



CALIFORNIA PAN-ETHNIC HEALTH NETWORK

Year in Review

2024



The mission of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network is to promote health equity by advocating for public policies and sufficient resources to address the health needs of communities of color.

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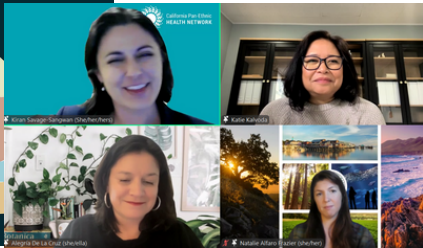


A ROADMAP ON RACIAL EQUITY FOR GOVERNMENTS

In December, CPEHN released a new report, titled “A Roadmap to Building Toward Anti-racist Governments.” Recognizing racism as a chronic, perpetual public health crisis, the roadmap offers concrete lessons and action steps for government

practitioners to focus on shifting power centering Black, Indigenous, Immigrant and People of Color (BIPOC) communities in their work, and sustaining racial equity progress.

Learn more about the project, [here](#). Read the Roadmap, [here](#).



GAINS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, PROMOTORAS, AND REPRESENTATIVES

The California Community Health Worker, Promotora, and Representative Policy Coalition unveiled *The People's Agenda: Planting Seeds for a Healthy Tomorrow*, which provided 15 policy priority recommendations to ensure equity and sustainability for CHW/P/Rs and improves care for marginalized communities. CPEHN was invited to testify before the Legislature and share these recommendations, ultimately resulting in a state budget investment for CHW/P/Rs.



COMMUNITY ADVOCACY RESULTS IN LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS



CPEHN proudly supported numerous equity-focused and community-based legislative efforts aimed at addressing the systemic barriers faced by our most impacted communities. The Having Our Say Advocacy Day included 61 legislative visits to advocate for these priorities. 19 bills were successfully signed into law, marking a significant step toward improving health outcomes and advancing justice for historically underserved populations. This progress reflects CPEHN's unwavering commitment to creating a healthier and more equitable California.



CPEHN's sponsored bill, AB 3161 (Bonta), was signed into law, requiring hospitals to acknowledge and address the role of racism in adverse patient safety events like medication errors and negative birth outcomes. We are grateful to Assembly Health Committee Chair Mia Bonta and Black Women for Wellness Action Project for their leadership on this effort.

BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE THROUGH COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

In partnership with Disability Rights California (DRC) and in collaboration with Decarcerate Sacramento, Transitions-Mental Health Association (T-MHA), The Center for Sexuality and Gender Diversity (The Center), the Ryse Center, and Vision y Compromiso (VyC), we hosted nine community conversations across California. These conversations focused on discussing the current mental health landscape, recent policies such as SB 43, CARE Court, and Proposition 1, and their impacts on communities of color and individuals with disabilities. Participants engaged in dialogue to share reactions, voice concerns, and strategize with regional community organizations and members on preserving and advancing community care.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEAM

As we look to 2025, let's take a moment to reflect, recognize, and honor all that we have accomplished together in this past year. Health equity and racial justice continue to be central to any conversation about health care in California and we are making progress, however incremental it may seem.

And while we are proud of the CPEHN team, we could not have accomplished so much this year without you - our partners, networks, coalitions and collaboratives. Many thanks to each and every one of you who played a pivotal role in amplifying the work we do together.

As we enter 2025, CPEHN will continue to stand firm in our values, to build power across lines of difference, and to protect the health and wellbeing of people of color, women, Transgender, Gender Diverse, and Intersex people, immigrants, and all those whose futures are put at risk by potential federal actions. We believe that equity is fundamentally about power and that we collectively have the power to shape a better future for all.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

With gratitude, the CPEHN Team

