



Central Valley Health Policy Institute

Health Policy Leadership Program

Equity & Bridging Divides Cohort

September 30, 2022 - May 26, 2023

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Central Valley Health Policy Institute addresses the interconnected systems that create, sustain, and interrupt health inequities. The Health Policy Leadership program, established in 2005, brings together diverse individuals from multiple sectors who are dedicated to achieving health equity and promoting community and institutional renewal. Each year, we select up to 30 participants for this personal perspective and skill development program. Working together, participants enhance their leadership skills to promote racial reconciliation, community redevelopment and organizational renewal.

The Health Policy Leadership participants network comprises over 300 diverse leaders who are currently spearheading change in their places of employment, their local communities, and statewide to advance fair and vibrant communities.

HEALTH POLICY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (HPLP)

Since 2005, the Health Policy Leadership Program (HPLP) at Fresno State's Central Valley Health Policy Institute has offered professional growth and development opportunities to emerging local and regional leaders as they explore key issues in health policy. The COVID-19 pandemic, associated economic hardship for working families, and the racial justice movements of this last year have given away to a period of new investment in renewal of communities and their institutions. New commitments to eliminating inequalities have been met with deep distrust of democracy and the potential for fair governance. The social determinants of health model is gaining broad support among policy makers and advocates: efforts to build healthier, more prosperous communities now emphasize neighborhood equitable, resident-led redevelopment and stronger local institutions planned for resilience and sustainability.

The **HPLP 2022-2023: Equity & Bridging Divides cohort** will provide perspective and skills development opportunities for emerging public and nonprofit organization leaders. Participants will learn leadership skills with a focus on enhancing their organization's capacity to address equity and move forward with these conditions.

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: AUGUST 31, 2022

APPLIED SKILLS PROJECT

HPLP participants will work in pairs to develop, implement, and report on projects that address specific equity and renewal challenges for their organizations and communities. Past projects explored priority issues such as engaging uninsured persons in preventive care, engaging residents in addressing environmental concerns, and building resident and neighborhood capacity for partnerships for system and policy change and enhancing organizational capacity to address health inequalities or other topics.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Health Policy Leadership Program consists of 14 virtual sessions across 8 months. Each session will be four hours long. Each month, starting on September 30, 2022, sessions will include lecture materials and small group conversations about various health equity challenges and how a health equity lens is a useful tool for planning institutional and social movement-oriented solutions. Past programs have shown that two or more participants from an organization or network is helpful to the creation of impactful projects and individual growth.

If you would like to join the HPLP Equity & Building Divides cohort, please apply via the online application and submit a letter of support from your supervisor authorizing the required time commitment (Application Link: <https://bit.ly/3bJyKEI>) . We welcome participants from all career paths including public health, social services, economic and community development agencies, and the full range of community-based and grass-root organizations who want to have an impact on this important issue.

In this program, you will develop skills and knowledge to:

- Understand health equity and how to expand it through health in all policies strategies and health systems reforms
- Engage with others and strategically communicate around health fairness issues
- Conduct and interpret organizational assessment and strategic planning techniques
- Use existing data sources and plan for new research to identify and understand barriers to health equity
- Employ health equity and renewal tools to guide program development
- Develop and test messaging and strategies for community renewal engagement

Meeting Dates

September 30, 2022	March 10, 2023*
October 7, 2022*	March 24, 2023
October 28, 2022	April 7, 2023*
November 11, 2022*	April 28, 2023
December 3, 2022	May 7, 2023*
January 27, 2023	May 26, 2023 (Graduation)
February 10, 2023*	
February 24, 2023	

Program Cost

\$1500
(scholarships available)

Application Link

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* Meetings marked with an asterisk will be an Application of Concepts and Tools session OR Project Work Dates.