

HIA Training

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Design for Health/HIA Workshop
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Instructions:

In order to gain experience in planning for an HIA, participant pairs from each jurisdiction will work together to strategize about how they might conduct an HIA. Each pair is encouraged to identify about a local project, plan, or policy that might benefit from an HIA. This exercise will assist you in thinking about which type of HIA tool would be most appropriate, who might be involved, and what resources are needed.

Initial considerations...

- Did a preliminary checklist suggest a more involved HIA was needed?
- Is there ample “energy” within the community look at the issue(s) more closely?
- Are there places in the policy and planning process where health can be incorporated e.g. goal setting, data collection, analysis, draft policies or programs, implementation tools?

Thinking about implementation...

- What resources are available?
 - Cash or other sources?
 - In-kind services from agencies?
 - Grants that may be applicable apply for?
- Is there a natural lead agency or champion?
- Who would comprise a steering committee?

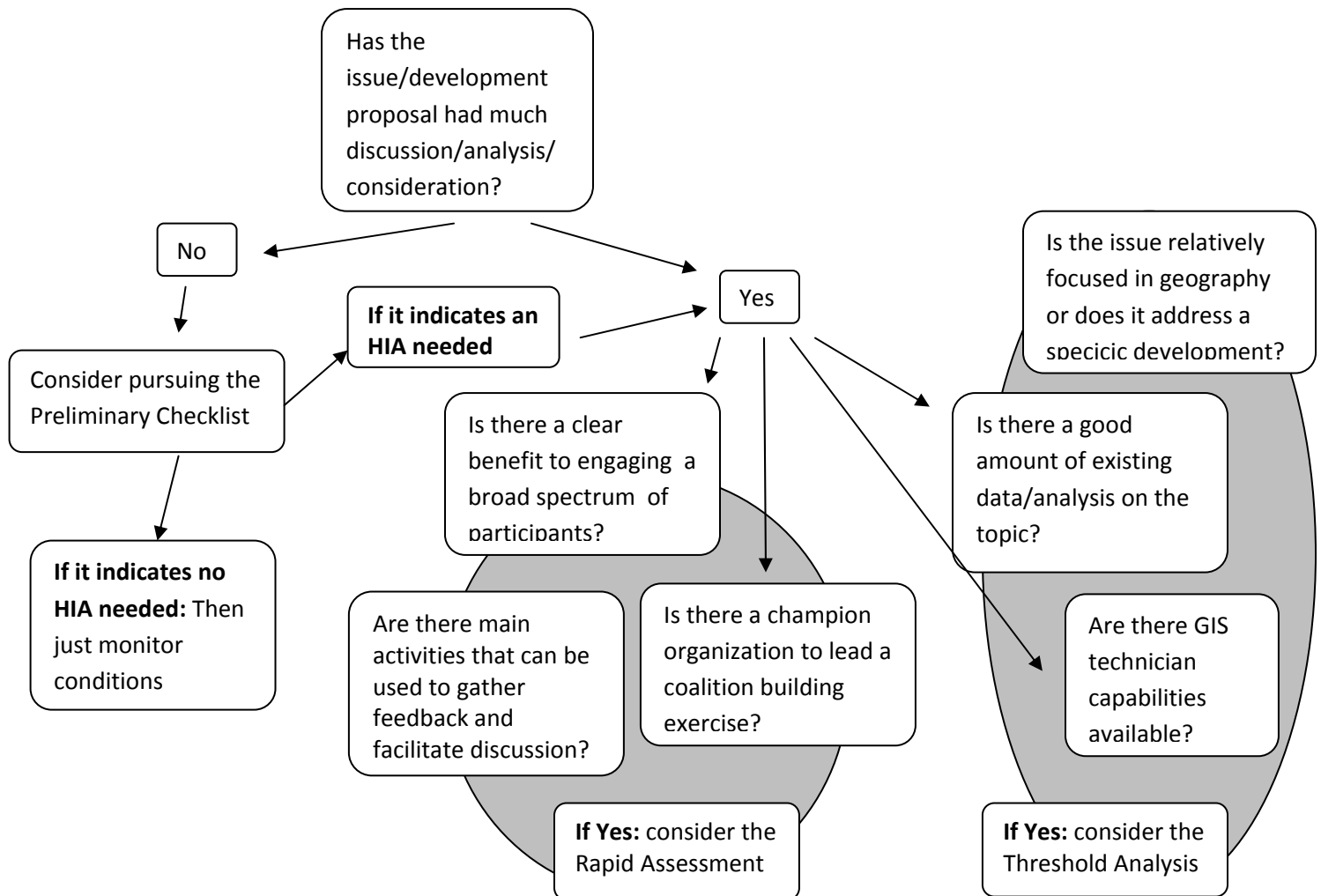
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- What type of HIA would be best?
- Is there an active citizens committee forming or is there active public involvement already?
- How broad of participation should be included (and via what means?)

Other considerations...

- Which existing plans or policies might you want to review in advance of the workshop?

Possible issues to consider in selecting the type of HIA



Five questions to hopefully iron out in the next 20 minutes:

1. Which topic, development, or plan proposal should the HIA focus on?
2. Which individual, program, or department should be responsible for organizing and leading the HIA?
3. Which additional technical and/or support staff members should be involved?
4. Which type of HIA appears to most suitable for your immediate needs?
5. How might the results be used and by whom?