

**Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting  
January 27, 2016  
Meeting Summary**

**Meeting Outcomes:**

- To reach consensus on the draft racial equity impact statement
- Provide members with an update on the structure of the Steering Committee

***The vision of the Healthy Sacramento Coalition is to eliminate health inequities in Sacramento through advocacy and integration of resources***

**Welcome and Overview**

*Connie Chan Robison, Executive Director of Center for Collaborative Planning and HSC Steering Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda. Coalition members introduced themselves.*

A video from PolicyLink Equity Summit 2015 was shared: <https://youtu.be/BhWc6Dzy8xM>.

**HSC Approach and Structure**

*Richard Dana, Executive Director of Mutual Assistance Network and HSC Steering Committee Vice Chair, provided a recap of the approach and structure of the coalition, shared the proposed “all-in” region framework and the draft racial equity impact statement. For more information, refer to the meeting materials and presentation at: [www.sierrahealth.org/hsc/2016-meeting-materials](http://www.sierrahealth.org/hsc/2016-meeting-materials).*

***Group Discussion***

HSC defines health in the broadest term and definition. From the beginning, HSC has recognized health equity as the foundation to better understand how races and ethnicities are experiencing health disparities disproportionately. In order for the coalition to achieve health equity, necessary preconditions must be satisfied first. Before we can address health and chronic diseases; the coalition will need to remove barriers to achieving health equity. Therefore we believe that social policy is health policy.

**Themes, highlights and resources from the discussion**

- The film *Unnatural Causes* by California Newsreel is a powerful example of health inequities and their impact on different communities.
- Given the history of institutionalized racism and the health disparities, having a racial equity focus is very strong and good.
- Communities must be involved in an honest conversation in order for the analysis tool and the racial impact statement to be as inclusive and representative.
- New resource released by the Center for Regional Change at UC Davis, [Capitalizing Environmental Justice in the Sacramento Region](#).

- The Sacramento Housing Alliance spent years coordinating the Coalition on Regional Equity (CORE)([report on the lessons learned on CORE](#) in 2015).
- Every member of the coalition needs to go back to their organizations and encourage their board members and leadership to go through this work and to reflect on equity; because there is no way that we as individuals will be able to bring about change without the support of our leadership.

**Reaching Consensus on Draft Racial Impact Statement**

*Robert Phillips, Director of Health Programs, Sierra Health Foundation, provided examples of how cities have applied the “all-in region” framework, including Portland, Oregon, and Kings County, Washington and emphasized that this tool can help the coalition advocate effectively.*

The question for the group to consider is:

- Would you like to adopt an “all-in-region” framework?
- If so, would you like to use the racial equity impact statement as a vehicle to accomplish the goal?
  - Amendment (1): to have an aggressive proactive statement of accomplishment of the main motion (the racial equity impact statement)
  - Amendment (2): with support of coalition member organizational leadership commitment (board and staff) of members to pursue this racial equity agenda

Poll Results from Gradients of Agreements		
1	2	3
<b>Whole-heartedly endorse</b>	<b>Agree with minor reservatio</b>	<b>Agree with major reservatio</b>
30 responses	9 responses	1 response

**Dialogue of reservations from Gradients of Agreement:** responses from gradients 2-3

- Be more inclusive of systemic change, modify vision (vs mission) and add social determinants of health as broad picture.
- Focus on Sacramento County, City of Sacramento, and 15 zip codes. How do we build community versus attending each meeting and foster space for partnership with community representatives?
- Missing discussion on implementation – county, city, and school districts. Who will lead the charge?
- Ensure collective agreement among the group to move forward and create safe space for communities to use a process for self-determination.
- Guiding principles of how we operate internally – next steps will ensure a way for community impact to be included.
- We need to address how to equip communities to take advantage of opportunities.
  - Planning skills needed– project development
  - Anticipate what comes after the plans – community building
  - Work with communities to participate in regional planning.
- Select the community-driven style for the racial equity impact statement.

### *Decision*

After gathering feedback and suggestions from the group and putting into consideration the concerns that were addressed, another vote took place. With the addendums that were made, the group reached consensus to adopt the draft racial equity impact statement and the “all-in-region” framework.

### **Steering Committee Structure and Composition Update**

Connie provided information on nomination and the new membership process for the Steering Committee. She invited coalition members to consider serving on the Steering Committee to help develop and shape the agenda for the coalition.

Nominations should include a brief statement (limited to 500 words describing why you are interested in serving on the Steering Committee and your general perspective on equity). Submit via e-mail to [hsc@sierrahealth.org](mailto:hsc@sierrahealth.org) by March 7, 2016.

**Next Meeting Date** – May 25, 2016