



Kiran Savage-Sangwan will be the Executive Director of CPEHN starting July 22, 2019. For the last three years, she has served CPEHN as Health Integration Policy Director and, most recently, as Deputy Director. In that role, she was the chief architect of many recent [CPEHN bills](#), in particular the groundbreaking bill on patient dumping that became California law in 2018. California hospitals can no longer callously dump poor and homeless people onto city streets after treatment. Hospitals now must verify that shelters have beds for homeless patients before sending them to the facilities and they must offer homeless patients a meal, appropriate clothing, medications and transportation upon discharge.

As Deputy Director, Kiran has been instrumental in positioning CPEHN as a leader in the health equity field. She's helped ensure that CPEHN is synonymous with language access, health care expansion and public health issues in our state.

Among her many accomplishments, Kiran published two important research reports—one on equity in [immigrant mental health](#) and the other on [behavioral health policy](#). She also organized CPEHN's 2018 mental health conference, which brought together community members, advocates and policymakers to strategize about how to mobilize and coordinate diverse networks to fight for health equity.

In addition to being a strategic thinker and implementer, Kiran is an accomplished movement builder. Her background is in immigrant and mental health organizing and advocacy, which she expertly leverages in her work with Sacramento policymakers and CPEHN's grassroots allies, partners and coalition members across the state.

Immediately prior to joining CPEHN, Kiran worked as the Director of Legislation and Advocacy for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) California. There, she led policy initiatives to improve access to behavioral health care and to reduce the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness. Before NAMI California, Kiran worked at the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California as an Organizer, primarily focused on immigrants' rights.

Kiran graduated from New York University with a B.A. and a Master of Public Administration. She currently serves as the Chair of the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission. She's been published numerous times, including in the [California Health Report](#).