

Canterbury Health Impact Assessment Partnership Project

2010 Annual Report

Canterbury
District Health Board
Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

Partnership Health Canterbury
Te Kaitiaki o Te Waka

Environment Canterbury
Regional Council
Kaitiaki Takekōwhiri o Waitaha

Christchurch City Council

Project Steering Group

- Regular meetings, champions
- MOU, TOR, job description, project officer employed
- Focus areas: urban design, transport, health sector planning
- Capacity building activities : Health in all policies, HIA 2010 conference

Capacity Building and Training Activities

To suit the context a range of capacity building activities are available. These include: project overview for staff meetings; HIA trainings up to 2 days in length; building HIA understanding by sharing the work we have done; “what’s this health thing all about” introductory workshop; learning by doing HIA work, professional practice group.

Communication

- CPH website
<http://www.cph.co.nz/About-Us/Health-Impact-Assessment/>
- 3 x presentations at HIA 2010 conference in Dunedin
- Workshops, meetings
- Healthy Christchurch Newsletter

HIA/P work undertaken

- HIA of the Christchurch Transport Plan
- HIA of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy. Outputs including interim evaluation report at
<http://ecan.govt.nz/our-responsibilities/Regional-Land-Transport/Pages/hia.aspx>
- Screening of CCC Strategy and Planning Group 10/11 projects
- Patient vs. Clinician Travel - literature review and scoping report at
<http://www.cph.co.nz/About-Us/Health-Impact-Assessment/>

2010 HIA Conference papers

- About the Health Impact Assessment Partnership Project (Sue, Rob)
- Our experience of using a Social Determinants Planning Guide (Alison)
- Transport and Health literature review (Susan)
- Transport Modelling (Adrian - Synergia)

Useful resources and project outputs

Health Promotion and Sustainability through Environmental Design (HPSTED)

<http://www1.ccc.govt.nz/Environment/HPSTED/>

Integrated Recovery Planning Guide <http://www.cph.co.nz/About-Us/Health-Impact-Assessment/>

Transport Planning Literature Review <http://ecan.govt.nz/our-responsibilities/Regional-Land-Transport/Pages/hia.aspx>

Report on how HPSTED has been used by CCC and CPH staff at <http://www.cph.co.nz/About-Us/Health-Impact-Assessment/>

Quantifying the economic benefit of increasing physical activity <http://www.cph.co.nz/About-Us/Health-Impact-Assessment/>



From the horses mouth

HIA project steering group

"Good understanding, collective wisdom, really positive steering grp, incredibly respectful & enthusiastic. Strong lead from CPH" (PH)

"The project objectives were aspirational.....yet there is now progress against them all" (CPH)

"Funding the HIA Project Officer has created new opportunities" (ECAN)

Health Promotion and Sustainability through Environmental Design (HPSTED)

"HPSTED provides a good expression of what is meant by the well-being's in the Local Government Act 2002" (CCC)

Transport HIA work

"The session making the links between transport planning and health was extremely useful and informative" (workshop participant)

"HPSTED and the literature review helped provide evidence for the direction of the Christchurch Transport Plan. This was supported by the whole HIA process." (CCC)

Workshop called "What is this health thing all about?"

"Thanks so much for running that workshop, it really got me thinking outside of my immediate project tasks and gave me some good ideas for further policy development. As discussed at the time, I am keen to do a health impact assessment as part of our policy assessment for the Regional Policy Statement review (ECAN)

Health analysis of the Regional Policy Statement

"I appreciated the opportunity to be part of the workshop process with the Regional Policy Statement. I had much to learn of the ECan processes which also proved very interesting." (CPH)

Things to consider for the development of our work

- Manifesting our commitment to Treaty of Waitangi obligations
- Identify a project that can be usefully supported by a Whanau ora HIA (WOHIA)
- Building our understanding and associated practice about health inequalities and equity
- Who champions the recommendations that are developed as part of an HIA?
- Higher level buy-in by partner organisations (in Thailand HIA is in the Constitution)
- Adapting HPSTED for use in different contexts so that it is useful to assist embedding HiAP in the work of our organisations.
- How we can contribute to earthquake recovery/building resilience work
- How we can most effectively communicate and share our work locally, nationally and internationally

