

WHO WE ARE

Communities Lifting Communities is a 501 (3) non-profit affiliate of the Hospital Association of Southern California, working alongside HASC hospital members and multi-stakeholders in co-creating and co-designing strategies for reducing social drivers of health.

In January 2017, the board of the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) approved a new community health improvement initiative focused on reducing health disparities in the HASC region of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The initiative, Communities Lifting Communities (CLC), is working to advance significant systems change through a collective impact model involving hospitals and health systems, public health departments, community clinics, Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans, and community stakeholders.

MISSION

We work to advance systems change and promote intercultural health equity through the effective use of data, prevention strategies, leadership, advocacy, and partnerships.

VISION

Working in partnership with local communities, we will facilitate the transformation of the health care system to reduce health inequities and improve community health.

Pillars

- Foster Collaboration
- Improve Cultural Competency & Relationships
- Center Patient & Community Voices
- Provide Quality Improvement
- Build Modes For System And Individual Reflection

Values

Partnership

We believe that strong partnerships built on trust, collaboration and mutual respect are key to achieving shared goals and creating lasting impact.

Equity

We are committed to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of our work, and ensuring- that everyone has equal access to opportunities and resources.

Empathy

We strive to approach every interaction with empathy, understanding and compassion and to actively listen and learn from diverse perspectives.

Integrity

We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethics and integrity, and are transparent, honest, and consistent in our actions and decisions.

Innovation

We believe in embracing innovation as a driver of positive change, to inspire creativity, unlock new opportunities and continuously improve and evolve.

FUNDERS & PARTNERS

AllHealth, Inc. | Ballmer Group | California Health Care Foundation | Cedars-Sinai | First 5 LA | HASC Member Hospitals and Health Systems | Kaiser Permanente | LA Care Community Health Investment Fund | The California Endowment



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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

ADVANCING COMMUNITY HEALTH

CLC advances community health through the development of quality improvement projects to improve birth outcomes, prevent diabetes and chronic health conditions; supports data collection and analysis of clinical, community, and social determinants to identify communities and populations experiencing the greatest inequities; and develops case studies highlighting hospital advancements in community health initiatives, projects, and partnerships.

CHERISHED FUTURES FOR BLACK MOMS & BABIES

Cherished Futures is a multi-sector collaborative initiative to reduce Black infant deaths and improve patient experience and safety for Black Moms and birthing families in Los Angeles County.

Guided by data and grounded in Black women's experiences, Cherished Futures is a two-year cohort experience that brings together decision-makers from local birthing hospitals, public health departments, health plans, and Black community leaders to co-design systems-change solutions across three systems levels: Clinical, Institutional, and Community.

Hospital teams participating in Cherished Futures Cohort 1 (2020-2021) include Cedars-Sinai, California Hospital Medical Center, and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance. Cohort 2 (2022-2023) hospitals include Antelope Valley Medical Center, MemorialCare Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach, St. Francis Medical Center, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, and UCLA Health.

Cherished Futures is a joint initiative of CLC, the Public Health Alliance of Southern California, and HASC.

For more information visit:
<https://www.cherishedfutures.org>.

HOSPITAL STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING

CLC offers training to build knowledge and understanding at the hospital executive and board levels. Topics include population health improvement elements, innovative financing, and community engagement strategies.

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LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES

CLC facilitates regional convenings with health care, public health, and community stakeholders to explore community health data, priorities and improvement strategies and identify opportunities for alignment across institutions.

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY THROUGH REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND HEALTH CARE ANCHOR STRATEGIES INITIATIVE

CLC engages hospitals, health systems, and other partners to build a framework for a collective impact approach to advance health equity and economic opportunity. CLC and HASC convene hospitals to assess organizational progress to advance health equity and anchor strategies and, in partnership with the Healthcare Anchor Network (HAN), will develop a strategic plan and learning opportunities including:

- Adoption of an anchor mission;
- Inclusive local hiring and internal workforce development;
 - Local purchasing with diverse suppliers;
- Place-based investment strategies; and
- Community partnerships

DIVERSITY, HEALTH, EQUITY & INCLUSION

CLC and HASC support the commitment to diversity, inclusion and addressing health, racial and social inequities by fostering a culture that values differences and similarities equally. Collectively, we strive to align with and support our member hospitals and health systems, partners and community stakeholders, our workforce, and the communities we serve.

REGIONAL HOSPITAL SUPPLIER DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

In response to AB 962, Burke, requiring hospitals to annually submit a report to the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) on its minority, women, LGBT, and disabled veteran business enterprise procurement efforts, CLC and HASC established a Hospital Supply Chain Diversity Taskforce. The task force helped guide our efforts to support hospitals as they diversify their procurement processes and practices through identifying suppliers that meet diverse classifications.

The initiative will create an innovative, scalable, and replicable model for health equity that is positioned to lead to significant systemic change across the HASC region. Addressing inequities in hospital procurement spend by increasing economic opportunities for small diverse-owned businesses will create job opportunities, increase local revenue, and improve community conditions to support the overall health and wellbeing of the communities served.

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