

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-008**

**Adopting the Multnomah County Community Health Improvement Plan.**

**The Multnomah County Board of Health Finds:**

- a. WHEREAS, the mission of the Multnomah County Health Department is to assure, promote and protect the health of the people of Multnomah County in partnership with the communities we serve;
- b. WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the residents of Multnomah County are critical for a prosperous and sustainable Multnomah County;
- c. WHEREAS, communities of color carry unique knowledge and experience and centering those community experiences models equitable practice and moves to eliminate health inequities;
- d. WHEREAS, systems that under-serve, under-represent, and disadvantage some while favoring others are inequitable and create health inequities in certain groups;
- e. WHEREAS, policies implemented by Multnomah County Health Department outside of the traditional health sector significantly affect the social determinants of health, including policies related to food access, housing, transportation, public safety, education, sustainability, climate change, parks, air and water quality, criminal justice, and economic development;
- f. WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Health Department has provided leadership in addressing systemic inequities and fostering transformative change at the County level;
- g. WHEREAS, Oregon Public Health Laws provide authority to Multnomah County as the Local Public Health Authority;
- h. WHEREAS, in 2015, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, acting as the Local Public Health Authority, authorized the Multnomah County Health Department to conduct a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and develop a community-driven, strengths-based Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) prioritizing health inequities experienced by communities of color;
- i. WHEREAS, in 2015, the Multnomah County Health Department partnered with the Oregon Health Equity Alliance (OHEA) to convene partners and uplift community voice in developing the CHIP, a solution-based strategy to address inequities;
- j. WHEREAS, in 2017, OHEA convened workgroups of cross-disciplinary community, County, and regional stakeholders to develop a plan for CHIP implementation;
- k. WHEREAS, in 2018, Community Powered Change (CPChange) became the driving, community-based campaign to implement the CHIP;
- l. WHEREAS, by adopting the CHIP, the County recognizes that all departments have a role to play in achieving health equity, the highest level of health for all people;

m. WHEREAS, Resolution 2018-107 created the Multnomah County Board of Health and named the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners as the members of the Board of Health;

n. WHEREAS, the County has invested resources in the development of the Equity and Empowerment Lens and continues to refine the work;

**The Multnomah County Board of Health Resolves:**

1. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Health will convene regularly and promote and monitor implementation of the Multnomah Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and support collaboration between departments with the shared goal of eliminating health inequities;

2. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Health will collaborate with the County Health Department in establishing high standards for health equity in all departments throughout the County;

3. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Board of Health shall work with the Health Department to ensure progress updates are provided annually and made available to the community in multiple culturally and linguistically accessible formats both in person and online. At a minimum, these updates shall address progress on the community health improvement plan; including short-term, medium-term, and long-term investments toward improvements to community health and reductions in health inequities; this update will also include an assessment for the need for and sources of funding for ongoing implementation;

4. THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Multnomah County Board of Health adopts the CHIP as the guiding plan and commit to working with the Community Powered Change (CPChange) community-based campaign as an implementation partner that provides support to the Board of Health to create the health policy vision that addresses the leading causes of inequities faced by historically underserved communities in Multnomah County.

**ADOPTED this 24th day of January, 2019.**



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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