

HIA Americas Workshop: Finding the Voice of HIA in the Americas
September 24 – 26, 2008
Oakland, CA

Workshop objective: Develop an action plan of key strategies to elevate HIA to the next level in the Americas

HIA Americas Workshop Agenda
Day 1: Thursday, September 25, 2008

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>
9:00 – 9:30am	Welcome and Introductions	Marla Orenstein
9:30 – 10:30am	<p>Current state of HIA in the Americas – Part 1: Practical applications from the field</p> <p><i>Short presentations from invited participants highlighting their body of work and key lessons learned.</i></p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Murray Lee and Josie Auger, Habitat Health Impact Consulting ▪ Tania Barron, Environmental Resources Management ▪ Edmund Seto, UC Berkeley School of Public Health ▪ Jonathan Heller, Human Impact Partners 	Marla Orenstein/ Murray Lee
10:30 – 10:45am	Break	
10:45 – 12:00pm	<p>Current state of HIA in the Americas – Part 2: Institutionalization of HIA in the regulatory process</p> <p><i>Short presentations from invited participants.</i> Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rajiv Bhatia, San Francisco Department of Public Health ▪ Louise St. Pierre, National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy ▪ Aaron Wernham, Alaska Inter-Tribal Council ▪ Ben Harris-Roxas, UNSW Research Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity 	Marla Orenstein/ Murray Lee
12:00 – 1:30pm	Lunch (provided)	
1:30 – 3:00pm	<p>Practice challenges: Facilitated roundtable discussions of practical challenges to HIA practice in the Americas</p> <p><u><i>Roundtable #1: Issues related to HIA values and principles</i></u></p> <p>Can HIA fulfill its promise as a vehicle for multi-stakeholder engagement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What is the extent of non-expert participation in the HIA process?</i> ▪ <i>What are the available approaches for participation?</i> ▪ <i>What are the best practice examples of participation in HIA or integrated HIA/EIA?</i> <p>Can HIA fulfill its promise as a tool for health equity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Is healthy policy synonymous with health equity policy?</i> ▪ <i>What are the practice examples of HIA serving equity needs?</i> <p>Can practitioners keep practice accountable and maintain transparency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What decision control points create vulnerability to accountability?</i> ▪ <i>What principles of accountability and transparency apply?</i> 	Roundtable #1: Jonathan Heller/ Lili Farhang

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>How to avoid conducting assessments biased towards funder or client perspectives?</i> ▪ <i>Where is the line between policy research and advocacy for HIA practitioners?</i> <p><u>Roundtable #2: Issues related to regulatory integration</u></p> <p>Where are the major opportunities for integrating HIA and other forms of impact assessment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What are the available models for integrating?</i> ▪ <i>What does practice tell us about the value/costs of the integrated approach?</i> ▪ <i>How can integrated HIA/EIA avoid limitations of EIA?</i> ▪ <i>Are there other directions for institutionalizing HIA in the regulatory process?</i> <p><u>Roundtable #3: Issues related to evidence and analytic methods</u></p> <p>Does evidence exist to make meaningful forecasts of the health impacts of public policy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What are some of the sources of available evidence?</i> ▪ <i>What are some of the most important needs for research?</i> ▪ <i>What standards apply for the evidence used in HIA?</i> <p>What are the main development needs for methods and tools for HIA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Guidance documents?</i> ▪ <i>Indicators and data?</i> ▪ <i>Forecasting methodologies?</i> ▪ <i>Original policy-relevant research?</i> 	<p>Roundtable #2: Rajiv Bhatia/ Marla Orenstein</p> <p>Roundtable #3: Murray Lee/ Ame-lia Tamburrini</p>
3:00 – 3:15pm	Break	
3:15 – 5:00pm	<p>Practice challenges: Report-back from roundtable discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share experiences & learn from one another ▪ Find commonalities in practice and differences in practice that help us understand how HIA is practiced in the Americas ▪ Understand current challenges and gaps in HIA ▪ Inform Friday’s discussion of how to best collectively move HIA forward 	Lili Farhang / Jonathan Heller

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HIA Americas Workshop Agenda
Day 2: Friday, September 26, 2008

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Facilitator</i>
9:00 – 10:15am	<p>Identifying strategies to further the development and practice of HIA in the Americas.</p> <p><i>Given the current state of HIA in the Americas, what are the most important roles for HIA, where are the greatest opportunities for growth of the field and what are the limitations? If HIA is going to continue to grow who is going to do the work? Facilitated whole-group discussion to identify possible options that the HIA profession might pursue, including but not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public awareness and education ▪ Professional standards in the field (e.g., practice guidance, quality and transparency of evidence and process) ▪ Development of research methods and tools ▪ Laws and regulations ▪ Professional associations ▪ Practitioner network ▪ Project-based partnerships ▪ Conferences 	Rajiv Bhatia
10:15 – 10:30am	Break	
10:30 – 12:00pm	<p>Developing the next steps</p> <p><i>Working groups will be formed based on participant interest in the strategies identified above. The groups will work to further explore the options and to develop concrete recommendations for presentation to the larger group following lunch.</i></p>	Rajiv Bhatia
12:00 – 1:30pm	Lunch (provided)	
1:30 – 2:45pm	Reporting of results from the morning’s working groups regarding next steps	Lili Farhang
2:45 – 3:00pm	Break	
3:00 – 4:00pm	<p>Identifying collective priorities and developing an action plan for HIA in the Americas. <i>Facilitated group discussion to develop action plan strategies.</i></p>	Jonathan Heller/ Marla Orenstein
4:00 – 4:30pm	Summation and concluding remarks	