

Office of Health Equity (OHE) Advisory Committee (AC) Meetings: One Year Recap of Activities (December 2020 – October 2021)

Purpose: To give a recap of activities from the past four quarterly AC meetings for reflection and planning

Quarter 4 [December 1-2, 2020 Meeting Minutes \(Approved\)](#)

- Panel Presentation by the Office of Health Equity (OHE) Health in All Policies (HiAP) Taskforce, and the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE)
- Discussion on Structural Racism, facilitated by Lazaro Cardenas, Racial and Health Equity Initiative, OHE
- Guest Presentation: Josefina Alvarado Mena, Safe Passages, Update on California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP)
- CRDP sustainability committee requested support from OHE Advisory Committee

Quarter 1 [March 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes \(Approved\)](#)

- New CDPH Director – Dr. Tomás Aragón, MD, Dr. PH introduced himself to OHE AC, presented vision
- Stakeholder Presentation: Julia Liou of Asian Health Services, Community Impacts of Pandemic and State Health Equity Metrics
- New member welcomed: Valentine Antony
- 2021 Action Planning
 - Priorities Survey Results shared: Intersectional racism is a cross-cutting theme that impacts the following 2021 priority topics: 1) Housing; 2) Health Care (broadly, i.e., mental health, social services, etc.); 3) Education; 4) Economics
 - Volunteer Subcommittees:
 - CRDP Sustainability Letter Draft: Ana González Seda, Lisa Folberg
 - AC application review: Ana González Seda, Simran Kaur

Quarter 2 [June 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes \(Approved\)](#)

- New members welcomed: Angela Ball, Hector Ramirez, Nancy Rodriguez, Terra Russell-Slavin, and Angelina Woodberry
- New Deputy Director, Rohan Radhakrishna MD, MPH, and Assistant Deputy Director, Ana Bolaños, MSW, welcomed
- Guest Presentations: Housing, Health, and Equity
 - Lynn von Koch-Liebert, Deputy Secretary of Housing and Consumer Services, California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency
 - Josh Rosa, Policy and Program Support Manager, Department of Housing and Community Development
- AC members expressed interest to know how OHE/CDPH could become more involved in housing/homelessness issues, even though it is an area not directly in its jurisdiction

Quarter 3 September 2, 2021 (Minutes will be posted online after AC approval at Q4 December 2021 Meeting)

- CDPH Assistant Director, Christine Siador, MPH, provided an overview of the Future of Public Health Workgroup - developing a framework for building California's 21st century public health
- Rohan Radhakrishna, OHE Deputy Director, presented on a Community Partnerships Survey and guided AC members through a poll about CDPH community partnerships and ways to collaborate more closely with the AC
- AC members encouraged OHE to use more accessible platforms for polls and other interactive activities
- Guest Presentations: Weiyu Zhan, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, and Juliet Sims, Prevention Institute: COVID-19 Public Health and Equity Collaborative—Impact on COVID-19 in California Communities
- HiAP presented on potential opportunities for CDPH/OHE to play a more active role in homelessness prevention