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Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI)

Quarter 4 Meeting

Where You Live Determines How You Live



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Public Health

Meeting Agenda



10:00 – 10:05 a.m.

Welcome

10:05 – 10:10 a.m.

Population Health Recap

10:10 – 10:25 a.m.

Looking Forward to 2026

10:25 – 10:55 a.m.

Community Engagement Policy Presentations

10:55 – 11:15 a.m.

Community Engagement Discussion

11:15 – 11:25 a.m.

Partner Roundtable

11:25 – 11:30 a.m.

HCI Items of Business and Closing



HCI Purpose



The Vision

To create healthy environments by working collaboratively with stakeholders to prevent disease and make healthy living options accessible through policy, systems, and environmental change focusing on interventions that affect the upstream drivers of health.

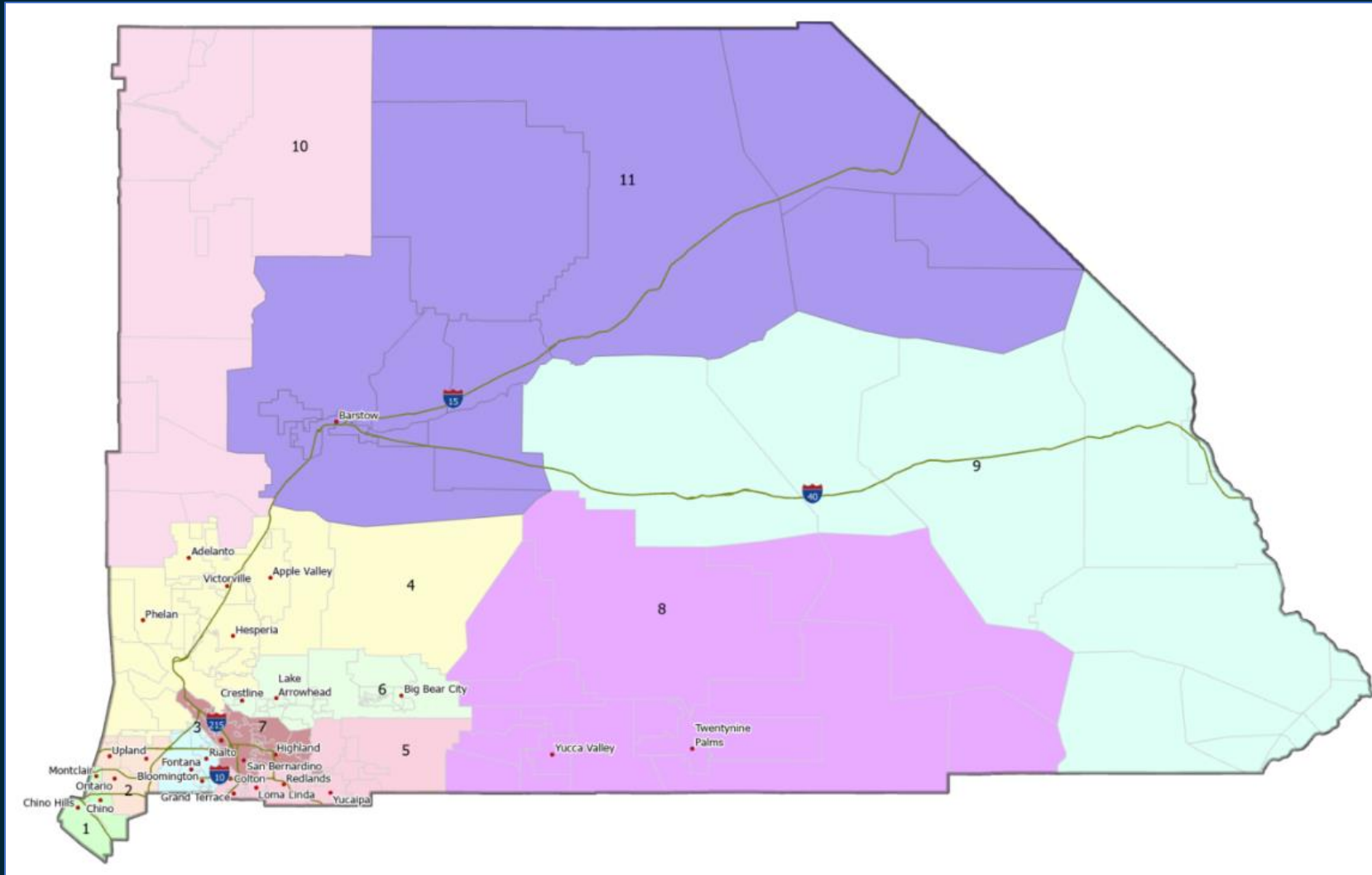
The Goal

To strengthen and establish relationships with community stakeholders to foster healthy, safe, and equitable communities, ultimately improving residents' health status throughout San Bernardino County.

HCI Quarterly Meetings

Connecting representatives from cities and towns across San Bernardino County and examine the role of local governments in policy, systems, and environmental (PSE) change through the lens of an emerging public health issue.

Population Health Recap



**Population Health
Framework:**
Community Health Planning
Regions

Role of SBCDPH

- Subject matter expertise
- Population health data: current, disaggregated, cross-stratified
- Evidence-based practices, innovation
- Facilitator/convener
- Programmatic interventions

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Health Coalitions

Community Health Planning Regions



What is in Store for 2026: _____



HCI Quarterly Meeting Schedule

1

Wednesday, March 18, 2026,
from 10am – 11:30am

2

Wednesday, June 17, 2026,
from 10am – 11:30am

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Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2026,
from 10am – 11:30am

4

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2026,
from 10am – 11:30am



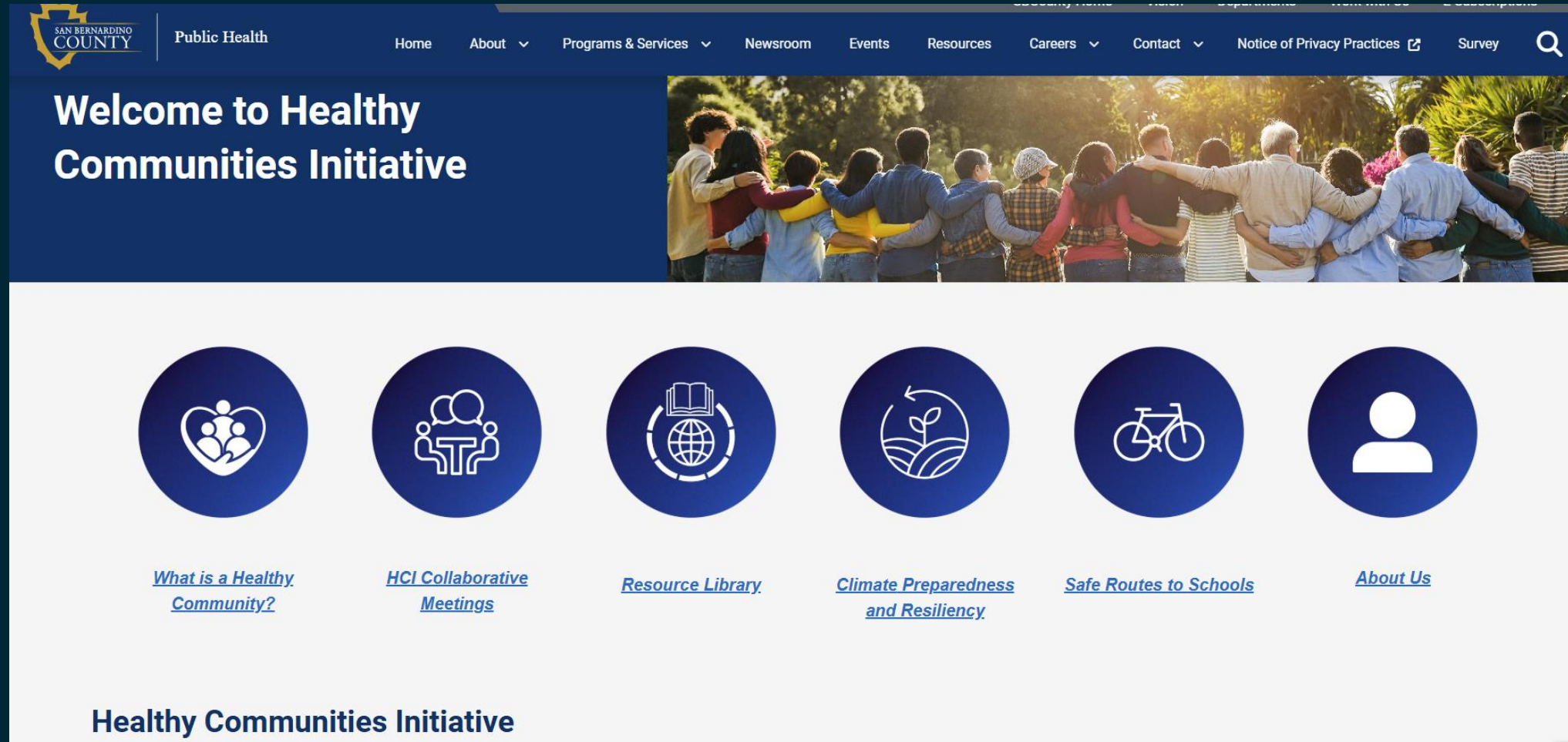
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What is in Store for 2026: Continued



Updated HCI Webpage



What's New for 2026: Continued



Learning Sessions



1:1 Check-Ins

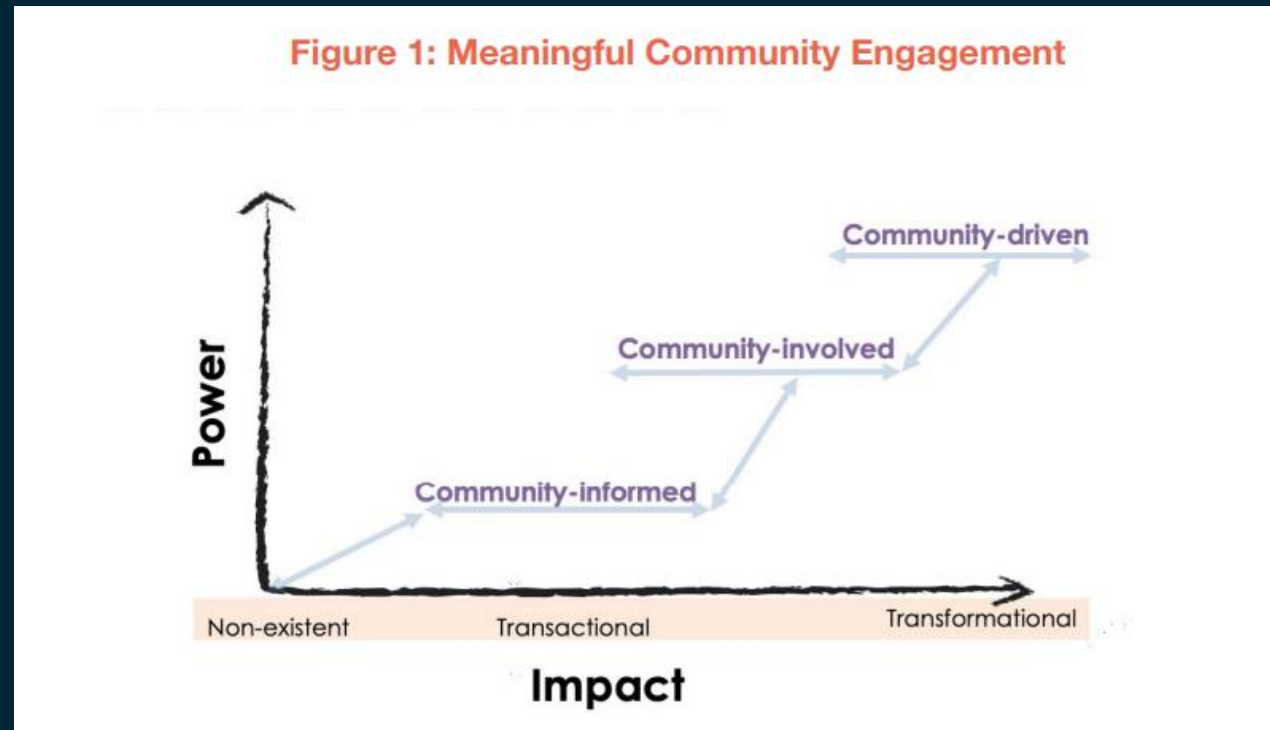


Community Engagement Foundation



Community Engagement: Collaborative processes between organizations/institutions and communities impacted by their policies, programs, or practices to influence decisions and actions through the mutually beneficial and bidirectional exchange of resources, expertise, and information.

- **Identifies** and addresses disparities
- **Ensures** relevance
- **Builds** trust and equity
- **Drives** systematic change
- **Fosters** authentic partnerships



Source: [Transformational Community Engagement to Advance Health Equity](#)

Hope Velarde and Erika-Huntley-Lewis:
Community Engagement Policy with a Health Equity Lens

Community Engagement Discussion



What are challenges you are experiencing working with the community?



Have you engaged with the community to find out their health needs?



How do or have you included their voices in policy development and with program interventions?



Executive Order 2005-056 (New Mexico): State Executive Order

Requires state agencies to ensure fair treatment and meaningful involvement of environmental justice communities. Provides a model for strengthening outreach, notice, and participation in decision-making.



RCW 70A.02.110 (Washington): State Statute

Creates the Environmental Justice Council to advise agencies on integrating equity into policies and programs. Demonstrates how government can formalize community representation in decision-making.





RCW 43.06D.040 (Washington):

State Statute

Defines the responsibilities of the Office of Equity, including staffing a community advisory board and improving access to engagement. Offers a structure for building equity accountability into government systems.



Community Engagement Best Practices

Self-Assessment Tool: Assessment Tool

A seven-domain self-assessment that helps organizations identify strengths and gaps in their engagement practices. Useful for evaluating readiness and improving partnership quality.





California Community Engagement

Initiative Modules: Training Modules

Provides comprehensive learning modules on building partnerships, shared leadership, and authentic community engagement. Offers ready-to-use trainings for staff capacity building.



CARB Community Engagement

Workbook: Planning Workbook

A step-by-step guide for planning, implementing, and evaluating equitable community engagement efforts. Includes worksheets and planning tools to support structured engagement design.





CARB Community Engagement Model (Full Model): Engagement Framework

A comprehensive, evidence-based model outlining principles, processes, and best practices for equitable engagement in environmental and public health work. Serves as a blueprint for citywide engagement planning.



AB 2722 – Transformative Climate Communities Program: Grant Program

Establishes requirements for deep community engagement in neighborhood-scale climate and health planning. Demonstrates how engagement can be embedded into funding structures and program design.





UNIDAD Comment Letter:

Community Advocacy Document

An example of resident-driven recommendations influencing land-use and community planning decisions. Highlights the power of organized community input in shaping healthier, more equitable neighborhoods.



PHERN Building Bridges Portal:

Resource Library / Toolkit Hub

Provides a curated collection of guides, tools, and case studies on community engagement and cross-sector collaboration. Serves as a one-stop resource for cities looking to strengthen partnership infrastructure.



Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)
Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCRP)
Community Resilience Centers



Partner Roundtable

Learning Session – January 21st, time TBD

HCI Quarterly Meeting – March 18th, 2026



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