

San Francisco Department of Public Health **Healthy Development Measurement Tool**

With the culmination of the ENCHIA process in the Healthy Development Measurement Tool (HDMT), the question remains on how to move forward in applying the HDMT to Eastern Neighborhoods Planning and other City land use planning. A number of different options of how to move forward are described below in order of least formal to most formal.

Future Tool Application Options:

1) Ad-hoc applications of the HDMT.

What would this look like?

- Community organizations would request SFDPH apply the HDMT to specific development plans or projects.
- SFDPH would next judge whether to apply the HDMT based on a number of factors, including available resources, stage in the planning, design, or development process, the scope or size of a plan or project, and scope and magnitude of impacts on health and health equity.
- SFDPH would then be responsible for applying the HDMT, summarizing findings, and sharing results with community organizations.

2) SFDPH provides technical support to community organizations who want to apply the HDMT to land use planning.

What would this look like?

- Community organizations would approach SFDPH with a project or plan they are concerned with and want to apply the HDMT to.
- Organizations, themselves, would undertake the technical tasks in applying the HDMT – i.e., interpreting indicators; evaluating project in relation to project documents, development targets and baseline data; composing evaluation findings; and, communicating findings to the public.
- SFDPH will be responsible for training and supporting community organizations to conduct these applications, and would review application findings.
- Organizations who are independently applying the HDMT could also come together periodically to share comments/ideas/feedback on what does and does not work well when applying the HDMT. Such feedback in applying the HDMT could help SFDPH improve its usability. Organizations could also discuss how the HDMT has advanced their issues of concern, and deliberate on strategies to improve projects they are concerned with.

3) Establish advisory body (i.e., Healthy City Council) to direct SFDPH in its use and application of the HDMT and other health assessment methods.

What would this look like?

- A minimum number of organizations (i.e., 7 – 9) agree to join together as an advisory body with the common motive of directing SFDPH to apply the HDMT and other health assessment methods to land use planning in San Francisco.
- Advisory body would prioritize and select projects to assess.
- SFDPH would be responsible for applying the HDMT and other health assessment methods, and for summarizing findings to advisory body.

- Advisory body would review application findings at various stages.
- Advisory body would share the responsibility with SFDPH in communicating findings to the public.
- Membership and ground rules would be established by the advisory body.
- Advisory body would, at a minimum, meet quarterly.
- SFDPH would staff advisory body.

4) Legislatively require SF Planning to apply the Tool to specific projects.

What would this look like?

- Members of the ENCHIA Community Council would take it upon themselves to develop and advance legislation that legally institutionalizes the application of the HDMT in one or more policy settings.
- SFDPH may have a role in implementing such a policy with adequate resources.