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Subject: Transition of Health in All Policies Task Force

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Recommended Action:

Recommend that the Council approve the transition of the four Public Health Institute- (PHI) Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force staff from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to the Council.

The HiAP Task Force Public Health Institute staff team, which has previously been entirely placed at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), will now be housed at SGC to continue the work of the Task Force in close collaboration with CDPH.

Background:

The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) established the Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force through Executive Order S-04-10 in 2010. Since this time, the Task Force has been facilitated by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The Task Force is staffed by a combined team of CDPH staff and Public Health Institute staff, with funding from multiple sources including The California Endowment and Kaiser Permanente. Since 2012, the CDPH and PHI HiAP staff team has been housed within CDPH's Office of Health Equity. CDPH provides technical assistance and content expertise that support the Task Force work to promote public health and equity across a wide range of policy areas, and engages health and health equity stakeholders both inside and outside of government.

Value of the Health in All Policies Approach

Health in All Policies is based on the recognition that California's greatest health challenges—like chronic illness, climate change, health inequities between populations, and increasing health care costs—are highly complex and influenced by policies, programs, and investments across sectors. Since its creation, the HiAP Task Force's collaborative approach has become a national and international model for incorporating health, equity, and environmental sustainability considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas in order to promote healthy communities and improve the social and material conditions that drive health outcomes.

Evolution of the Strategic Growth Council

Since HiAP was established in 2010, the SGC has grown in its capacity and influence. SGC was created by statute (Chapter 729, Statutes of 2008; Public Resources Code § 75120) to facilitate cross-agency collaboration and coordination of work to achieve State priorities. SGC now has dedicated staff who administer significant investments under the California Climate Investments program, including the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program and Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservation Program; lead an Outreach and Technical

Assistance Pilot Program for Disadvantaged Communities; and coordinate various climate adaptation, land use planning, and conservation efforts.

HiAP Task Force Staff Transition to SGC

While SGC has played an oversight role over the HiAP Task Force since its inception, SGC is now positioned to take greater leadership in order to support the SGC's and HiAP Task Force's common goals of promoting health, equity and state agency collaboration. Placing the PHI HiAP staff under the auspices of SGC will provide opportunities to enhance and bolster the HiAP approach with significant resources that are designed to advance State objectives.

The transition will increase HiAP's visibility and potential impact by providing staff with direct access to Council members, including state agency secretaries and public members appointed by the Governor and Legislature. More formally integrating PHI HiAP staff into SGC's organizational structure also provides an opportunity to elevate the HiAP Task Force's work and build on the stakeholder engagement and transparency that is central to the HiAP approach. Finally, this transition will better align efforts to incorporate health and equity into intersectoral initiatives and programs led by SGC and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

CDPH remains a key partner, and will continue to provide in-kind staff to the HiAP Task Force. HiAP staff within the CDPH Office of Health Equity, in coordination with the PHI HiAP staff at SGC, will support CDPH's broader efforts to improve social determinants of health and reduce health inequities, and serve as subject matter experts and liaisons for HiAP Task Force work throughout CDPH offices and programs and with its many partners at the state and local level. SGC, PHI, and CDPH HiAP staff will function as a multi-agency team to support the successful continuation of the California HiAP initiative.