

Health in All Policies (HiAP) Workgroup Agenda

February 27, 2026

12:00-2:00pm CST

1603 W. Taylor St, Suite 1136, Chicago, IL 60612

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Meeting Objectives

- Review and comment on 2025 annual report
- Identify opportunities for collaboration
- Discuss 2026 report focus

12:00-12:10pm	Opening Remarks	Wayne H. Giles, Dean & Professor University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health (UIC SPH) Sameer Vohra, Director Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
12:10-12:15pm	Approval of October 2025 Minutes	Wayne H. Giles, Dean & Professor UIC SPH
12:15-12:25pm	Open Comment Period	Janice Phillips, Assistant Director IDPH
12:25-12:35pm	2025 Annual Report Review	Antonia Lewis-Reese, Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives, UIC SPH
12:35-12:55pm	Federal Updates and Impact to Public Health in Illinois	Matthew Smith, Chief Policy Officer, IDPH
12:55-1:15pm	IDPH and Partner Updates	Sameer Vohra, Director IDPH
1:15-1:35pm	Group Discussion <i>What are your agency's 2026 priorities? Are there opportunities for collaboration to advance health/HiAP?</i>	HiAP Alliance Members
1:35-1:50pm	2026 Annual Report Focus	HiAP Alliance Members
1:50-2:00pm	Closing Remarks	Wayne H. Giles, Dean & Professor UIC SPH Sameer S. Vohra, Director IDPH

The Health in All Policies Alliance facilitates cross-sector communication and work across policy makers and stakeholders to foster a culture of health equity and support efforts to make Illinois the healthiest state in the nation. We do this by examining the health of the residents of the state of Illinois and making recommendations to the Illinois General Assembly to improve and prevent threats to health through policy, practice, and partnership.

*The Health in All Policies Act ([410 ILCS 155/10](#)) identifies the following **areas of focus** for our work:*

- (A) Access to safe and affordable housing.

- (B) *Educational attainment.*
- (C) *Opportunities for employment.*
- (D) *Economic stability.*
- (E) *Inclusion, diversity, and equity in the workplace.*
- (F) *Barriers to career success and promotion in the workplace.*
- (G) *Access to transportation and mobility.*
- (H) *Social justice.*
- (I) *Environmental factors.*
- (J) *Public safety, including the impact of crime, citizen unrest, the criminal justice system, and governmental policies that affect individuals who are in prison or released from prison.*