional work that is being done nationwide. • I was unaware of the Nashville Root Project and was happy to hear that Nashville was taking an initiative to save as well as replace trees. City hot spots should be everyone's concern. • How to frame conversations about health & equity |
| Health and Equity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for diversity in leadership • How to frame conversations about health & equity • Appreciation for ALL people; honoring ALL voices; valuing community input; Systems Thinking as means of problem solving |
| Systems thinking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems Thinking as means of problem solving • The systems thinking iceberg that was presented. |

B: Improvements

| Themes | Respondents' feedback |
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| Time allocation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time allocation and timing of lunch • Earlier lunch and coffee provided • I think the timing of breaks and lunch could have been better scheduled. It was a long time to sit without more than 1 short break. May consider offering more breaks in the future. • Very late lunch, few breaks to stretch legs • There was no coffee, and because of lack of timekeeping, lunch was late. There was no food or beverage allowed in the presentation area where we spent over 3 hours watching content. |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More diverse panel speakers • I'm medical, so more community based medical speakers. Clinics which are nonprofit and are serving the needs of the under privileged, like us here at the health department. |
| General improvements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly having a networking activity to help people meet each other and maybe having name tags that say what sector/organization a person is representing. • I'm medical, so more community based medical speakers. Clinics which are nonprofit and are serving the needs of the under privileged, like us here at the health department. • Better knowledge of attendee org, mission, goals prior to event • Clear instructions about our table numbers/ where to sit, more participants! • Vegetarian option that is not just a salad but contains protein, clear instructions about our table numbers/ where to sit, more participants! • The panel was okay but slides and timekeeping should have been required. After no coffee and being quite hungry, it felt like my brain was melting, and I got very little out of that presentation. |

C: Future support

| Themes | Respondents' feedback |
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| Developing community partnerships & Opportunities for collaboration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with our organization • Collaboration, share opportunities, equity initiatives, community engagement • I think we are already doing a lot of the work, but perhaps sharing a list of organizations and contact information with the attendees would be helpful for future collaboration. • Help identifying people/sectors to collaborate with on projects. Help identifying practices that impact health. • I have learned more about my resources for assistance in the future. • Continued communication |
| Community support & Advocacy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get Dr Wright & the mayor's office to champion HIAP to other metro department heads • Advocate with all depts & leadership at Metro outside of health dept |
| Learning Materials & Tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued communication • Tool kits • Educational Flyers and updates |