

# THE POLICY BRIEF

A newsletter issued by the Health in All Policies (HiAP) team in Pinellas County

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## PROGRAM REVIEW

### Pinellas Park Health in All Policies Resolution

#### RESOLUTION NO. 19-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK TO APPLY A "HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES" APPROACH TO THE CITY'S DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, BUDGETING AND SERVICE DELIVERY; SUPPORTING THE DECISION TO HIRE A HEALTH PLANNER TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS TO ENSURE THAT PROJECTS ARE EVALUATED BASED ON THEIR HEALTH IMPLICATIONS IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL METRICS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

On August 8, Pinellas Park City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 19-11 which adopted a Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach to city decision-making processes through the consideration of health and equity in the development and implementation of city policies, plans, projects, programs, budgets, and delivery of services.

Per the resolution, policies, plans, projects, and programs implemented by city departments outside of the traditional health sector (e.g. community development, public works, police, etc.) significantly impact the community's health outcomes and health inequities. The city council acknowledged addressing the social determinants of health through interdepartmental and inter-agency collaboration can help achieve equitable health outcomes, and, by adopting a HiAP approach, the city council recognized all city departments have a role to play in achieving the highest level of health for all city residents.

The City of Pinellas Park joins the City of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County as jurisdictions which have formally adopted a Health in All Policies approach to improve the health and well-being of residents and create prosperous and sustainable communities.

## St. Petersburg Health Impact Assessment Workshop



On September 19, the City of St. Petersburg's health impact assessment (HIA) team met to discuss their progress on the 18th Ave S. HIA. The HIA will analyze how potential complete streets corridor modifications to 18th Ave. S. could affect physical inactivity and the economic determinants of health,

including impacts to income and employment of community members who live and/or work near the corridor. The HIA team reviewed the data collection methodologies needed to create an existing conditions' profile for preliminary assessment and discussed which data points would be useful for monitoring and evaluating the HIA's adopted recommendations.

The HIA will be completed in December 2019 and will be followed by a Complete Streets Concept Study involving community engagement to determine the specific modifications necessary to improve the safety of all roadway users.

## Pinellas Park HiAP Working Group Meeting



On September 27, the City of Pinellas Park HiAP Working Group met and discussed steps to further institutionalize HiAP in the city.

Using NACCHO’s “Seven Strategies” framework for implementing HiAP as a guide, the working group (facilitated by

Daphne Green) discussed the city’s HiAP implementation timeline for employing HiAP tools and strategies which would best fit the needs of the city and leverage its greatest assets. The tools and strategies within the city’s HiAP implementation timeline include the utilization of a “P4 Tracker” (to catalogue departmental policies, plans, projects, and programs for health and equity assessments), the formulation of a HiAP continuity plan, and the facilitation of HiAP training sessions for employees.

## PINELLAS HEALTH FACT


### Flood Zones

The Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater metropolitan area consists of over 1000 miles of shoreline and is home to a population of nearly 3 million people. Of the nearly 3 million, 58% reside in flood zones. Over the past 30 years, heavy rainfall has caused serious flooding in Pinellas County at a rate of 1.7 times per year. The risk of contracting a vector-borne and/or water-borne disease increases when floodwaters inundate drinking water facilities, chemical and waste storage facilities, wastewater treatment facilities, and solid waste disposal sites.

| By Year | Likelihood of 5-Foot Flood |
|---------|----------------------------|
| 2030    | 24%-32%                    |
| 2050    | 53%-77%                    |
| 2100    | 95%-100%                   |

## COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

### Lynn Gordon

A portrait of Lynn Gordon, a woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue top and a necklace. She is smiling and looking towards the camera.

Lynn Gordon is a manager in the City of St. Petersburg's Parks & Recreation Department. She oversees three divisions in the department – Special Programs, TASC0 (Teen Arts, Sports, and Cultural Opportunities), and Healthy St. Pete.

On the interrelation of community health and the Parks & Recreation Department, Lynn says, "The divisions I manage are unique in scope but very similar in their ultimate goals: to provide experiences

that enhance quality of life and encourage interactions and physical activity among children, families, and adults through various programs and activities.

The Special Programs division is responsible for coordinating large public events (such as the annual 4th of July celebration, the Santa parade, Snowfest) and working with local non-profit groups to provide logistics support for co-sponsored events (such as walks/runs, festivals). The most rewarding of the Special Programs division's tasks are the three city-wide summer camp events, which are organized for the benefit and entertainment of our elementary school age children who are enrolled in summer camp at one of our city's eleven recreation centers. These events encourage physical activity and socialization of some of our youngest citizens. The goal is to give each of the more than 3,500 elementary school age campers the opportunity to participate in free off-site events in the summer because other field trips and activities may be cost prohibitive for some families. We believe every child should be able to play, learn, and explore and have a summer of fun.

The TASC0 division brings fun and engaging opportunities to teens within the city and the surrounding communities. The division offers six summer camp events (including the very muddy Mud Wars), along with field day events, dances, and even a Halloween experience that gets the heart pumping. In addition to providing entertainment and experiences for teens, TASC0 also employs a large number of teens and young adults, providing valuable real-world job experience.



Healthy St. Pete is the newest division to the Parks & Recreation Department. The Healthy St. Pete initiative seeks to create a culture of health for our citizens by encouraging them to eat, shop, live, and play healthy. Healthy St. Pete offers programs and activities for all ages and abilities ranging from healthy kids programming to free group fitness classes. Each of the programs and activities encourage social interaction, physical activity, and mindful decision-making, while enhancing the quality of life for our participants and citizens. The Healthy St. Pete staff also engages city employees through the Employee Wellness Program, which focuses on internal employee health and wellbeing. Healthy St. Pete has fostered a number of community partnerships with groups such as the American Heart Association, All Children's Hospital, the YMCA, FDOH-Pinellas, as well local businesses that provide valuable resources and activities focused on various aspects of wellness.

## PARTNER BIOGRAPHY

### Chris Gallucci



Chris Gallucci is a public health services manager in the Department of Community Health & Performance Management for the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County. Chris holds a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine from Quinnipiac University, a master's degree in public health from the University of Florida, and is pursuing a doctorate in health sciences from Nova Southeastern University.

Although born in Hamden, Connecticut, Chris has lived in 10 different states due to work, school, and military service. At the onset of his professional career, Chris worked as an ultrasound technologist in South Florida for two hospitals and one private, high-risk OBGYN office. Afterwards, Chris joined the Army, underwent rigorous language training in Arabic, and served as a cryptolinguist at the Defense Language Institute in California before joining the 101st Airborne in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. After being discharged from the military, Chris opened a gym in West Palm Beach and, upon receiving his master's degree in public health, subsequently moved to Austin, Texas to work as an environmental health specialist. Chris and his wife moved back to Florida for the beautiful beaches and to fulfill his current role as public health services manager for the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County.

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