Module 6

Benefits of HIA Evaluation

- Improve the HIA process
- Modify future procedures or models
- Assess the accuracy of predictions made during appraisal
Three Types of HIA Evaluation

• Process evaluation
  – Evaluates the process of completing the HIA
• Impact evaluation
  – Evaluates the effect the HIA had on the decision making process
• Outcome evaluation
  – Evaluates whether the predicted health outcomes were correct or not

Process Evaluation Questions

• How was the HIA undertaken with regard to time, place and population?
• What resources were used and what was the cost?
• How were recommendations formulated and prioritized?
• How and when were the recommendations delivered to decision makers?
• What did those involved in the HIA think of the process?
### Impact Evaluation Questions

1. Did the HIA provide useful information to the policy-making process?
2. Was the HIA able to support inclusive public engagement?
3. Did the HIA lead to changes to the design of the project or policy?

### Impact Evaluation Questions

1. Did the HIA lead to unexpected changes on the policy or project?
2. Has the HIA led to new partnerships, coalitions, or efforts to analyze or influence public policy on the basis of health?
3. Has the HIA impacted changes in the way institutions frame and address health issues?
Outcome Evaluation Questions

• Did the health impacts change in the direction predicted by the HIA?
• Did other health impacts materialize that the HIA did not consider?
• Were the predicted health impacts based on a different scenario than what actually happened? If so, how did this affect the predicted versus actual health impacts that were examined?

Challenges of HIA Evaluation

• Providing the leadership to ensure that evaluation takes place
• Defining the beginning and end of the HIA
• Managing stakeholders who may reflect a variety of objectives and interests
• Allocating time and resources for the evaluation
Next Steps for HIA

• Move from research to practice
  ▪ Define methods to screen bills or initiatives and determine those most appropriate for HIA
  ▪ Standardize and streamline impact estimation
  ▪ Train appropriate personnel
  ▪ Determine feasibility of different tools in various settings
• Adapt HIA to the unique policy-making environment of the U.S.

Summary

• HIA is a new and evolving science providing a promising new approach to quantify health impacts of a wide variety of policies and projects
• HIA provides an outlet for health to be appropriately factored into complex decisions
### Panel of Teaching Faculty

- What challenges you have faced when preparing and presenting HIA reports?
- What is your approach to developing HIA reports?
- What are different types of HIA reports that you have created or reviewed?
- What would you recommend for someone creating their first HIA report?

### Panel of Teaching Faculty

- What have been the impacts of HIAs you’ve completed?
- What were some of the successes and challenges you’ve had in the process of completing HIAs?
- Have you ever been able to complete an outcome evaluation? If you haven’t done an outcome evaluation – why not?
Panel of Teaching Faculty

- What are the benefits and problems associated with conducting each of these three types of evaluations?
- How were you able to fund the HIAs you’ve completed?
- Other questions?

TABLE ACTIVITY:
Conduct an Evaluation for Sunnyvale Highway