

Community Advisory Council

Purpose statement

The goal of the Community Advisory Council is to center community voices in the Office of Equity and Inclusion's (OEI) work to improve health equity and to establish a more equitable relationship between OEI, OHA and Oregon's diverse communities.

Oregon's diverse communities include but are not limited to the following and are inclusive of intersections among these populations:

- Racially and ethnically diverse populations
- Linguistically diverse populations
- Immigrant and refugee populations
- People with disabilities
- LGBTQ populations
- Aging populations
- Rural populations
- Economically disadvantaged populations

The purpose of the OHA Office of Equity and Inclusion Community Advisory Council is to provide advice and community input for:

- Strategic planning for OEI as a Division, including but not limited to:
 - Community engagement strategy
 - Proactive responses to changes at the regional, state, and national levels
 - Strategy and prioritization in order to assure statewide reach
 - OEI's long-range mission and vision
- Bringing forward the concerns, priorities, and opportunities of their respective communities, while ensuring that those who have a harder time being heard have equitable representation as well
- Facilitating meaningful two-way communication between OEI and Oregon's diverse communities
- Articulating the value of OEI's work in improving health equity and eliminating inequities and health disparities.
- Building capacity, resilience, and momentum to most effectively move OEI's work forward.
- Providing statewide leadership and innovation in health equity, including breaking down silos and liaising with OHA and across other sectors and agencies.
- Creating a "pathway" for continued and sustainable engagement with both existing and emerging community leaders.

Time Commitment:

The Community Advisory Council meets for two hours every other month. In addition, CAC members can expect to commit approximately 1-2 hours per month for other CAC-related activities. There will be teleconference options available for all members as necessary.

