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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of Chronicles of Health Impact Assessment is centered on the theme of “bridging,” with numerous examples of entities working together to assess and improve community health. This issue also offers many opportunities for potential replication of successful programs and lessons learned from around the country.

Included in this issue is a book review of “Bridging Silos,” a book that describes best practices through the examination of three case studies. Although community health needs may vary across the country, successful strategies employed in one community may also be implemented effectively elsewhere. An interesting national study of policies and risks associated with motorized scooters reveals that there are significant risks for riders and pedestrians, and knowledge of policies is generally lacking. There are clear public health implications for e-scooters in our country. Another article details a study of policy monitoring, with a focus on communication with local health departments and identification of potential health impact assessment opportunities. An informative article describes an HIA Learning Collaborative, designed to improve the ability of community partners to effectively implement HIAs, an idea which may be replicated in other communities. Finally, this issue includes an article featuring a description of how local, state, and federal entities can work together to improve the built environment and improve community health.

We continue to need more volunteers to be peer reviewers. Being a peer reviewer is a time sensitive process as we have a goal to have the comments and suggestions back to the authors within a month of consenting to be a reviewer. As a peer reviewer, you are providing valuable feedback on how to make the article more useful and easier to comprehend. We have included the application to be a peer reviewer at the end of this issue. Additionally, if you would like to be a guest editor in the future, please submit your name and the topic you would like to write about and recruit at least two additional articles to me at cylstone@iu.edu.

We hope you have a great fall.

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