## **VOICES FROM** THE COMMUNITY



#### INTRODUCTION

Local Medi-Cal managed care plans have a long history of investing their reserves in the communities they serve. These local plans have tailored their approach to community investment, which reflects the value of locally based and mission-driven managed care. They are committed to improving the health of the populations they serve through strategic investments that enhance access, improve quality, and address social drivers of health.

What sets Local Health Plans of California members apart is their commitment to not only providing quality care to nearly 70% of Medi-Cal enrollees in 51 counties but also investing beyond Medi-Cal requirements into the communities they serve. This is best told by VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY.

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My local Medi-Cal plan is not just a health care provider but a **trusted** partner and advocate for the health and well-being of the entire community, working tirelessly to ensure that all members have access to equitable, high-quality care.

> - Heather Alexander Program Director at Wellchild

# Health Equity Housing and Quality

Community Health and Wellbeing

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#### **HEALTH EQUITY & QUALITY**

L.A. Care Health Plan invests in Black maternal health programs that provide quality health care and education for Black mothers. The investments are designed to decrease Black maternal and infant mortality and connect Black mothers with doula services. St. John's Community Health's Committed to Black Wellness and Health Program (CBWH) offers educational classes tailored to Black mothers and families, and Diversity Uplifts Inc.'s Black Doulas Connection Initiative connects Black families with Black doulas to fulfill the need for conscious health care connections.



#### " Alameda Alliance for Health was bold and visionary in seeing the possibility of Food as Medicine and

investing in Recipe4Health, which allowed us to develop a nationally recognized model. We are lifted up as a Food as Medicine model that equitably sources food from BIPOC farmers growing food regeneratively and organically.

- Steven Chen, Chief Medical Officer and Founder of Recipe4Health



Alameda Alliance for Health invested critical seed funding to support the establishment of Recipe4Health, which is a clinically integrated food as medicine program that prescribes food (regenerative and organic produce) as well as health coaching, to treat, prevent, and reverse chronic conditions.



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#### The Alliance [CCAH] has recognized housing as a foundational building block to health and invests in permanent

supportive housing and capacity building for supportive services.

- Natalie Magana Boyles, MidPen Housing



The Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) invested in MidPen Housing's development of 261 affordable housing units in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, including a total of 41 units that will be designated as permanent supportive housing for medically complex CCAH members.



All my life I have held menial positions at dead-end jobs and I know furthering my education is the only way to change all of that. Being a single parent living far below the poverty line, **financial assistance is imperative to my success as a student.** 

- Southwestern Community College student

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Community Health Group has been growing the local non-physician healthcare workforce by supporting scholarships for students at San Diego State University and Southwestern Community College. This investment has helped foster academic achievement and alleviate financial burdens for students who are pursuing degrees in nursing and public health.



The only way that we can **create a healthy sustainable farmworker community is to ensure that we educate and inform** them of the importance of having Medi-Cal and long-term health care plan. Everyone should have a doctor that they can call their own.

> - Darrell Muniz, COO of the California Farmworker Foundation



Kern Family Health Care funds rural mobile clinics for the California Farmworker Foundation, offering one to two health clinics per week that provide preventive health care exams and deliver accessible health care services to farm workers with chronic illnesses. For many workers this is the first time they have seen a doctor.

