OHE Community Development and Engagement Unit

• Mission: To strengthen the CDPH’s focus and ability to advise and assist other state departments in their mission to increase access to, and the quality of, culturally and linguistically competent mental health care and services.

• Vision: To create a public mental health system for a diverse California that advances an authentic commitment to community engagement, cultural knowledge, accessibility, quality, resilience, and wellness.
Reaching Vulnerable Communities
Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services

California Department of Public Health
Community Stakeholder Engagement

- National
- State Level
- Regional
- Local
- Community Based Organizations
Stakeholders & Partners

- NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH CENTER
- UCDAVIS HEALTH SYSTEM
- CENTER FOR REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES
- EQ CA
- CPEHN California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- AAHI
- Pacific Clinics
- Mental Health America of Northern California
- REMHDCO Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition
- California Department of Public Health
Climate Change & Mental Health Impacts: Factors to Consider

- Age
- Economic Resources
- Socioeconomic status
- Geographic location
- Access
- Language
Community Engagement Strategies

- National subject matter experts
- State departments, commissions, and task forces working on health/mental health equity efforts
- County departments of mental health
- Advocates & natural helpers
Additional Resources & Recommendations

- Psychological First Aid Programs
- Mental Health First Aid
- CA Reducing Disparities Project
Questions?

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