


**CULTURAL COMPETENCY REDUCING DISPARITIES (CCRD) COMMITTEE**

**June 11th, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b>
<b>Anthony Ramirez-Dalton</b> , Sr Parent Partner for RUHS-CCP <b>Dakota Brown</b> , Cultural Liaison, WADE <b>Ernelyn Navarro</b> , CCL for Asian American Pacific Islander, Desi, and Native Hawaiian <b>Orli Zaprir</b> : Research Specialist I, RUHS-BH Evaluations <b>Sandy Awad</b> , Administrative Services Assistant, MHSA <b>Isabel Lopez</b> , Executive Assistant for RUHS WET and Cultural Competency <b>Dr. Sean Milanovich</b> , CCL for the Native American Community <b>Benita Ramsey</b> , CCL Interfaith & Spirituality <b>Hazel Lambert- CCL for African American</b> <b>Shirley Guzman- CCL for Latinx HISLA</b> <b>Angie Moxey</b> , RUHS-BH Quality Improvement <b>RaVae Battest-</b> RUHS <b>Eric Aguilar-</b> Vice Chair Statewide Self Advocacy Network, Vice Chair State Council Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Committee & Virtual Instructor Emergency Preparedness <b>Sheila Cantuna-</b> Community Health Systems Inc. <b>Carmela Gonzalez- Soto-</b> Senior for the tech suite program. <b>Gaby Ayala-Reyes-</b> IEHP <b>Javier Garcia</b> , The Carolyn E Wylie Center <b>Larry Butler</b> , SBX Youth and family services Fatherhood <b>Violet Graham</b> , Community Access Center <b>Kristina Darbinian</b> , MSW Student Young Visionaries Youth Academy <b>Sarah Abdelmish</b> , CT II, RUHS- BH WET <b>Josh Heinz</b> , Visit Greater Palm Springs <b>Malik Humes</b> , Peer Support Specialist RUHS BH <b>Marissa Brazzill</b> , IEHP <b>Mimi Velazquez</b> , Health Equity Program Manager Molina Health Care <b>Heather Petridis</b> , QI Outpatient <b>Michael Ruiz</b> , Health Education Assistant at RUHS Public Health <b>Ben Jauregui</b> , Manager, Integrated transitional Care IEHP <b>Jasmine Castillo</b> , Riverside San Bernardino Indian Health, Celebrating Families Program <b>Pamela Fernandez</b> <b>Patrick Hogue</b> <b>Salomeh Wagaw</b> <b>Shante Erica Medearis</b> <b>Sharina Sanchez</b> <b>Sophia Conde</b>	<b>Misty Martin</b> , Sr Peer Family Advocate, and CCL leads <b>Phyllis Clark</b> , Healthy Heritage <b>Pedro Arciniega</b> , Family Advocate <b>Joshua Watson</b> , Inland Caregiver Resource Center PEARLS <b>Miley Munoz</b> , Community Relations Supervisor at Community Health Systems Inc. <b>McKenna Palmer</b> , RPYA Health <b>Ashley Hanson</b> , BHS II Mindful Body and Recovery (ED-IOP) <b>Erika Martinez</b> , Mental Health program supervisor for the Carlyn E Wylie Center <b>Aiverree Galleposo</b> , CHAIRS (Intern) <b>Rob Bohon-Lara</b> , RUHS BH Senior Peer for children's/TAY Desert Region <b>Gabriela Armenta</b> , Indigenous Culture Center and Nonprofit Organization Danza Azteca Citlaltotac. Coachella Valley <b>Elisabeth Rios</b> , RUHS BH Parent Support and Training Volunteer Coordinator <b>Stacey Huynh</b> , Program Coordinator at CHAIRS <b>Ellarie Malone</b> , RUHS PH <b>Gloria Moriarty</b> , Lead Advocate with CODIE <b>Jamila Adams</b> , Riverside Community Health Foundation <b>Estee Song</b> , APCTC <b>Juan Koontz</b> , RUHS Take My Hand <b>Shukoor Haidary</b> , ECM Program Manager at CTRI <b>Willard Wynn</b> , Program Manager Family Advocate <b>Nancy Aparicio</b> , Reach Out <b>Regina Cruise</b> , Department of Child Support Services <b>Maria Ramirez</b> , Riverside San Bernardino Indian Health, Celebrating Families Program <b>Stephanie Brane</b> <b>Surinder</b> , IEHP <b>Wendy Hetherington</b> <b>Willard Wynn</b> <b>Will Rogers</b> , SoCal Adaptable Sports <b>Joanna Rodriguez</b> MSW	<b>Chris Galindo-</b> Riverside PSRC <b>Sandra Escobar-</b> Ruhs Public Health <b>Mary Obideyi</b> , Program coordinator RUHS Public Health Health Equity Program <b>Dylan Colt</b> , RUHS PSS <b>Jules Leith-</b> Interpreter <b>AB</b> , interpreter

<b>Alejandra Rodriguez</b> <b>Alisa Huntington</b> <b>Amber Yoal, PPPSW</b> <b>Angel Marin</b> <b>Annika Renteria</b> <b>April Sayre, Council Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Committee</b> <b>Barry E Knight</b> <b>Gabriela Vargas</b> <b>Grant Ashely</b> <b>Debra Lacey, RUHS BH SR CT JWC</b> <b>George P</b> <b>Jarvis Williams</b> <b>Marci Coffey</b> <b>Nancy Stevens</b> <b>Mary V.</b>	<b>Jose Florez</b> <b>Mari Rodriguez, IRC</b> <b>Lori Dregenson- Corona Norco</b> <b>Brittney, Rose of Sharon</b> <b>Christiany Chan</b> <b>Gladys Alejandrez</b> <b>Laurence Gonzaga, Molina Health 88</b> <b>Cynthia Stroffolino</b> <b>Fanny Cisneros</b> <b>Lauren Adamson</b> <b>Michelle Wild, Rescare Community Living</b> <b>Celeste</b> <b>Karla FR</b> <b>Malia Bryant</b> <b>Melissa Cardona</b> <b>Nancy Renfro</b> <b>Misti Saldana</b>	
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ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>	<p>Misty Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.</p> <p>The meeting began with participants introducing themselves in the chat.</p> <p>The Cultural Competency Reducing Disparities Committee meeting focused this month's meeting on pride month and its history as well as a listening session regarding Healthcare Funding Cuts.</p>	
<b>II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>	<p>Dr. Sean Milanovich provided a land acknowledgement recognizing the land's original inhabitants, including the Cahuilla, Luiseno, Serrano, Cupeno, and other Native American tribes.</p>	
<b>III. REVIEW &amp; APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<p>Misty Martin reviewed the meeting agenda, which included this months LGBTQIA2+ Pride Month Presentation by CMPSS' Chris Galindo and Dylan Colt and a Listening Session: Healthcare on the line with Mary Obideyi and Sandra Escobar from RUHS Public Health's Health Equity Program.</p> <p>Misty then walked through the previous meeting's minutes and asked if they were approved. The meeting minutes were approved with corrections.</p>	
<b>IV. LGBTQIA2+ Pride Month Presentation</b>	<p>Dylan and Chris started their Pride Presentation highlighting some important protests in LGBTQIA2+ history and delved more into these events and what they signified to the community as well as what we know as Pride today.</p>	

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	<p>They shared a video about Drag Queen Panti Bliss showing the adversity that the gay community faces and how that impacts personal identity .</p> <p>Dylan and Chris shared that a lot of people know about Stonewall but there is a lot of movements before that and that gay culture and history is constantly evolving and moving forward.</p> <p>Pride Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It didn't start with Stonewall, there was plenty of other Pride uprisings before Stonewall</li> <li>• The oldest documented evidence of same-sex relationships were found in Ancient Egypt dating back to approximately 2400 BCE. Prehistoric graves 5000 years ago contained biologically male skeletons with women's clothing and grave goods.</li> <li>• Henry Gerber founded Chicago's Society for Human Rights in 1924, the first gay rights organization, after witnessing a German Homosexual emancipation movement.</li> </ul>	
<b>V. CCL and COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p>The group shared information on various upcoming events and initiatives, including Juneteenth being next week and the number of events being held.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAFWAG is hosting a Juneteenth event and urged those to register who have not</li> <li>• AAPIDANH is sponsoring the Asian Business Association event : Health to Wealth on June 22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• Interfaith Subcommittee shared that their subcommittee meeting is tomorrow and Rev. Benita shared the link in the chat</li> </ul>	
<b>VI. Listening Session: Healthcare on the Line: Funding Cuts and Community Impact</b>	<p>Misty introduced the objectives of the listening session: Healthcare on the Line: Funding Cuts and Community Impact and mentioned that it's goal was to facilitate dialogue between RUHS Departments, CCRD Members and organizations to address the impact of funding cuts and try to get input from the community in order to develop collaborative strategies. She shared that the listening session would be a safe place and there would be no recording of the listening session so that the members are able to speak freely and foster a safe space.</p> <p>Mary and Sadra facilitated the listening session and started off with one word check ins. They established community agreements before getting started on the discussion questions.</p> <p>The Discussion questions provided were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How have recent federal cuts affected your organizations ability to provide services?</li> <li>• What specific concerns are you or your community experiencing in response to recent government policy changes?</li> <li>• What types of support would help you or your organization continue to serve the community effectively?</li> <li>• What immediate next steps should we take together as a community to address these challenges.</li> </ul>	

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	Members took turns sharing their thoughts on these questions and Misty and Anthony took notes on these responses in order to use them to develop strategies at a later time.	
<b>VII. Next Meeting</b>	Misty thanked the participants, Speakers, and new members for their contributions and encouraged everyone to stay connected as well as take a look at the resources that were put in the meetings chat. She let everyone know they would be looking over the notes taken from the listening session of their concerns and suggestions for improvement in order to brainstorm ideas that could help ease some concerns or provide support to the communities. She reminded everyone the importance of staying connected and encouraged communities to reach out to CCLs or herself for more community specific concerns or information.	
<b>VIII. ADJOURNMENT</b>	The Meeting is adjourned @ 11:04 am	