



HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2017-2019 IN REVIEW

The Health Equity Advisory Committee (HEAC) serves as an advisory body to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). The HEAC participates in the planning, development, and implementation of BPHC's Strategic Plan Racial Justice and Health Equity priority and ensures that BPHC's work is responsive to community needs.

The HEAC partners with BPHC programs, public health service centers, and external partners to advance racial justice and health equity. Examples include:

COMMUNICATIONS

Infectious Disease Bureau to shape influenza (flu) communication campaigns, including culturally appropriate flu and hand washing posters.

Office of Health Equity to inform the "Moving Equity Forward" message and graphic used for BPHC internal communications.

Office of Communications to create BPHC programs and services brochure.

Mayor's Office of Recovery Services to review public awareness campaign materials.

Intergovernmental Relations and Protecting Access to Confidential Health Care Alliance (PATCH) to redesign a Patient Confidentiality Protection for Health Insurance Notice Fact Sheet.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Executive Office to advise on objectives and strategies of the 2019-2021 Strategic Plan for BPHC programs and initiatives.

Boston Community Health Needs Assessment-Community Health Improvement Plan (CHNA-CHIP) Collaborative to prioritize top community health issues.

Office of Health Equity to interview and select the second cohort of the HEAC.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Homeless Services Bureau to inform intake processes for LGBTQ guests and how to create inclusive environments for transgender populations.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Office of Health Equity to plan and facilitate a summer series of conversations with youth ages 14-18 about mental health and community violence.

Office of Health Equity to develop The Guide to Racial Justice and Health Equity to support BPHC staff with incorporating health equity and racial justice principles into daily work practices and decision-making.

Office of Health Equity, Office of Communications, and Community Initiatives Bureau to create gender-inclusive bathroom signage for BPHC 1010 building main lobby.

Office of Health Equity to revise the Community Engagement Plan for 2019-2022.