

HIA and Partnership Development

(MDPH/Bureau of Community Health and Prevention)

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Partnering
may often
seem like a
case of the
good, the
bad and the
ugly but
mostly turns
out good



Take Risks,
try things out



Work on
relationships
even if they
are hard



It's not just
about the
money

Contractors can
be partners

Their capacity
builds ours



HIA Partnership Analysis

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- Analysis framework differs depending on scale of project
 - State vs. Local impact
- Capacity and likelihood of routine adoption of HIA drive our decisions for partners:
 - RPAs
 - Towns part of Mass in Motion
 - State agencies
 - Internal MDPH Considerations

Getting work done

in a state bureaucracy.....

- What is off limits?
- What are our limitations?
 - Choosing who “owns” the HIA
- Who can help:
 - Non-profit partners (HRiA), quasi-governmental (MAPC)

HNEF, CITC and Worcester HIA Examples

- Screening: high potential for *impact* and for *partnership capacity building*
 - Healthy Neighborhood Equity Fund HIA and Community Investment Tax Credit HIA: community development
 - Worcester Neighborhood Revitalization HIA: Regionally important agency (Worcester DPH)
- Partnerships to conduct the HIA chosen by:
 - Capacity (current and hoped for)
 - Logistics
 - Past experience working with each other