

HEARCAG'S LAND AND ENSLAVED PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

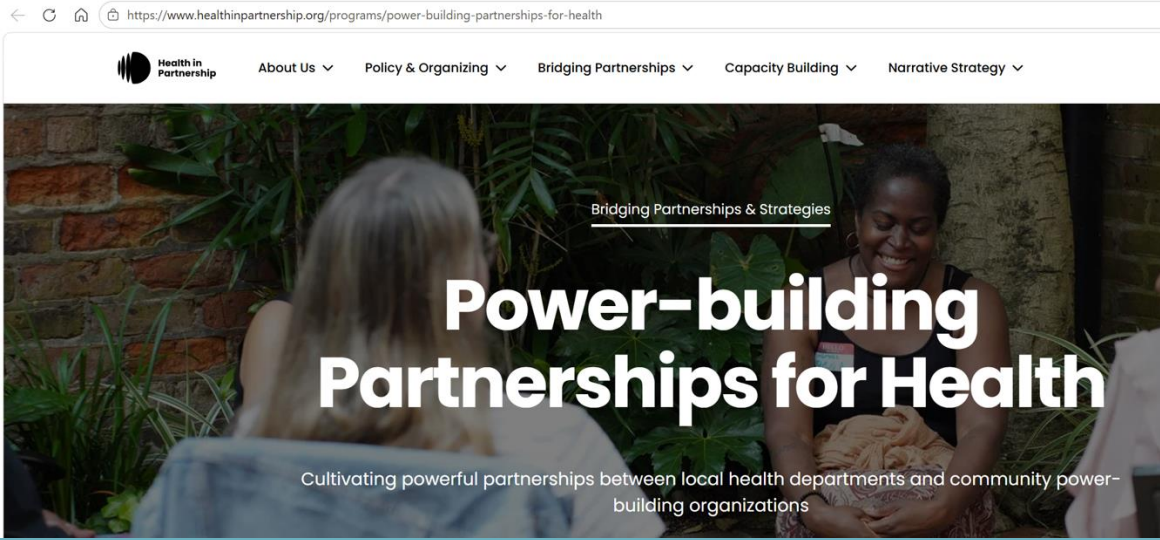
We invite you to recognize the written histories of the United States as fractured.

We are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, whose communities lived here for generations and who continue to be systematically erased by policies and practices that remove their histories from this place. We honor their past and continued stewardship of this land.

We acknowledge that the United States was built off the stolen labor of kidnapped African people. Much of what we know of this country today—its culture, economic growth, and development—has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their descendants, who suffered the horrors of the trans-Atlantic human trafficking, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and sacrifices, and we acknowledge the tremors of violence throughout generations that can still be felt today.

We recognize that these difficult histories persist in present-day racial realities and privileges in our nation. We commit to dismantling this racism in all spaces of our work and lives.

Topic	Speaker	Time
Welcome	Tiara Ranson	10:35 – 10:40 (5 mins)
Health In Partnerships (HIP)/Power-Building Partnerships for Health (PPH) Activity	Matias Valenzuela and Tiara Ranson	10:40 – 11:20 (40 mins)
PHSKC Strategic Plan Priority Areas (Session 2 of 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overdose Prevention • Health of people experiencing homelessness 	Matias Valenzuela introduction Speakers: Jonetta White, Overdose Prevention Program Semone Andu, Healthcare for the Homeless Network	11:20 - 11:55 (35 mins)
Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for members' announcements, resources and events • No HEARCAG meeting in August 	All	11:55 – 12:00 (5 mins)



Meet HIP’s 2026 Cohort of Power-Building Partnerships for Health

📍 Jackson, Mississippi

People’s Advocacy Institute (PAI) with University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)

PAI is a transformative justice hub rooted in Jackson that organizes survivors and families impacted by police violence and mass incarceration. UMMC brings clinical capacity and broader health infrastructure as Mississippi’s only academic medical center. Together, they launched the Mississippi Violence Intervention Program – embedding trained violence interrupters and wraparound supports in UMMC’s emergency room to link community-led transformative justice with frontline trauma care.

📍 Vermont

Community Resilience Organizations (CROs) and The Center for Story & Strategy with Vermont Department of Health – Office of Health Equity Integration (OHEI)

Emerging after Hurricane Ida with CDC Health Disparities funding, this partnership weaves state public health infrastructure with racial and climate grassroots organizers. CROs now serve as fiscal sponsors and collaborators, helping remove structural barriers for grassroots groups, while working with the VDH to explore how practices of community care and accountability can be aligned with state government.

📍 Washington State

Carceral Health Equity (CHE) Workgroup with the Washington State Department of Health

The CHE Workgroup brings together a coalition of currently and formerly incarcerated leaders representing Common Good Tacoma, Northwest Community Bail Fund, Washington Innocence Project, Black Prisoners Caucus and other organizations. The CHE Workgroup works with the Washington State Department of Health to address the health harms of incarceration. Since 2023, the partnership has centered the lived experiences of those most impacted by the criminal legal system and has already influenced prison air quality guidance, mental health crisis response planning, and legislative health impact reviews.

📍 Seattle & King County, Washington

Health Equity and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group (HEARCAG) with Public Health – Seattle & King County

HEARCAG is a multi-sector table centering Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities, working at the interconnected crises of health and racism. HEARCAG members represent organizations including the Community Health Board Coalition, Eastside Pathways, Coalition of Immigrants Refugees and Communities of Color, and the Tubman Center for Health & Freedom. HEARCAG works with Public Health – Seattle & King County to shift power to community organizations through co-governance and community-driven policy priorities including divesting from criminal legal harms while investing in health, community development, gender-affirming and reproductive care, and dignified food access.



People’s Advocacy Institute and MS Prison Reform Coalition rally in Jackson, MS



People’s Advocacy Institute



Washington Carceral Health Equity Workgroup



Seattle Health Equity and Anti-Racism Community Advisory Group convening

BUILDING HEARCAG'S POWER-BUILDING PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH

Goal: Share experiences of our PARCAG & HEARCAG space through time. Explore how we build power, culture, and shared meaning through intentional relationship and care.

In 2 groups

- 1) What is your connection with HEARCAG/PARCAG and in one word how does our mission align with your organization's work?
- 2) What are ways that you enjoyed how we have cultivated culture, identity and connection in our space? As part of your organizing & social justice work, how would you love to grow & nurture our space?

Share out to full group

Public Health — Seattle & King County 2024 – 2029 Strategic Plan



Public Health
Seattle & King County



VISION

Health, well-being,
and racial equity –
every day for everyone
in King County.

MISSION

To promote and improve the
health and well-being of all
people in King County by
leading with racial equity
and changing systems
and structures that
impact health.

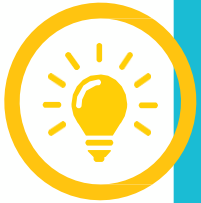
VALUES

Equity, leadership, collaboration,
community partnerships,
accountability, and working
upstream to address social
determinants of health
and root causes of
health inequities.



2024-2029 Public Health Strategic Plan

Anti-racism + Equity



Information,
Impact &
Innovation



Workforce and
Infrastructure



Partnerships



Emerging
Threats to
Community
Health & Well-
being



Climate and
Health

Policy
Development

Data /
Informatics

Communications

Workforce

Internal
Collaboration

Emergency
Preparedness

Community

Cross-sector

Community Well-
being and Youth
Behavioral
Health

Gun Violence
Prevention

**Overdose
Prevention**

**Health of People
Experiencing Homelessness**



OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Advancing Health Equity Through Overdose Prevention

- **Our Goal**
 - Reduce racial disparities in overdose deaths by increasing equitable access to life-saving overdose prevention resources and treatment.
- **How We're Doing It**
 - Expand access to naloxone, fentanyl test strips, and education
 - Partner with trusted community organizations
 - Integrate equity into training, funding, and the Naloxone Clearinghouse
 - Use data to prioritize communities with the greatest overdose burden
- **Why It Matters**
 - Racial and ethnic disparities persist in overdose deaths, treatment access, and naloxone availability. Our work intentionally removes barriers and brings resources directly to communities most impacted.
- [Racial and ethnic disparities in opioid use outcomes in King County slides](#)



PH Community Navigators expands overdose prevention messaging through trusted messengers at accessible, low-barrier community events aligned with OD2A. In Q2-Q3 2025, additional funds allowed continuation of this work and development of multilingual media and materials on overdose response.

Overdose Prevention & PH Community Navigators



ODPR Public Health Strategic Plan Progress

• Key Action

- Increased naloxone distribution through the Clearinghouse
- Embedded Clearinghouse enrollment into funding opportunities
- 9 Community Navigators and 5 Community-Based Organizations enrolled
- Expanded access through training, outreach, QR codes, "Nalox-Boxes" and vending machines
- Focused resources on communities with greatest overdose burden

Funded Odessa Brown to expand access to MOUD Treatment

Emerging Challenges & Lessons Learned

- • Equity requires multiple access points
- • Trusted community partners increase reach
- • Braided funding strengthens sustainability
- • Progress continues, but disparities remain
- • Success is measured by who we reach—not just what we distribute
- Generating Referrals to MOUD for Odessa Brown project
- Helping partners take advantage of capacity building

HEALTH OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

HCHN Update: What We're Seeing

The PIT count gives us one data point, but it likely underrepresents the reality on the ground.

PIT Count

**Useful baseline
— not the full
picture.**

Our field experience shows growing complexity and need across King County.

1

Aging population

More people experiencing homelessness need higher levels of support. We are conducting assessments in permanent supportive housing.

2

Care transitions

Expanding respite capacity and improving referrals from respite and hospitals to shelters. This also includes people exiting the jail system.

3

Newcomer communities

Asylum seekers, refugees, and immigrant communities continue to have emerging needs.

HCHN Response: Expanding Care Despite Pressure

We are working with partners while navigating policy decisions that affect people experiencing homelessness and our field teams.

HSD partnership

Shelter Acceleration Initiative

Increase the nursing-in-shelter model.
Provide clinical services in shelters across the County.
Continue close coordination with HSD over the next few years.

HUD funding request

Protect the safety net

Applied for HUD funding to support programs impacted by federal PSH changes.
If funded, increase Mobile Medicine strategy and contract funding for nursing in shelters.
Expand coverage beyond Seattle city limits.

Ongoing policy and field pressures

Harm reduction

Sweeps

Criminalizing homelessness, especially in South King County cities

Community harassment of field staff

Bottom line: HCHN is positioning clinical resources where the need is growing while protecting staff and centering people experiencing homelessness.

Updates & Reminders

Open for members' announcements, resources and events