



AGENDA

DRCOG's Metro Vision Idea Exchange Stories from the Field: Local Experiences Conducting Health Impact Assessments (HIA)

DRCOG Office, 1290 Broadway, Independence Pass Conference Room, First Floor
10 a.m.-noon, December 15, 2014

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Share successes and challenges related to conducting HIAs
- Discuss stakeholder engagement and special considerations for HIAs
- Highlight local and regional initiatives and partnerships
- Learn when HIAs are the appropriate tool

10:00-10:15

Welcome and Introductions

Brad Calvert, Metro Vision Manager, Denver Regional Council of Governments

10:15-11:15

Guest Speaker Panel

Gretchen Armijo, Built Environment Administrator, City and County of Denver

Joelle Greenland, Long Range Planner, Adams County

Sheila Lynch, Land Use Program Coordinator, Tri-County Health Department

Gregory Tung, Assistant Professor, Colorado School of Public Health

11:15-11:55

Discussion

11:55-noon

Wrap-up and Next Steps



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Speaker Biographies

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Built Environment Administrator, City and County of Denver

Gretchen Armijo is the first Built Environment Administrator for the City of Denver - Department of Environmental Health, working to improve public health through community design through the use of tools such as Health Impact Assessment (HIA). Previously, Gretchen worked at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the City of Aurora and Douglas County as a planner. She recently worked with Dr. Andy Dannenberg, one of the pioneers of HIA in the United States, at the University of Washington-Seattle.

Gretchen is a faculty member in the Leadership for Healthy Community Design program at the Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership (RIHEL), and also lectures at the University of Colorado-College of Architecture and Planning. She has a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Colorado, is a LEED-accredited professional, and a member of the Society of Practitioners of Health Impact Assessment (SOPHIA).

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Joelle Greenland, AICP, is the Long Range Planner for Adams County where she oversees the county's long-range planning programs, regulation amendments and other special projects. Previously, Joelle has engaged in a wide variety of planning activities in both urban and rural settings as a senior planner with a private planning firm in Philadelphia, and as a planner and brownfields coordinator for a regional planning commission in Vermont. She has extensive knowledge and experience in brownfields remediation and redevelopment, and is the author of Resurrecting an Icon (Planning, March 2013). She holds a bachelor's of science degree in biology from the University of Richmond and a master's in urban and regional planning from the University of Colorado, Denver.

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Sheila Lynch is the Land Use Program Coordinator for Tri-County Health Department. Sheila received her master's of city planning degree at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where she focused on community development and housing. Sheila contributed to a best practices publication highlighting alternative housing models for disabled young adults and designed a point-in-time methodology for surveying rural homeless in the state of Pennsylvania. Sheila has led numerous community-based planning initiatives in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul and in Colorado. She served as a development review planner at the City of Lakewood working with property owners and developers on complex land use applications including transit-oriented projects and brownfields redevelopment. She has an extensive experience in leading planning processes including small area plans and corridor plans and served as one of the project managers for Lakewood Zoning Improvement process, the rewrite of the zoning ordinance.

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Dr. Tung's research interests relate to how scientific evidence is incorporated into policy and program decision making, with a special emphasis on injury prevention. He works on a diverse range of injury topics, including the prevention of youth violence, suicides, poisonings and child abuse. Dr. Tung's research interests also include the integration of health services and public health systems. He is a mixed methods researcher and utilizes both quantitative (e.g. longitudinal, multi-level, and time-to-event analysis) and qualitative (e.g. case studies) methods. Dr. Tung is also faculty in the Pediatric Injury Prevention, Education and Research (PIPER) Program and the blog editor for the journal Injury Prevention.