

# Selected Resources for the Development of Local Health and Public Engagement-Related Plans, Practices, and Policies



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## Introduction

This document offers an inventory of resources, through provided links, that can be useful to counties, cities, towns, and others interested in developing more effective, inclusive, equitable, and sustaining capacities to bring the voices of the public into local health and health-related policymaking and other decisions. The resources provided here are in service to the purposes of the Community Voices for Health in Monroe County (CVHMC) initiative as well as responsive to comments from members of the public who have participated in CVHMC activities to date. A full table of contents for this document follows immediately below this Introduction section.

The resources identified in this document are organized into three categories around the themes of comprehensive plans, health in all policies, and public engagement.

The first set of documents is related to comprehensive plans and health. This set includes guidance documents that provide information about how comprehensive plans may best be organized to include health-related content, including health and health-related-focused chapters of such plans. Also found here are examples of adopted local comprehensive plans that have individual chapters on specific health-related matters. Finally, there are links in this section to excerpts of health-related content from a few county and city comprehensive plans throughout Indiana.

The second set of documents is focused on Health in All Policies (HiAP) materials. These include guidance documents to help communities understand and develop Health in All Policies strategies, resolutions and ordinances. Other documents here provide specific examples of adopted Health in All Policies resolutions and ordinances that promote attention to community health and social determinants of health and also support more informed and integrated health-related planning.

The third set of documents brings together informational guides as well as specific practice and policy examples to support the develop of more effective, inclusive, and equitable public engagement. Included here are adopted public engagement-related principles and ordinances that may help local officials and the public frame and guide effective public engagement practices over time.

While all document links provided here have been checked for their accessibility, individual sites may change their requirements and/or may have firewalls, ask for registration or membership, or otherwise restrict access.

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## **Section 1: Comprehensive Plans: Guidance documents and examples for incorporating health and social determinants of health considerations into local comprehensive plans**

Documents in this section include guidance documents from a number of sources that can support the development of health-related chapters or other content into comprehensive and other community plans. Materials identified here also include health-related language and section excerpts from local comprehensive plans within in Indiana and from elsewhere in the United States.

### A. Guidance Documents for Developing Health-Related Content in Local Comprehensive and Other Plans

*Kansas Planning Guide: Incorporating Health into Local Community Planning* (from the Public Health Law Center at Mitchell Hamline School of Law). Find at: (<https://www.publichealthlawcenter.org/sites/default/files/resources/Kansas-Local-Planning-June2017.pdf>)

*The North Carolina Guide to Incorporating Health Considerations into Comprehensive Plans* (from N.C. Health and Human Services, N.C. Public Health, and N.C. Division of Public Health Community/Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch) Find at: ([https://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/North\\_Carolina\\_Guide\\_to\\_Incorporating\\_Health\\_Considerations.pdf](https://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/North_Carolina_Guide_to_Incorporating_Health_Considerations.pdf))

*Healthy Plan Making: Integrating Health into the Comprehensive Planning Process* (from the American Planning Association Planning and Community Health Research Center) Find at: (<https://www.mountvernonwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8851/Appendix-C-APA-Healthy-Plan-Making?bidId=>)

### B. Health-Related Full Chapters or Sections in Local Comprehensive Plans from Indiana and Other States

“Community Health and Wellness” chapter of the City of Richmond, CA 2030 General Plan. Find at: (<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/8816/110-Health-and-Wellness-Element?bidId=>)

“Healthy Community” chapter of the City of Morgan Hill, CA 2035 General Plan (<https://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22839/MH2035-General-Plan---December-2017?bidId=>)

“Public Safety/Health” Section from the Evansville-Vanderburgh County IN Comprehensive Plan (<https://dev.evansvilleapc.com/assets/docs/Planning/comp-plan/Evansville-Vanderburgh%20County%20Comprehensive%20Plan%202015-2035.pdf>)

### C. Health-Related Content from Selected Local Comprehensive Plans in Indiana

These health and social determinants of health-related excerpts from the content of individual county and city comprehensive plans in Indiana have been compiled as word documents by Community Voices for Health in Monroe County (CVHMC) and the Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM).

These health and social determinants of health-related excerpts from the following comprehensive plans may be accessed through a single link. Find at:  
<http://ciamcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Selected-Health-and-Health-Related-Content-from-Local-Comprehensive-Plans-in-Indiana-6-27-2022.pdf>

- Allen County Comprehensive Plan
- City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan
- Town of Ellettsville Comprehensive Plan
- Howard County Comprehensive Plan
- City of Indianapolis Comprehensive Plan
- Monroe County Comprehensive Plan
- Randolph County Comprehensive Plan
- City of South Bend Comprehensive Plan

## **Section 2: Health in All Policies (HiAP) Guidance Documents and Examples**

The documents identified here include guidance documents to help local governments and their communities to understand and develop Health in All Policies strategies, resolutions and ordinances. Other documents in this section provide examples of adopted Health in All Policies resolutions and ordinances created to promote attention to community health and social determinants of health and also to support more informed and integrated health-related planning.

### A. Guidance Documents and Models for Developing Local Health in All Policies (HiAP) Frameworks.

*Health in All Policies: A Guide for State and Local Governments* (from the American Public Health Association, Public Health Institute, CA Dept. of Public Health, and others)  
Find at:

[http://www.phi.org/wp-content/uploads/migration/uploads/files/Health\\_in\\_All\\_Policies-A\\_Guide\\_for\\_State\\_and\\_Local\\_Governments.pdf](http://www.phi.org/wp-content/uploads/migration/uploads/files/Health_in_All_Policies-A_Guide_for_State_and_Local_Governments.pdf)

*Health in All Policies Evaluation Guidance for Local Health Departments* (from the National Association of Counties and City Health Officials, Washington D.C.) Find at:  
[https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Final\\_HiAP-Evaluation-Guidance-for-Local-Health-Departments.pdf](https://www.naccho.org/uploads/downloadable-resources/Final_HiAP-Evaluation-Guidance-for-Local-Health-Departments.pdf)

*Model Health in All Policies Ordinance*, from ChangeLab Solutions. Find at:  
[https://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/HiAP\\_ModelOrdinance\\_FINAL\\_20150728.pdf](https://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/HiAP_ModelOrdinance_FINAL_20150728.pdf)

*Model Health in All Policies Resolution*, from ChangeLab Solutions. Find at:  
[https://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/HiAP\\_ModelResolution\\_FINAL\\_20150728.pdf](https://www.changelabsolutions.org/sites/default/files/HiAP_ModelResolution_FINAL_20150728.pdf)

## B. Health in All Policies (HiAP) Resolution and Ordinance Examples

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health (WA) Health In All Policies Resolution. Find at:  
<https://www.tpchd.org/home/showdocument?id=532>

City of Richmond (CA) adopted ordinance to amend that city’s municipal code to establish a Health in All Policies strategy. This includes “findings,” “definitions,” and “implementations” sections. Find at:  
[https://library.municode.com/ca/richmond/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=ARTIXHE\\_CH9.15HEALPO](https://library.municode.com/ca/richmond/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=ARTIXHE_CH9.15HEALPO)

## **Section 3. Public Engagement Principles, Values, and Effective Practices**

Included in this section are informational guides as well as practice and policy examples from specific communities that support the development and use of more effective, inclusive, and equitable public engagement. Also found here are adopted public engagement-related principles and ordinances intended to help local officials and the public frame and guide effective public engagement practices in their communities over time.

### A. Public Engagement-related Guides and Reports

*What’s Next Alexandria: Handbook for Civil Engagement* (from the City of Alexandria, VA) Find at:  
[https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/special/CivicEngagement/web\\_boxes/WNA%20HANDBOOK%20FINAL%20reduced\\_3\\_2014.pdf](https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/special/CivicEngagement/web_boxes/WNA%20HANDBOOK%20FINAL%20reduced_3_2014.pdf)

*Salt Lake City Public Engagement Guide* (from the City of Salt Lake City)  
Find at: <http://www.slcdocs.com/recorder/publicengagement.pdf>

*Practices for Engagement in the Time of COVID* (from the Salt Lake City Civic Engagement Team) This includes “resources for online and traditional (but adapted) engagement” information.  
Find at: <https://www.slc.gov/can/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/04/Final-Best-Practices-for-Engagement-During-COVID-19-V2.pdf>

*Index of Community Engagement Techniques:*

(from Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada) Find at:

<https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/hubfs/.Resources/Index%20of%20Engagement%20Techniques.pdf>

*Public Engagement Guide* (from the Office of Public Engagement, City of St. John's, Province of Newfound & Labrador, Canada) Find at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/pep/files/Public-Engagement-Guide.pdf>

*The Delaware Complete Communities Toolbox: Public Engagement* (from the the Institute for Public Administration at the University of Delaware, with support from the Delaware Department of Transportation.) Find at: <https://www.completecommunitiesde.org/>

*Public Engagement Guide* (from the City of Fort Collins, Colorado) Find at:

<https://www.fcgov.com/excellence/files/publicengagementguide.pdf>

*Public Engagement Guide* (from the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) Find at:

[https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/7843\\_Public\\_Engagement\\_Guide.pdf](https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/7843_Public_Engagement_Guide.pdf)

*Public Participation Toolkit* (from Tompkins County, New York) Find at:

<https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/tccp/publicparticipation>

*Fixing the Health-Care System: What People See—and What They're Willing to Do—After Deliberating* (a report from the Kettering Foundation) Find at:

<https://www.kettering.org/catalog/product/fixing-health-care-system>

*Town of Okotoks (Canada) Public Participation Strategy & Toolkit*

Find at:

[https://www.okotoks.ca/sites/default/files/Okotoks%20P2%20Strategy%20and%20Toolkit\\_0.pdf](https://www.okotoks.ca/sites/default/files/Okotoks%20P2%20Strategy%20and%20Toolkit_0.pdf)

*County of Grande Prairie (Canada) Public Participation Strategy & Toolkit:* Find at:

[https://issuu.com/countygpno1/docs/cogp\\_public\\_participation\\_strategy\\_toolkit/2](https://issuu.com/countygpno1/docs/cogp_public_participation_strategy_toolkit/2)

## **B. Examples of Public Engagement Principles and Values**

*Principles of Local Government Public Engagement* (from the Institute for Local Government) Find at: [https://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/principles\\_of\\_public\\_engagement\\_jan\\_2015.pdf?1497552327](https://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/principles_of_public_engagement_jan_2015.pdf?1497552327)

*Principles of Equitable and Inclusive Civic Engagement* (from The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute) Find at: <http://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ki-civic-engagement.pdf>

*City of Portland Public Involvement Principles* (from City of Portland OR) Find at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/312804#:~:text=Public%20involvement%20processes%20invest%20in,with%20community%20partners%20and%20stakeholders.&text=Public%20dialogue%20and%20decision%20making,community%20in%20its%20full%20diversity>

Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation (from the International Association for Public Participation) Find at: <https://www.iap2.org/page/corevalues>

### C. Examples of Public Engagement-Related Municipal Policies/Ordinances

Revised Rules & Orders of the Portsmouth (NH) City Council (revised: 02/07/2022). This is included as these Rules and Orders contain an interesting rule (Rule 43B) which includes: “The City Council reserves the right to hold a noticed Public Dialogue session including at locations other than City Hall.” Find at: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citycouncil/revised-rules-orders-portsmouth-city-council-adopted-city-council-02072022>

### D. Public Engagement-Related Content from Selected Local Comprehensive Plans in Indiana

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