Healthy Sacramento Coalition Meeting
February 28, 2018
Meeting Notes

Meeting Outcomes
- PolicyLink and USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE) press event and report launch
- Overview of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing community outreach and points of intersection with HSC

The Vision of the Healthy Sacramento Coalition (HSC) is to eliminate Inequities in Sacramento through Advocacy and Convening of Resources. With a mission to eliminate racialized health inequities in Sacramento through movements that advance policy and system change resulting in neighborhood impact.

Greg Gollaher, Gollaher Consulting Group, provided graphic facilitation throughout the entire meeting. See the graphic facilitation images.

Welcome and Overview
Stephanie Bray, President and CEO, United Way California Capital Region, and Co-chair of the HSC opened the meeting, provided a brief overview of the meeting agenda, and led introductions.

PolicyLink and PERE Report Launch and Press Event
Chet P. Hewitt, President and CEO, Sierra Health Foundation (summary of remarks)
Healthcare is only about 15% of one’s health, 85% of health is determined by where we live, work, play, self-efficacy and the support systems you are wrapped in. Health equity is either improved or exacerbated by policy choices. The things we struggle with are changeable; the real question is are we up to the challenge?

Mayor Darrell Steinberg, City of Sacramento (summary of remarks)
Report produces a roadmap for Sacramento’s economic future. It is not enough to talk about the economic renaissance in Sacramento in general terms, we want to create opportunity for people who have been too often left out. This agenda is the city’s and region’s agenda. We need to connect to opportunity for all people who live in our neighborhoods. That is the call from the Equity report.

Supervisor Phil Serna, District 1, Sacramento Board of Supervisors (summary of remarks)
Reflect on the fact that every four years we run for re-election. It gives you a unique opportunity to look back at your platform, commitments you made and whether or not you fulfilled them. Looking back at my record, I am proud of two things: 1) we tackled the subject of the disparity and death rates in the African American child population and 2) reestablishing health care services for those who were disconnected.

James Crowder, Senior Associate, PolicyLink (summary of remarks)
Focus on racial equity and economic inclusion across a number of different areas. $19 billion dollars left on the table when we do not take into consideration equity. This is why it is important to consider equity in all aspects. Hope that Sacramento can serve as a case study, so other cities can learn from it. People in this room get the moral imperative of equity and that it is a just and fair society we strive to be, but there is also the economic imperative.
Community Representative: Eural Strickland (summary of remarks)

I grew up in South Sacramento and still to this day face several different housing issues. My mom has been homeless since 2013 because she could not pay the rent. Even now my father struggles to pay the rent and he is on Section 8. I work one job, he works two, we struggle and try to maintain to keep the bills paid. In order to keep the bills paid, sometimes it means sacrificing having food in our house. These disparities are generational. Inequity follows from generation to generation and it is a very difficult cycle to break unless there are policies in place to address them. Housing, workforce development, transportation are all inextricably linked.

Transition

Veronica Beaty, Land Use Policy Director, Sacramento Housing Alliance, and Co-chair of the HSC transitioned the meeting from the press conference by explaining the connection between the report and the current HSC focus on affordable housing.

Report Review

Connie Chan Robison, Executive Director, Center for Collaborative Planning re-introduced James Crowder and provided an overview of the relationship between PolicyLink and the HSC. James Crowder gave an overview of the Equity Profile and highlighted some key findings. See the presentation and the report.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Presentation

Tyrone Roderick Williams, Director, Sacramento Promise Zone and Director of Development, Sacramento Housing Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) provided an overview of the current affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH) process and what changes in federal law mean for the Sacramento region.

Discussion

- Under the previous Administration, there was a move to look at not just impediments to housing but a broader approach to how housing is placed, zoned and the collective impact on environment. SHRA was selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a pilot for a regional approach to looking at AFFH. The current Administration has suspended that effort.
- HUD issued a notice on January 5, 2018, that deadlines for AFFH were delayed until October 2020. SHRA wants community involvement in looking at impediments and will continue to provide opportunities for the public to be involved. They still intend to hold public meetings to get input from residents and stakeholders. SHRA estimates that the outreach calendar is delayed by at least two months.

Reflection and Large Group Discussion

Dr. Eric Gravenberg, President and CEO, The HAWK Institute and Anna Rosenbaum, Senior Program Manager, American Cancer Society led a conversation about how housing ties into the current work they are doing.

Discussion

- When we see that people are working hard every day, working full time and still cannot afford housing, that is alarming and adds a sense of urgency and concern.
- Sacramento takes pride in being a diverse community, but we are actually missing out on $19 billion.
- HSC is connecting with “All In Cities” as the broader framework, but also need to look at impact analysis, specifically asking institutions and systems about the impact of their actions for our communities of color.
- Intersectionality of issues and trying to find collective opportunities for working together.
Reflection, Small Group Discussion and Report Out
*Rangineh Azimzadeh Tosang, Principal, Solh Resolution International* facilitated partners in breaking into small table groups to discuss the following questions: 1) How do the social determinants of health in the report and presentation connect to your work? 2) What roles can the Coalition play in influencing and informing the AFFH process? 3) What other information/resources do you need to support engagement? How can the HSC further support your engagement? Partners then briefly shared a few highlights from their group discussion. See [small group notes](#).

Next Steps, Call to Action, Appreciation and Evaluation of Meeting
*Kim Williams, Director, Sacramento Building Healthy Communities* closed the meeting and reminded everyone to complete the evaluation.

**Next Coalition Meeting Date:** May 23, 2018