

Ten Healthy Built Environment Assessment Tools

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Presenter Bios

Sammie Hwang, BSc, BTech, CPHI(C)



Sammie Hwang is an Environmental Health Officer working in the Healthy Built Environment (HBE) program in Health Protection at Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). The purpose of the program is to influence and support the creation and sustainability of healthy built environments to improve health outcomes through disease and injury prevention within our VCH communities. To achieve this purpose, the HBE team collaborates with local governments and key partners in communities to encourage and facilitate the inclusion of health and wellbeing into planning policies, guidelines, processes and decisions. Sammie has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Health. She has been a Certified Environmental Health Officer working with Vancouver Coastal Health since 2017.

Sagar Shah, PhD, AICP



Sagar Shah is a Manager of Planning and Community Health Center at the American Planning Association. In this role, he currently leads applied research projects connecting urban planning and public health at the APA. Sagar's research interest includes investigating the role planners can play in creating healthy communities with emphasis on health equity. In his academic and professional career, he has worked on multiple applied research, community-based research, and basic research projects. In addition to research, he has a passion for data analysis and teaching. Sagar holds a PhD in Regional Development Planning from the University of Cincinnati and a Master's degree in Planning from the University of Southern California.

Renee Umstadd Meyer, Ph.D. MCHES



Dr. Renée Umstadd Meyer is an Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director in the Department of Public Health at Baylor University. The aim of her research is to advance health equity and active living through creative solutions to increase active play and physical activity opportunities for all, in which she prioritizes diverse underserved and rural communities.

She and her husband spend time walking, cycling, and spending time outdoors playing with their two energetic children or in the living room for family dance parties or sing-a-longs to "baby-shark"!

Colin Baillie, MSc, PhD(c)



Colin Baillie is a PhD candidate in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies at Queen's University, which sits on the territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Nations. As a community-engaged researcher, Colin's work focuses on facilitating the use of Indigenous methodologies and methods as well as working with First Nations youth to explore their environment using Indigenous ways of knowing. As part of his ongoing research, Colin is working with community partners and youth co-researchers to validate a physical activity environment assessment tool that supports wellness by exploring the relationship between physical activity and First Nations peoples.