



Perspective of a Board of Health Member on
**THE INTERSECTION OF HEALTH
IN ALL POLICIES AND THE LAW**

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- Governed by 14 member Board of Commissioners
- Law vests local public health powers in counties and City of Detroit only
- Law allows Board of Commissioners for county health departments to appoint BOH
- Ingham Board appointed 10 member BOH
- Advisory only



Advancing HiAP in Ingham County

- Mid-Michigan (three county project)
- Funding from Health Impact Project
- Presentations to and recruitment of BOH members and others
- Health in All Policies Work Group



Advisory Board of Health

- Advisory \neq Powerless
- Advisory = Super Constituent
 - Voice
 - Opinions
 - Connections
 - Access



HiAP Work Group

- Met 15 months
- Developed fact sheet and FAQs
- Made presentations to others
- BOH members helped develop resolution; presented it to Ingham County BOH, urging adoption



BOH resolution, passed 11/04/2014

- Therefore, we encourage the Ingham County Board of Commissioners to adopt a Health in All Policies approach to decision-making in Ingham County government, and that in doing so Ingham County serve as a model for other units of government throughout Michigan.

Health officer presented resolution to Human Services Committee 05/14/2015



Good start but . . .still not there!

Lessons learned and next steps

- Lesson: Message
 - From squishy to concrete
 - What's the "ask"?
- Lesson: Messenger
 - Politics and relationships
- Lesson: Things happen
 - Remember why you came
 - Getting back on track



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Lessons learned and next steps

- Next step:
 - Health department develops details for implementation using an interdepartmental workgroup
- Next step:
 - Health officer to address (again) the Human Services Committee, which can recommend resolution to go to full Board
- Next step:
 - Health officer to present to Board of Commissioners; BOH members speak in support



Next steps, continued

Fingers crossed. . .



- Next step:
 - Resolution passes, with Board of Commissioners adopting a HiAP approach to decision making
- Next step:
 - Ingham County successfully implements HiAP
- Next step:
 - Ingham County spreads the word to other local governments!!



THANK YOU!

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