



## Meeting Minutes

### SB340 Health in All Policies Workgroup Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 1:00PM to 3:00 PM

University of Maryland School of Public Health, Friedgen Family Student Lounge 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
4300 Valley Drive, College Park, MD 20742

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#### Meeting Commenced at 1:00 PM.

#### Attendance both in person and remotely

*Stephen Thomas, Wesley Queen, Gerrit Knaap, Kim Bryant, Jean Anskabara, Jennifer Eastman, Elana McMahon, Kim Heiner, Karen Koski-Miller, Glenda Lindsey, Rodney Taylor, Cynthia Baur, Deborah Nelson, Jon Enriquez, Matthew Rowe, Nora Eid Aljohani, Ruth Vriend, Dave Marcozzi, Carolyn Varney Alvarado, Steven Ragsdale, Jennifer Barnhart, Tamara Toles O'Laughlin, Lauren Gilwee, Dylan Roby, Rachel Faulkner, Marilyn Lynk, Yolanda Dockery, Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Boris Lushniak*

#### I. Introductions

- a. All attendees introduced themselves on both the phone and in-person
- b. Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam welcomed all participants
- c. Boris Lushniak, Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland welcomed participants and discussed the importance of Health in All Policies
- d. Dr. Stephen Thomas welcomed participants and discussed the history of the SB340 legislation and the Health in All Policies definition and framework
- e. Participants shared briefly their experience with health and Health in All Policies

#### II. Goals and Objectives of the Workgroup

- a. Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam and Dr. Stephen Thomas discussed expectations and possible methods with participants

#### III. Content Expert Presentation

- a. Dr. Gerrit Knaap, Director of the National Center for Smart Growth presented on "Health in Land Use and Transportation Planning."
- b. Dr. Knaap provided examples of factors involved in impact assessments.
- c. Question and Answer session with Dr. Knaap
  - i. Question: Once detailed demographic data has been collected, who should act on the knowledge? Answer: A sustainable community is a designation by local governments that DHED and the Smart Growth Subcabinet approve which then become eligible for some DHED and MDOT funds.
  - ii. Question: Where do the results of these maps go? Answer: These maps are put on Web GIS for anybody who would like to access them.

- iii. Question: What are the sources of data used to generate these maps?  
Answer: There are about 25 layers. It is funded by the Town Creek Foundation and we have been working with the Environmental Health Network.
- iv. Question: What are the top conditions/priorities that Maryland is suffering from that you would want to tackle? Answer: The Department of Health, Population Health Office has a state health improvement process. We have 39 health measures, some disease outcomes, and social determinants of health that we feel are priorities for health.

**IV. Operational Plan for the Work Group**

- a. Division of the workgroup into teams was explained
- b. Teams will discuss recommendations and should consider the costs associated with their recommendations

**V. Motion:** We are going to organize our review of Health in All Policies by using existing environmental impact reports to distill health related content and then identify areas where content can be expanded to include additional health issues.

- a. Motion presented by Dr. Stephen Thomas
- b. Motion seconded by Carolyn Varney Alvarado
- c. Questions
  - i. How many environmental assessments and therefore environmental impact statements take place for projects in the state of Maryland on an annual basis or in general?
  - ii. What is the magnitude that you could possibly be impacting in terms of the number of activities?
  - iii. Why are we focusing on an environmental impact statement, which is triggered by a federal process, rather than a qualitative risk assessment, which is going to tone down things that we might be looking for versus a health impact assessment?
- d. Answers
  - i. We are trying to identify something that we could translate in legislation and something that individuals would be able to identify with.
- e. Suggestions:
  - i. Require that legislation have a ‘health note’ in addition to a fiscal note
  - ii. Define “health”
    - 1. Note: decision made to use the World Health Organization definition of health
- f. Call the Question: Motion
  - i. The motion is that we will organize ourselves into three teams, ten each. With support from staff from the DHMH and the School of Public Health, we will examine the environmental impact reports on major transportation. Those work groups will also be the venues for discussing other issues including qualitative risk assessment, health impact assessment, and environmental impact assessments as three different ways of measuring the same things.
- g. Motion Passed.

**VI. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM**