CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTH INITIATIVE

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ORIENTATION PACKET

For the 2023-25 ACH Grantee Cohort

Dear ACH Grantee:

Our entire team is excited to welcome you to the California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI) 2023-25 Grantee Cohort. Thank you for stepping up to devote the next 2 ½ years—and hopefully many more—to transforming systems in your community to advance health equity, improve community health and tear down longstanding roadblocks. With your hard work, strategic thinking and engaged community partners, I'm confident we can collectively move towards health for all Californians.

As an ACH, you will be communicating with a variety of stakeholders and organizations, helping them understand what an ACH is and the power it can bring to addressing health inequities in your community. This guide is part of a larger set of orientation tools CACHI has prepared to assist you in those efforts, including videos and PowerPoint templates. Feel free to cherry-pick those elements that meet your specific outreach needs and download them from our website (**cachi.org**) to use as you see appropriate.

The following orientation packet features a wealth of resources to guide you on this journey:

- **About CACHI (Page 3):** *A comprehensive overview of our organization and its mission.*
- **The ACH Framework (Page 4):** *An introduction to the innovative model we use to drive change.*
- **The Value Proposition (Page 5):** *An explanation of the benefits and impact of the ACH approach.*
- **The ACH's Key Functions (Page 6):** *A detailed look at the roles and responsibilities within an ACH.*
- **How to Launch & Grow (Page 7):** *A pathway to starting and scaling an ACH in your community.*
- **Topline Messages (Page 8):** *Key messages and narratives to communicate the work of your ACH.*
- **FAQs (Pages 9-10):** *Answers to frequently asked questions about CACHI and the ACH model.*
- **2023-25 ACH Grantees (Pages 11-16):** *An introduction to your fellow grantees and their communities.*

I encourage you to dive deep into these materials and become well acquainted with the ACH model. Remember, your innovative work is instrumental to creating a health system that is capable of fundamentally improving health outcomes and achieving health equity. Investing early in planning and strategy will pay off in the long-run.

Should you require any further information, please visit our website at **cachi.org**. There you will find a comprehensive resource database, community profiles and the latest news about California ACHs and CACHI. For support, feel free to contact me and my staff directly at **cachi@communitypartners.org**.

Again, thank you for joining us for the 2023-25 cohort!

Sincerely,

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About CACHI
ACH Orientation Packet

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The California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI) was established to lead efforts to modernize our health system and build a healthier California.

CACHI currently supports 37 ACHs. The aim is to transform the health of entire communities, not just individual patients.

By bringing together valuable community institutions—hospitals, public health, schools, public safety agencies, parks, and local businesses—along with residents, CACHI is creating a new vision for our health system: a health system capable of fundamentally changing health outcomes by aligning interventions for maximum impact, promoting prevention, and organizing resources to focus on the most effective strategies.

Through this effort, we can move closer to making health equity among all community members a reality in California.

WHO FUNDS CACHI?

CACHI was founded as a public-private partnership between leading state government and private sector funders, and designed to modernize our health system to build a healthier, more equitable California:
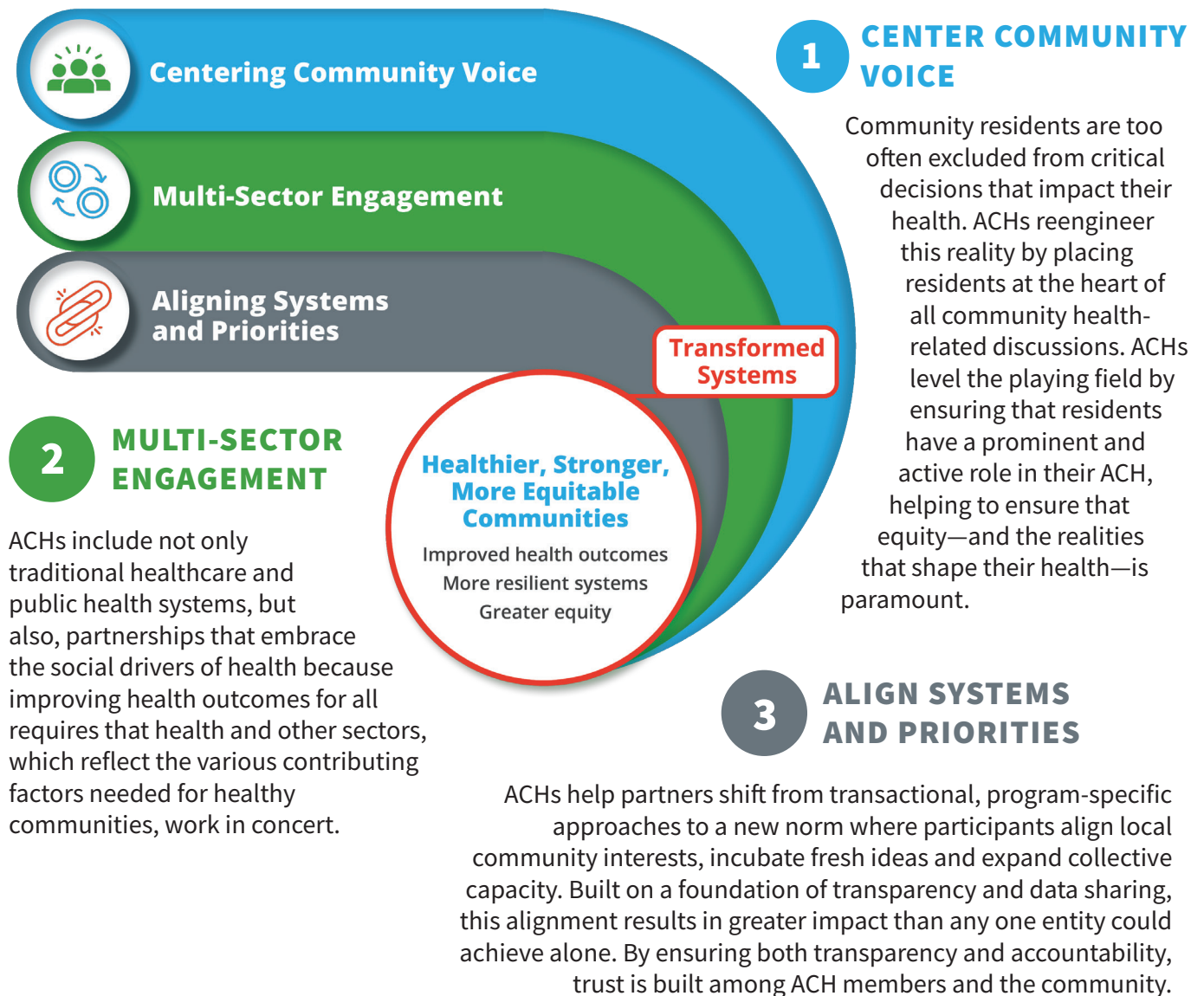
California Department of Public Health

The California Endowment

The California Wellness Foundation

Blue Shield of California Foundation

Sierra Health Foundation

Kaiser Permanente*

Social Impact Exchange*

Well Being Trust*

✳*Former, founding funders.*

CACHI receives administrative support from Community Partners, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit intermediary organization and fiscal sponsor that helps foster, launch and grow creative solutions to community challenges.

Map labels: Humboldt County, Shasta County, Mendocino County, Butte County, Lake County, Placer County, Sonoma County, West Sacramento, Sacramento County, Marin County, Contra Costa County, SF Mission, South Stockton, Redwood City, Havenscourt, Unincorporated Alameda Co., East San José, Pajaro Valley, South Santa Clara County, Merced County, Madera County, Southwest Fresno, Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, Antelope Valley, Boyle Heights, San Bernardino County, Compton, Healthy San Gabriel Valley, San Pedro, South LA, Long Beach, Orange County, San Diego, Imperial County
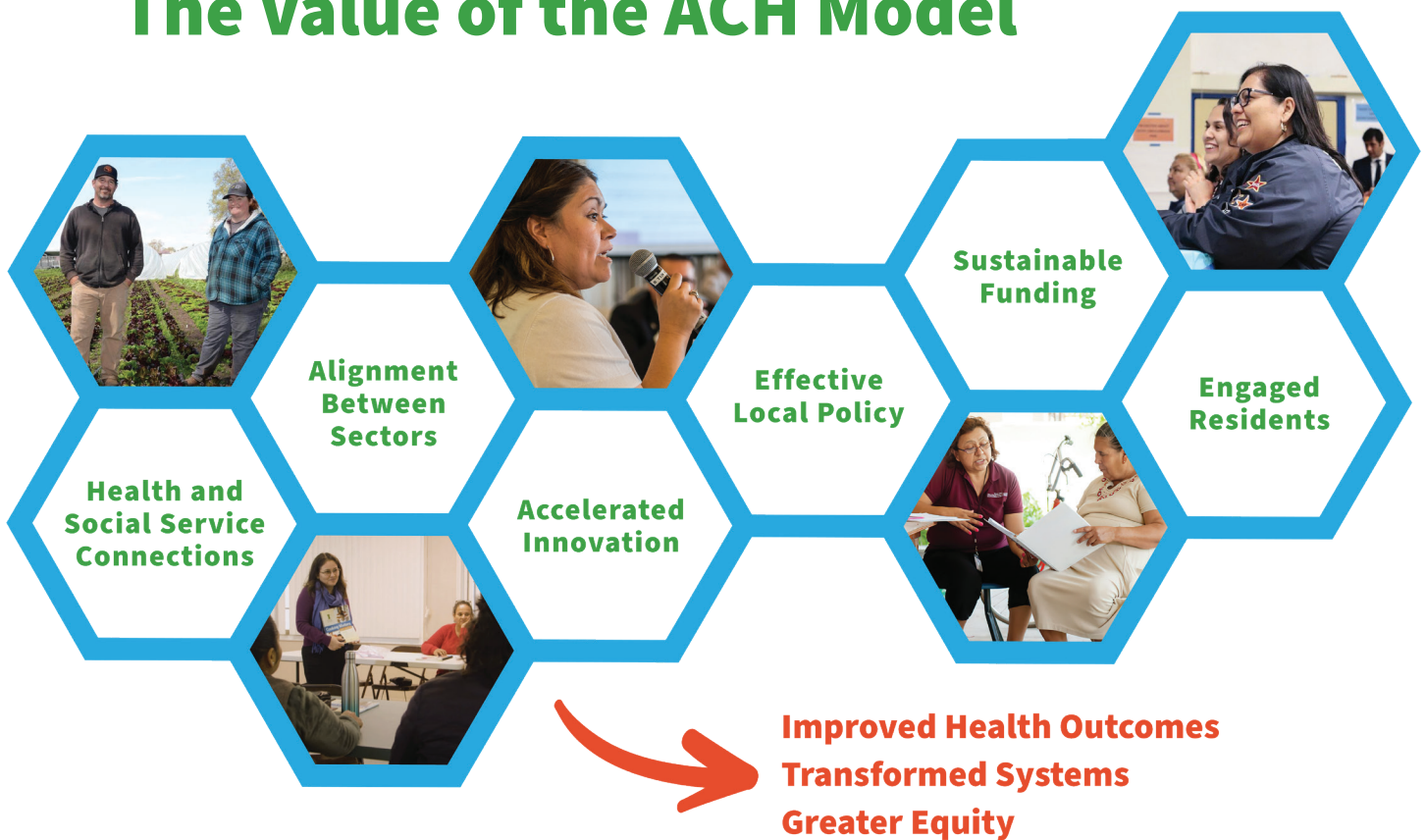
An **Accountable Community for Health (ACH)** is a community-driven collaborative dedicated to making lasting and transformational change. ACHs provide residents and key partners from diverse sectors with an infrastructure for working together to change systems, advance equity and build stronger, more cohesive communities prepared to address both existing and emerging health challenges. ACHs provide a powerful framework for tackling longstanding inequities by breaking down barriers and promoting a new way of working together.

ACHs rely on three core principles to marshal the collective action and transformational systems change that can lead to healthier, stronger, more equitable communities:

Centering Community Voice

Multi-Sector Engagement

Aligning Systems and Priorities

Transformed Systems

Healthier, Stronger, More Equitable Communities

Improved health outcomes
More resilient systems
Greater equity

1 CENTER COMMUNITY VOICE

Community residents are too often excluded from critical decisions that impact their health. ACHs reengineer this reality by placing residents at the heart of all community health-related discussions. ACHs level the playing field by ensuring that residents have a prominent and active role in their ACH, helping to ensure that equity—and the realities that shape their health—is paramount.

2 MULTI-SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

ACHs include not only traditional healthcare and public health systems, but also, partnerships that embrace the social drivers of health because improving health outcomes for all requires that health and other sectors, which reflect the various contributing factors needed for healthy communities, work in concert.

3 ALIGN SYSTEMS AND PRIORITIES

ACHs help partners shift from transactional, program-specific approaches to a new norm where participants align local community interests, incubate fresh ideas and expand collective capacity. Built on a foundation of transparency and data sharing, this alignment results in greater impact than any one entity could achieve alone. By ensuring both transparency and accountability, trust is built among ACH members and the community.

Accountable Communities for Health (ACH) make transformational change possible, helping communities accomplish more than what could be done in health care, government or community settings alone:

The Value of the ACH Model

Alignment Between Sectors

Effective Local Policy

Sustainable Funding

Health and Social Service Connections

Accelerated Innovation

Engaged Residents

Improved Health Outcomes
Transformed Systems
Greater Equity

KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE ACH

Each ACH serves five key functions that permit long-term collective action and systems change, all while strategically advancing equity:

Elevating Community Voice
- Inform, engage and activate community leaders and residents
- Recruit resident participation
- Ensure residents have a role in decision-making

Facilitating Action
- Engage employers, sectors, systems and residents
- Convene stakeholders for cross-sector collaboration
- Provide technical assistance
- Facilitate data sharing and analysis
- Identify community assets

Building Sustainability for Impact
- Design and manage ongoing governance and infrastructure
- Ensure leadership is distributed
- Maintain communications
- Facilitate fundraising and develop sustainable financing
- Monitor progress and conduct evaluations

Stewarding Systems Change
- Catalyze innovative thinking
- Oversee alignment of stakeholder-defined strategies
- Identify gaps and new solutions
- Adopt new collaborative practices
- Manage power dynamics

Influencing Policy
- Identify and elevate community issues
- Advocate for local and state policy change

ACHs ADVANCE EQUITY BY...

Conducting targeted outreach and engage residents from communities that historically experienced discrimination

Ensuring that the ACH decision-making body is diverse, inclusive and equitable

Investigating structural causes of inequities by facilitating difficult conversations and collaboratively collecting data from target communities

Ensuring funding is prioritized to serve historically under-resourced communities and groups
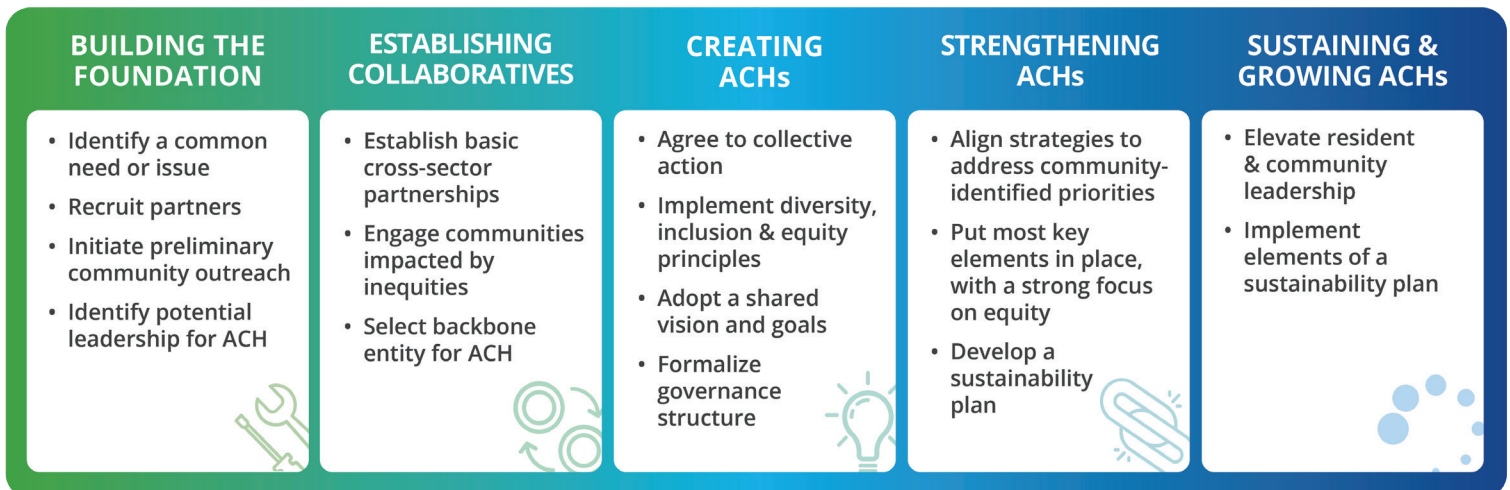
Conducting a power analysis, develop power-sharing practices and intentionally increase—and monitor— community trust and participation

BACKBONES ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY

Critical to every ACH is the presence of a strong, skilled and experienced Backbone entity to manage the ACH, deftly working across organizations to shepherd systemic change and develop a shared, collaborative mindset. While partners and residents assume a range of leadership roles within the ACH, it is the Backbone that provides the glue that keeps the ACH together—managing personalities, schedules, priorities and timelines. The Backbone ensures consistency of communications and follow-through in support of sustainable strategies to improve community health, ensure health equity and maintain momentum.

Developing an ACH is an iterative process involving multiple stages and interdependent steps.

To help a collaborative chart its progress, CACHI has developed a *Developmental Pathway* based on the learnings and experience gained from the first six years of the initiative:

BUILDING THE FOUNDATION	ESTABLISHING COLLABORATIVES	CREATING ACHs	STRENGTHENING ACHs	SUSTAINING & GROWING ACHs
• Identify a common need or issue • Recruit partners • Initiate preliminary community outreach • Identify potential leadership for ACH	• Establish basic cross-sector partnerships • Engage communities impacted by inequities • Select backbone entity for ACH	• Agree to collective action • Implement diversity, inclusion & equity principles • Adopt a shared vision and goals • Formalize governance structure	• Align strategies to address community-identified priorities • Put most key elements in place, with a strong focus on equity • Develop a sustainability plan	• Elevate resident & community leadership • Implement elements of a sustainability plan

While one element may logically flow to the next, this process is fluid. ACHs are complex and can be influenced by countless factors, many of which will be out of leaders' hands. The goal is to continuously grow stronger and more equitable, while evolving to adapt to the latest challenges and opportunities.

CACHI'S MESSAGING FRAMEWORK

Effective messaging is deliberately concise and directive. Properly used, it allows the speaker to guide a conversation by providing the audience with the critical information they need. A successful communicator will seamlessly pivot between three primary points (Why, What and Action) to help their audience understand, embrace, and remember the message.

The following topline messages are designed to provide you with the essential concepts needed to introduce your ACH, explain its importance, and invite your audience to take the next step:

WHY

For decades, long-standing inequities have exacerbated health issues in low-income communities and communities of color, resulting in persistent health disparities. Efforts are too often siloed and exclude those adversly impacted by deeper systemic issues. As a result, good-faith efforts are usually limited and not sustainable.

WHAT

Accountable Communities for Health (ACHs) provide a powerful framework for tackling inequities by breaking down barriers and promoting a new way for all community members and stakeholders to work collaboratively together. ACHs rely on three key principles to deliver transformational change and health equity:

Centering Community Voice: ACHs place residents at the heart of all community health-related discussions. ACHs level the playing field by ensuring that residents have a prominent and active role in their ACH, helping to ensure that equity—and the realities that shape their health—is paramount.

Multi-Sector Engagement: ACHs not only include traditional healthcare and public health systems but also partnerships that embrace the social drivers of health. Improving health outcomes for all requires that health and other relevant sectors works in concert.

Align Systems and Priorities: ACHs help partners shift from transactional, program-specific approaches to a new norm where participants align local community interests, incubate fresh ideas and expand collective capacity. Built on a foundation of transparency and data sharing, this alignment results in greater impact than any one entity could achieve alone.

ACTION

With your support and engagement, we can build a healthier, stronger and more equitable community. If you would like to see improved health outcomes for all and build more resilient systems, join us in supporting our Accountable Community for Health.

Frequently Asked Questions

The Accountable Communities for Health (ACH) model of multi-sector, community-based partnerships marshalling resources for community change, is straightforward. Yet people—and the institutions and communities they create—have various and vested interests that can make progress difficult. A framework and structure for collaboration can help overcome barriers and move the gears of systemic change.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions that will help flesh out the ACH concept, clarify CACHI's priorities and provide the details necessary to understand and properly communicate the scope of this innovative community venture.

Q1 What is an Accountable Community for Health? What is CACHI?

An ACH is an innovative vehicle for addressing community health and health equity using multi-sector and community-based partnerships, all in service of a shared collective vision for the future of a community. The model recognizes that health is the result of many factors at work across a community and that no single entity controls enough levers to address them alone.

The California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative (CACHI) is a public-private partnership working to modernize our health system to build a healthier, more equitable California. CACHI provides technical assistance, funding and strategic advice to ACH communities and the organizations driving them.

Q2 How are ACHs different from other community health coalitions or collaboratives?

ACHs are multi-sector collaboratives that are committed to collective action, anchored by a "Backbone" entity. ACHs are not just tables for information sharing, but rather tables for alignment, community engagement, and, ultimately, systems change. They facilitate engagement with an ecosystem of organizations and sectors that are involved with the particular issue. Too often agencies and organizations are unaware of what each other does, when they could be reinforcing one another.

ACHs have three primary roles. They catalyze alignment to collectively problem solve. They provide residents a seat at the table to level the playing field. And, they establish community accountability to ensure effective collaboration.

Q3 What are the benefits of the ACH model?

ACHs are designed to facilitate systems change, which involve changes in the practices and operations of a system—including culture and norms, decision-making authority and distribution of resources. It is through systems changes that a new vision for a more equitable and prevention-oriented health system can be realized.

By strengthening health-social service connections, improving alignment between sectors, accelerating innovation, engaging residents and changing policies, ACHs put into place the means to achieve their vision of a more connected, expansive, prevention-oriented and equity-centered health system.

Q4 What issues do ACHs tend to focus on?

ACHs prioritize issues that are of highest concern to the communities they serve, focusing, in particular, on issues associated with significant inequities. Consequently, ACHs work on a wide range of issues. Some focus on very specific community health problems, like reducing diabetes, heart disease, asthma or substance abuse. Others focus more on broad societal issues that lead to poor health outcomes, such as childhood trauma, neighborhood violence, economic disparities or systemic racism. The ACH principles concern how people and organizations work together, not what they work on. This enables ACHs to quickly respond to emerging health issues, such as COVID-19.

Q5 How do ACHs advance equity?

Principles of diversity, inclusion and equity are infused in all aspects of an ACH. For example, ACHs ensure their decision-making bodies are diverse and inclusive of residents. They focus on communities that have experienced significant inequities and they make a concerted effort to investigate structural causes of such inequities, recognizing that that often means facilitating difficult conversations. They also ensure funding is prioritized to serve historically under-resourced communities and groups.

Q6 What is an ACH Backbone? Why does it matter?

An ACH Backbone is an entity that works full-time to convene community partners and stakeholders, coordinate collective action and manage the day-to-day operations of the ACH. The Backbone provides the glue that keeps the collaborative together—managing personalities, schedules, priorities and timelines, navigating power differences and conflict and maintaining momentum for the long term. The Backbone must be able to speak to and engage different systems, sectors and people, from youth to CEOs.

Working with ACH partners, the Backbones help elevate community voice, facilitate action, build sustainability for impact, steward systems change and influence policy. These efforts move the ACH from an information-sharing network to a structured and strategic collaboration that achieves more together than any single organization could on its own.

Q7 How do ACHs assist in relationship-building between disparate entities?

Since multi-dimensional problems require multi-dimensional solutions, ACHs encourage active alignment between organizations, breaking down long-standing silos. Partners shift from program-specific approaches to those that align interests, incubate new ideas and expand collective capacity with data-sharing and trust-building. By centering community voice, these multi-sector collaboratives bring diverse and divergent interests together, which can provide new insights, unexpected resources and renewed innovation for change. Furthermore, the ACH model prioritizes community voice, meaning residents play a prominent and active role, ensuring all activities are representative and in service of all segments of the community.

Q8 What resources do ACHs need to be successful? How does a Wellness Fund fit in?

To be successful, ACHs require sustainable funding so that they can fuel their Backbone entities and ensure long-term accountability between partners. Generally, Backbones require funding for one or two staff members plus resources to support collective endeavors, such as communications, data dashboards and standard administrative expenses. More developed ACHs incorporate a wellness fund that can braid public and private resources to fund Backbone operations and ACH-organized strategies for which resources are hard to come by.

37 ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTH

CACHI is proud to be supporting 37 different locations throughout California as their resident-driven ACHs work to build healthier, stronger, more equitable communities. These descriptions include 13 communities (identified with *) that piloted the ACH approach as well as 24 new communities announced in 2023 that have joined in the effort to make lasting, transformational change in the health of their communities.

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Healthy Havenscourt Collaborative (HHC)

Coordinated by the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC), HHC works to improve health inequities by strengthening social supports and services for residents of Oakland's Havenscourt neighborhood. HHC will improve housing stability and job quality, with a focus on California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)'s Community Support element.

Unincorporated Health and Wealth Initiative

With Resources for Community Development as its backbone, this ACH aims to address emotional well-being, financial security, and economic empowerment for Latino, Black, and Asian households in the Ashland-Cherryland community. Its initial focus is on the implementation of the state's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CHYBI).

BUTTE COUNTY

Butte County Accountable Communities for Health

Led by the North Valley Community Foundation, this countywide ACH aims to advance community priorities identified through various assessments using cross-sector partnerships with local hospitals and health initiatives. Its focus is equity and strengthening community resilience.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa ACH

With Contra Costa Health as the backbone, this ACH aims to shape the lives of county residents by addressing a variety of health-impacting factors, with a focus on living safely, healthy and well. It aligns with the state's Let's Get Healthy California initiative.

FRESNO COUNTY

Fresno County Health Improvement Partnership (FCHIP)*

This ACH, coordinated by Fresno Metro Ministry, focuses its efforts on Southwest Fresno. It aims to unite over 100 local organizations to address adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and expand capacity to implement trauma-informed healing practices.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Humboldt Community Health Trust*

This ACH, with support from the North Coast Health Improvement and Information Network, works to create a safe, healthy and resilient community to holistically address substance use disorder, uniting key stakeholders to address the diverse factors contributing to addiction in rural Humboldt. Its efforts are aligned with the state's Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI).

IMPERIAL COUNTY

Imperial County Accountable Community for Health*

Imperial County ACH, with coordination from San Diego State University Research Foundation, works to plan for and coordinate health workforce needs by building partnerships and promoting power-sharing. Its goal is to learn from the community's experience during the COVID-19 pandemic and better prepare the system for future challenges.

LAKE COUNTY

Hope Rising Lake County*

Hope Rising elevates the health and well-being of Lake County residents by addressing health inequities, with a particular focus on mental health and substance use disorders, and building community-clinical linkages. Projects include the SafeRX program to reduce opioid consumption, the Perinatal Wellness Task Force and transitional housing for people who are unhoused. Its efforts align with the state's Children Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI).

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

All in for Azusa*

With support from the City of Azusa, this ACH works to coordinate over two dozen partners and the community to advance prevention strategies that build a more healthy and livable community. This ACH will prioritize efforts to prevent community violence.

Antelope Valley - Violence Prevention ACH (AV-VP ACH)

Facilitated by Antelope Valley Partners for Health, this ACH focuses on community violence prevention in Antelope Valley. Its goal is to address the root causes of violence, advance systems change and heal the community.

Community Response System of South Los Angeles (CRSSLA) Network

With assistance from the Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches (LAM), CRSSLA Network was formed to address BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) community needs. This ACH will host events, town halls, reading circles and collective actions to build trust in the health care system and bridge communities. It will also partner with Managed Care Plans to reduce health disparities.

Compton Healthy

Compton Healthy, coordinated by St. John's Community Health Center, aims to build upon its existing cross-sector partnerships to address health disparities experienced by the low-income, Latinx and Black residents of Compton. Its primary focus will be on the state's Behavioral Health for Children and Youth initiative.

Health Innovation Community Partnership*

This ACH, with backbone support from the LAC+USC Medical Center Foundation, works to integrate children and youth behavior health efforts in the Boyle Heights community in Los Angeles, all with a special focus on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-racism (EDIA). Its efforts are aligned with the state's Advancing Child Health and Well-Being initiative.

LA Reentry Council ACH

The LA Reentry Council ACH is a network of partner organizations that promotes the successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals in Central and South Los Angeles. The Center for Council, a project of Community Partners, serves as the backbone agency, aligning work around SB 840 public reentry funding.

Long Beach Community Advisory Board*

This ACH, with backbone support from the Long Beach Department of Health & Human Service's Racial and Health Equity Team, will focus on elevating community voice and improving equity within the department, the city and the broader community. It will align with the state's Future of Public Health (FoPH) initiative to build local infrastructure for community voice.

One San Pedro Alliance

One San Pedro Alliance seeks to strengthen the governance structure of its backbone organization, One San Pedro Inc., to incorporate resident voices and address community health priorities in the most socially vulnerable neighborhoods in the San Pedro area of Los Angeles. It will focus on the state's Housing and Homelessness initiative.

MADERA COUNTY

Live Well Madera County

Live Well Madera County, coordinated by the Madera County Department of Public Health, will embed equity and community voice into the county's community health improvement plan. The ACH aligns with the Future of Public Health (FoPH) state initiative to improve public health infrastructure.

MARIN COUNTY

Marin 9 to 25

With the Marin County Probation Department and BluePath Health acting as the backbone, this ACH focuses on youth physical and mental health challenges and the substance abuse crisis. The ACH's goal is to welcome youth voices, embed equity and expand care navigation to schools across Marin County. It will align its efforts with the state's Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI).

MENDOCINO COUNTY

Healthy Mendocino

Healthy Mendocino, coordinated by North Coast Opportunities, Inc., will focus on CalAIM implementation across the county while embedding equity into all its activities to address social determinants of health.

MERCED COUNTY

Merced County Accountable Communities for Health*

With leadership from the Merced County Workforce Development Board, this ACH will work to promote urgent workforce issues in the healthcare sector. Its efforts will focus on coordinating the local health workforce needs by developing, attracting and retaining workers to meet the needs of a diverse, multi-lingual and largely low-income population.

ORANGE COUNTY

OC Network of Care

OC Network of Care is a community movement coordinated by Advance OC, dedicated to building infrastructure for change around mental health, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and opioid abuse prevention. It will also align CalAIM and CalOptima across the county.

Orange County API Task Force

Led by the API Task Force with backbone support from the Vital Access Care Foundation, this ACH works to reduce Asian Pacific Islander health disparities in Orange County while assisting with the implementation of Medi-Cal Population Health Management Plans.

PLACER COUNTY

Invest Health/Placer County ACH Network

This ACH, with the Health Education Council (HEC) as backbone, works in Roseville to lift community voices and involve underserved residents in its efforts to improve community health. It will focus on building partnerships with managed care plans and community-based organizations under CalAIM.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Child Safety Forward Sacramento

This ACH, with backbone support from the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, will work to stop child abuse and neglect, with the goal of eliminating deaths and critical injuries throughout the county by 2030. Core to this work will be strong partnerships with county systems to advance child health and well-being.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Uplift San Bernardino

Uplift San Bernardino, with support from the Making Hope Happen Foundation, aims to cultivate a generation of successful adults committed to putting down roots in their community. This ACH will focus on CalAIM's Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports initiative and will deploy additional resources to the Arrowhead Grove community.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego Accountable Community for Health*

With support from the San Diego Wellness Collaborative, this ACH focuses its efforts on building a foundation to sustain the community health worker (CHW/promotora) workforce and expand capacity for clinical-community linkages. It will align its work with CalAIM's new CHW benefit initiative.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Mission Promise Neighborhood (MPN) ACH

Mission Promise Neighborhood ACH, with backbone support from the Mission Economic Development Agency, promotes the health and well-being of Latino and immigrant children in San Francisco's Mission District by aligning and coordinating activities and systems changes. This ACH aligns with the State's Child Health and Well-Being Initiative.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Reinvent South Stockton Coalition (RSSC)*

The Reinvent South Stockton Coalition is a multi-sector alliance of medical providers, local government agencies, community organizations and advocates that work together to help make South Stockton a trauma-responsive community with sufficient mental and behavioral health support. Its focus will align with the state's Strengthening Community Resilience initiative.

SAN MATEO COUNTY

Redwood City Together

Redwood City Together, with support from the city, uses collaborative approaches to prevent community violence by empowering young people and residents. The ACH aligns with state efforts to address community violence, emphasizing employment and enrichment opportunities for young adults during after-school hours.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Caring Together Santa Barbara County

This ACH brings together 41 partner organizations and a backbone organization, Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara County, to coordinate efforts to support caregivers and those they care for. It aligns with Goal 4 of the California Master Plan for Aging (MPA).

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

East San José PEACE Partnership*

PEACE, with support from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, addresses violence, trauma and racial inequities in East San José by strengthening partnerships and building systemic infrastructure. It will focus its efforts on preventing community violence and will also work to advance state initiatives to prevent homelessness and displacement, implement community health workers as a Medi-Cal benefit, and further the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (CalVIP).

South County Youth Task Force's (SCYTF) South County Health Equity for All Leadership Initiative (SC HEALs!)

South County Youth Task Force's (SCYTF) South County Health Equity for All Leadership Initiative (SC HEALs!) is coordinated by the City of Gilroy and the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. This ACH aligns with the state's Preventing Community Violence initiative and aims to address longstanding inequities and racism, targeting root causes of intergenerational poverty and unfair policies impacting local families.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

South County Triage Group (SCTG)

With assistance from the City of Watsonville, this ACH works to improve equity, health and economic mobility by providing culturally appropriate services for vulnerable and marginalized individuals in the Pajaro Valley. It will focus its efforts on Capacity and Infrastructure Transition Expansion and Development (CITED), a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) initiative for high-risk beneficiaries of Medi-Cal.

SHASTA COUNTY

Shasta Health Assessment and Redesign Collaborative

This "collaborative of collaboratives," supported by the Health Alliance of Northern California, brings all sectors together to move system transformation efforts. Shasta's chosen state initiative is the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), focusing on increasing access to youth behavioral health services and enhancing the continuum of care for youth and families.

SONOMA COUNTY

Health Action Together Sonoma County*

Health Action Together works countywide to advance anti-racist practices in support of health equity. Its focus over the next few years is to bring these principles to play in executing the deliverables of grants related to the state's Community Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) and the Future of Public Health (FoPH).

VENTURA COUNTY

Ventura County Accountable Community for Health

Coordinated by Communities Lifting Communities, this ACH focuses on building partnerships and capacity to improve health outcomes across Ventura County. Its initiative aligns with CalAIM, implementing policies and programs to promote access to culturally appropriate preventative care services among underserved populations.

YOLO COUNTY

West Sacramento Accountable Community for Health Initiative*

This ACH, with support from the Health Education Council, works to promote health and well-being in West Sacramento by strengthening community resilience, institutionalizing resident leadership and achieving health equity. It will align its efforts with the state's Strengthening Community Resilience initiative to build equity infrastructure.