

Summary of 2019 Having Our Say Coalition & Behavioral Health Equity Collaborative **State Policy Priorities**



| 2019-2020 State Budget Advocacy | | | |
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| Approved Budget Item + Description | | Sponsors | |
| Health Navigator \$30 million with federal matching allocated to the Dept. of Health Care Services to support community-based organizations doing health enrollment and navigation | | Community Health Councils, Maternal and Child Health Access, CPEHN | |
| Mental Health Disparity Reduction \$8 million allocated to the Dept. of Public Health for county technical assistance for cultural competency and grants to CBOs to develop disparity reducing programs | | CPEHN, Steinberg Institute, #Out4MentalHealth, LCHC, SEARAC | |
| Asthma Remediation \$15 million allocated to the Dept. of Health Care Services for conducting a grant program to reduce the burden of asthma | | CPEHN, Children Now, Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (RAMP) | |
| 2019 State Legislative Advocacy | | | |
| Tier | Bill + Description | Sponsors | Number of LOS** |
| T1 | AB512 (Ting) vetoed Would strengthen requirements for cultural competency plans in county dept. of behavioral or mental health | CPEHN, Steinberg Institute, #Out4MentalHealth, LCHC, SEARAC | 14 |
| | AB318 (Chu) vetoed Would ensure accurate translation and readability of commonly used Medi-Cal documents | CPEHN | 13 |
| | AB537 (Arambula) failed in Appropriations Would improve the standard of quality within the Medi-Cal program | CPEHN, Western Center on Law & Poverty | 9 |
| | SB207 (Hurtado) 2-year Would creates a Medi-Cal benefit for in-home asthma education and prevention services | CPEHN, Children Now, RAMP | 14 |
| | AB4 (Arambula) / SB29 (Durazo) 2-year Would expand full-scope Medi-Cal to undocumented immigrants (currently 26+ not covered) | CIPC, Health Access | 12 (for SB29) |

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| T2 | AB392 (Weber, McCarty) passed Would redefine the circumstances under which a homicide by a police officer is deemed justifiable and also affirmatively prescribe whether or not the use of deadly force is necessary | Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, PolicyLink | 9 |
| | SB24 (Leyva) passed Would require, on and after January 1, 2023, each student health care services clinic on a California State University or University of California campus to offer abortion by medication techniques | Access Women's Health Justice, ACT for Women and Girls, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice | 5 |
| | AB929 (Rivas) passed Would require data transparency on disease management for diverse communities among health plans participating in the Covered California market | CPEHN, Health Access | 5 |
| | SB464 (Mitchell) passed Would require health care providers to complete implicit bias training and for Dept of Public Health to track and publish data on racial disparities in maternal mortality | ACT for Women and Girls, Black Women for Wellness | 9 |
| | SB574 (Leyva) failed in Appropriations Would require cosmetic products to disclose harmful fragrance flavor ingredients | BWW, Breast Cancer Prevention Partners, Women's Voices for the Earth | 3 |
| | SB42 (Skinner) vetoed Would require county jails to offer individuals scheduled to be released after 5pm or sundown either to be released the next day or a safe place to be picked up from | Young Women's Freedom Center | 2 |
| | AB656 (Garcia) 2-year Would create the Office of Healthy and Safe Communities (OHSC) under Dept. of Public Health to provide a comprehensive violence prevention strategy | Fathers & Families of San Joaquin, LCHC, Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, etc | 4 |
| T3 | SB18 (Skinner) passed Would extend indefinitely current protections for tenants during foreclosure sales | N/A | 2 |

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| <p>SB165 (Atkins) <i>passed</i> Would establish a pilot project concurrent with a study by Dept. of Health Care Services to improve quality of medical interpretation services, including reducing disparities for limited English proficient patients</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>2</p> |
| <p>AB32 (Bonta) <i>passed</i> Would prohibit starting January 1, 2020, the Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation, from contracting with a private, for-profit prison to incarcerate state prison inmates (with exceptions), and starting January 1, 2028, any person under jurisdiction of the Dept. from being incarcerated in a private, for-profit prison facility</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>6</p> |
| <p>AB49 (Cervantes) <i>passed</i> Would protect CA voters by requiring the elections official to begin mailing vote by mail ballots no later than 29 days before an election and would require that the mailing be complete within 5 days</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>AB45 (Stone) <i>passed</i> Would prohibit police and correctional facilities from charging an inmate of the state prison or a county or city jail a fee for an inmate-initiated medical visit or medical equipment and supplies</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>4</p> |

Note:

Tier 1/T1: Bills that are **sponsored** (i.e. owned and championed) by coalition members, through actions such as direct lobbying, testifying, Letters of Support (LOS), and media and social media advocacy.

Tier 2/T2: Bills that are **strongly supported** by coalition members, through actions such as lobbying, testifying, Letters of Support (LOS), and media and social media advocacy.

Tier 3/T3: Bills that are **supported and monitored** by coalition members, mostly through submitting LOS.

****Number of LOS:** Letters of Support (LOS) from HOS/BHEC coalition members are counted based on state legislature online record; multiple letters from one organization count once.