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CHRONICLES OF HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Nearly 14 years ago, Pew and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) launched the Health Impact Project. Together, we committed to **boosting health equity** by promoting health-focused decision-making in transportation, housing, social and economic policy, education, and other sectors.

Over time, we broadened our work to support a range of Health in All Policies (HiAP) approaches, including cross-sector collaborations and rapid-response approaches such as legislative health notes, and to deepen our emphasis on equity.

Through collaboration, we've **accomplished our key goals**:

- 1. **Build capacity** among community and government organizations to use health impact assessment (HIA) and HiAP approaches to effect policy change.
- 2. Increase awareness among policymakers about the factors that shape health.
- 3. Galvanize philanthropic partners.
- 4. Expand use of HiAP approaches across the United States.

Over the past year, we spoke with many of you about our plans to close out the work of the Health Impact Project. As federal, state, and local initiatives build momentum, it is time for us to **pass the torch** to the many leaders championing this effort.

One common reflection we hear from our grantees is that the relationships forged and strengthened through HIA and HiAP work are often the greatext outcome. Although the Health Impact Project is ending, I feel confident that our large network of committed partners will continue to work together toward meaningful change and a healthier, more equitable future.



THE SOCIETY OF PRACTITIONERS OF HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT SOPHIA Over the years, the project has worked alongside many partners, organizations, and people devoted to this work. While there are too many to list here, you know who you are, and we are grateful for your collaboration and continued commitment to our collective mission.

All of us at Pew **thank you** for your support over the project's tenure. As we transition, take a look through some of the achievements we're proud to have been a part of - and check out a few ways to stay in touch with Pew.

Sincerely, Ruth Lindberg Director, Health Impact Project

Please visit the Health Impact Project website.