

# Assembly California Legislature

## Joint Informational Hearing

### Assembly Health Committee and Budget Sub No. 1

Assemblymembers Bonta and Dr. Weber, Chairs

### Bright Spots and Remaining Barriers to Realizing the Potential of Community Health Workers, Promotoras, and Representatives to Improve Health in California

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 1:30 PM  
1021 O Street, Room 1100

## AGENDA

- 1) **Opening Remarks from Committee Chairs**
- 2) **Introduction: Background, History, and Vision for Community Health Workers, Promotoras, and Representatives (CHW/P/Rs) in California**
  - a) Carlina Hansen, *Program Officer*, California Health Care Foundation
  - b) Mayra Alvarez, *President*, The Children's Partnership
  - c) Dr. Seciah Aquino, *Executive Director*, Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
  - d) Dr. Mark Ghaly, *Secretary*, California Health and Human Services Agency
- 3) **Stakeholder Perspectives: Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities**
  - a) Katie Andrew, *Director of Government Affairs, Quality & Behavioral Health*; Local Health Plans of CA
  - b) Alex Fajardo, *Executive Director*, El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center

- c) Dantia Hudson, *Program Director, Alameda County Health Coach Program*; Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
- d) Dr. Thu Quach, *President*, Asian Health Services on behalf of California Primary Care Association
- e) Dr. Mark LeBeau, *Chief Executive Officer*, California Rural Indian Health Board
- f) Maria Lemus, *Executive Director*, Visión y Compromiso
- g) Andrea Mackey, *Senior Policy Manager and Lead, CHW/P/R Coalition*; California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

4) **Implementing CHW/P/R Services and Workforce in California: Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities**

- a) Michelle Baass, *Director*, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
René Mollow, *Deputy Director, Health Care Benefits and Eligibility*, DHCS
- b) Elizabeth Landsberg, *Director*, California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)  
Libby Abbott, *Deputy Director, Office of Health Workforce Development*, HCAI

5) **Closing Remarks from Committee Chairs**