HIA Evaluation – Sample Questions

Screening	- Who was involved in screening the HIA and why? Were there others who should have been involved and why? - What were the reasons that the steering committee ultimately decided to conduct the HIA? - Were there arguments against conducting the HIA? What were some of the reasons why it may not have been beneficial to conduct a HIA?
Scoping	- Who was involved in scoping? Were there others who would have been helpful to participate in scoping? Why? - Was the completed HIA consistent with the scoping plan? - What methods were used to identify and prioritize health issues during scoping? Were reasons for inclusion/exclusion documented? - Which health issues did the HIA address, which were left out, and how were those decisions made?
Assessment	- Did the HIA make judgments about positive and negative health effects of the project, plan, or policy? - Did the HIA assess long-term effects or disproportionate harms or benefits to vulnerable populations? - Was evidence used in the HIA supported by findings in the literature? - Were the potential health impacts of project, plan, or policy alternatives explored in the HIA? - Did the HIA document methodology and data sources as well as assumptions and limitations of the assessment?
Recommendations	- Did the HIA identify evidence-based health-promoting design solutions, mitigations, or alternatives? Did the HIA provide analysis of the effectiveness and feasibility of these recommendations? - Were efforts to mitigate potentially negative effects of the proposed project, plan, or policy concentrated on the impacts of the largest magnitude? If not, why? - Were recommendations prioritized by the HIA steering committee? If not, why? What process was used?
HIA Steering Committee	- Was the HIA decision-making process transparent? How so? If not, what do you recommend to ensure transparency? - How much time was spent on the HIA? By whom (not just those who conducted HIA)? - What were the associated financial costs (e.g., salaries, travel, expenses)? - What did those involved think about the process and what changes would they make if they were to do it again? - To what extent was the goal of the HIA achieved?

Public Engagement	▪ What efforts were taken to involve affected populations in the HIA process? Were these efforts successful? ▪ Do stakeholders feel that the HIA was responsive to their interests or concerns regarding the project, plan or policy? ▪ Did the HIA utilize community knowledge and experience as evidence? In what ways?
Reporting	▪ Did the HIA include comprehensive documentation of the HIA process, analysis, and findings? ▪ Were stakeholders given an opportunity to review the findings and comment? ▪ How and when were recommendations delivered to the relevant decision-makers? ▪ Were stakeholders able to use HIA findings to develop or communicate their positions on policies/projects?
Monitoring	▪ Was a monitoring plan developed?