

Healthy Communities in PA

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Information Sharing and Orientation calls – typically the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2 PM

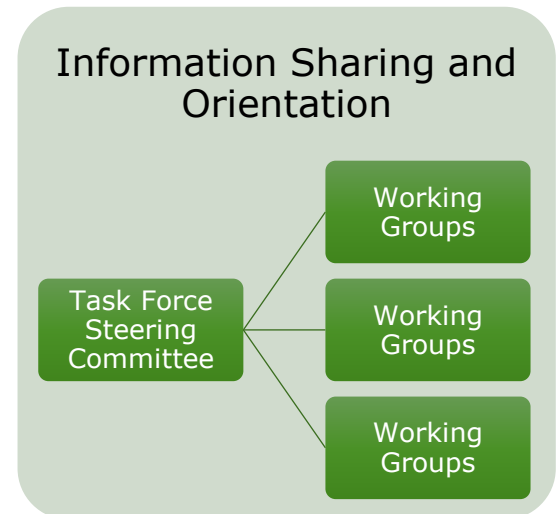
Steering Committee calls – typically the second Thursday of each month at 10 AM

<https://planningpa.org/advocacy/healthy-communities-in-pa/>

The Healthy Communities in PA task force combines the expertise of health and planning professionals statewide to advise the American Planning Association (APA), Pennsylvania Chapter (APA PA) on actions to better facilitate projects on common areas of interest. The Healthy Communities in PA increases awareness of the link between planning and health and provide resources to health and planning professionals to further this message in their work in healthy community design.

Task Force Information Sharing and Orientation

It can be intimidating to join or rejoin a group that has been working together on a project. The information sharing and orientation calls provide an opportunity for new partners to come on board with the Healthy Communities in PA task force. These calls also provide an opportunity for unstructured information sharing and brainstorming to happen without being rushed by other agenda items. These calls aim to welcome new task force members, advise the task force and working groups, identify partners who should join the task force and working groups, share information on programs of common interest around the state, and further progress on [training needs and opportunities identified around Pennsylvania](#).



Task Force Steering Committee

The Healthy Communities in PA task force is led by a [steering committee](#) of dedicated experts from the health and planning fields who are committed to guiding the information collection and sharing process. The steering committee members participate in monthly calls to guide work on the project as facilitated by an APA PA project manager. The steering committee calls review updates from working groups, form new working groups, advises the APA PA board, and ensure task force longevity.

Working Groups

Task force members break off into working groups to achieve goals that further healthy community design in Pennsylvania. Working groups are made up of partners whose organizational missions and personal interests align with achieving the working group goal. After completing a project, the working group decides whether there is more to do to achieve their goal. To help, there is a more detailed [guide for Working Group Leaders](#).

