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RE: Equity in Data Transformation - Support

Reena Chudgar, MPH
Director of Innovation
Public Health National Center for Innovations at the
Public Health Accreditation Board
1600 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Chudgar,

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) support the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) - Center for Health Statistics and Informatics (CHSI) in their application for the Equity in Data Transformation Effort.

The California Department of Public Health's proposed efforts for public health data transformation draws on a broad consortium of technical, policy, and public health experts and implementation partners who are committed to strengthening public health infrastructure. Efforts will also build upon the legislatively funded California Future of Public Health Initiative that will benefit both state and local public health, investing in infrastructure that includes data systems transformation and equity.

The mission of CDPH is "to advance the health and well-being of California's diverse people and communities," which centers on ensuring that all Californians have an equitable opportunity to achieve the highest levels of health and well-being. CDPH has robust existing capacity and capability to carry out and coordinate data transformation strategies to incorporate and advance health equity and improve critical infrastructure needs related to foundational capabilities and data infrastructure across the Department of Public Health.

In addition, CDPH has many existing partnerships across sectors and across state and local governments that have been, and will continue to be, critical in informing statewide data transformation strategy including increasing authentic community engagement. California is well positioned to contribute to this national endeavor to strengthen public health infrastructure to better serve the residents of California and the nation.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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