



NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION

to End Health Disparities



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Press Release

Pacific and Southwest Regional Health Equity Council Announces Operating Agreement with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc.

(Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 16, 2017) The Pacific and Southwest Regional Health Equity Council (PSWRHEC) and Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. (PHFE), a 501(c)(3) California nonprofit corporation, have entered into an operating agreement in which PHFE will provide management and oversight for the financial and administrative aspects of programs implemented by PSWRHEC.

PHFE partners with academic researchers, government agencies, foundations, and private sponsors in the public health field to offer a range of services, including contracts and grants management and fiscal sponsorship. The goal of such partnerships is to support programs and initiatives that advance population health. The mission of PSWRHEC is to eliminate health disparities and achieve the highest possible level of health for all communities through the education and mobilization of leaders, partners, policy makers, and community stakeholders in Region IX (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau).

According to the operating agreement, PSWRHEC will take the lead in drafting and preparing grant applications, and PHFE will coordinate, organize, and submit proposals. "I'm very thrilled about the partnership between PHFE and PSWRHEC," said Lee Pliscou, Executive Director, Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and member of the PSWRHEC. "By serving as the fiscal agent for PSWRHEC, PHFE will assist us in advancing programs that are important to our region."

PSWRHEC will focus on the following priority areas:

- Access to Care
- Behavioral Health
- Community Health Workers
- Community Outreach and Education (COE)
- Elderly Health Disparities (EHD)
- Funding and Sustainability
- Health Information Technology (HIT)
- Refugee Health
- Textbook on Health and Health Care Disparities

PSWRHEC is the Pacific and Southwest branch of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), the first national movement to end health disparities and move the nation towards health equity. The NPA is a multi-sector community and partnership-driven effort that is implemented at the state level by Regional Health Equity Councils



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(RHECs). The PSWRHEC is one of 10 regional councils that focus on strengthening health initiatives, leveraging resources, and encouraging innovative strategies that ensure improved health outcomes for all Americans. To learn more about the efforts of PSWRHEC, visit <http://region9.npa-rhec.org>.



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