

Application for an Award of Advocacy and Witness Fees

Entity Name: California Pan
Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)
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1. For which proceeding are you seeking compensation?

Health Equity and Quality Committee

2. What is the amount requested?

\$29,785.00

3. Proceeding Contribution:

Provide a description of the ways in which your involvement made a substantial contribution to the proceeding as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 28, Section 1010(b)(14), supported by specific citations to the record, your testimony, cross-examination, arguments, briefs, letters, motions, discovery, or any other appropriate evidence.

CPEHN has a long history of successfully advancing equity in California's health care systems. We authored reports as early as 2001 and as recently as 2022 on improving health care quality and advancing more equitable health outcomes by holding health plans accountable for performance on consumer assessment surveys and quality measurement in physical, oral, and mental health care. We have advocated successfully for the development of quality and equity performance standards in Covered California and Medi-Cal coverage. We also advocated for Limited English Proficient patients during managed care creation and passed successful language access policies in health care settings. In 2022, CPEHN was invited to serve on DMHC's Health Equity and Quality Committee (HEQC) where we were tasked with making recommendations to the DMHC Director for standard health equity and quality measures. In our role we provided input on key topics that will be important to assessing compliance with statewide quality/equity goals including: Annual benchmark standards for public and commercial insurance; Minimum demographic data collection and reporting standards that particularly encourage self-reported data by race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation and gender identity, disability status and health-related social needs; Adoption of NCQA Accreditation including Health Equity Accreditation; Establishment of a statewide measure set to gauge health plan performance on quality and equity goals; Establishment of a specific statewide measure set to address mental health plan performance on quality and equity goals; Establishment of language assistance measure(s) to gauge health plan performance in meeting California language access laws on interpreter services and written translations.

4. Please attach your time and billing record in the "Add Attachment" box below. In the time and billing record, include the hourly rate of compensation for each witness or advocate and a justification for each hourly rate, which may include copies of or citations to previously approved hourly rate; and each witness or advocate's resume or curriculum vitae. The time and billing record should show the date and exact amount of time spent on each specific task in thirty (30) minute increments, as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 1010(d)(3).

Document Name	Date	Uploaded By
Time and billing record	12/5/22	Rachel Katz
Caroline Sanders-resume	12/5/22	Rachel Katz
Kiran Savage-Sangwan	12/5/22	Rachel Katz
Andrea Rivera	12/5/22	Rachel Katz

5. Clear and concise statement of participants interest in the proceeding which explains why participation is needed to represent the interests of consumers

As proponents of AB 133, the enacting legislation for DMHC's Health Equity Quality Committee, we are strongly supportive of the DMHC developing and enforcing minimum quality and equity standards for all regulated full-service and behavioral health plans. For too long, Californians, particularly people of color, have experienced uneven access to appropriate health care, resulting in inequitable health outcomes. Unfortunately, the lack of standardized disaggregated collection and release of race and ethnicity data for communities of color, including AANHPIs, has masked health disparities and outcomes and hidden the disproportionate impact on many communities. CPEHN's participation on the HEQC was important to ensure that the initiative has the intended impact and will result in more equitable outcomes for all Californians.

6. The information contained in the Petition to Participate remains true and correct to the best of the knowledge of the person verifying the information.

Yes

I am authorized to certify this document on behalf of the applicant. By entering my name below, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing statements within all documents filed electronically are true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Oakland (City), CA (State), on December 5, 2022.

Name: Rachel Katz

Andrea Rivera

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

San Jose State University
B.A. Political Science
Minor: Chicano/a Studies

Aug. 2012 – May 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Legislative Advocate, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network *June 2021 - Present Sacramento, CA*

- Lead 5 statewide legislative campaigns pertaining to health care enrollment (SB 644); mental health care access for BIPOC Californians (SB 1019); reducing demographic data disparities (SB 1033); community health workers (AB 2697); and health navigators (AB 2680)
- Organize across 4 departments to coordinate campaign needs pertaining to communications, community mobilization, and policy development
- Provide expert witness and public testimony during committee hearings in the Senate and Assembly related to health and budget subcommittees
- Serve as the primary point of contact on behalf of the organization for all legislative staff and Members of the Legislature
- Maintain existing relationships and continuously foster new key partnerships across various needs related to health care and the social determinants of health
- Communicate complex policies, legislative processes, and political dynamics to community-based and grassroots coalitions through trainings
- Represent CPEHN in key statewide coalitions and steering committees related to Health4All, Care4All, Building the California Dream Alliance, and the California Work & Family Coalition
- Represent the organization in media requests including television interviews and reporter interviews
- Supervise Legislative Associate and provide support on tasks, as needed

Legislative Assistant, California Immigrant Policy Center *Sept. 2018 – May 2021 Sacramento, CA*

- Lead legislative advocacy for solutions related to the elimination of cooperation between federal immigration authorities and law enforcement agencies (AB 937); strengthening transparency of community surveillance (AB 2598); and resolutions on workforce development (ACR 50) and public charge (ACR 1)
- Co-lead on \$75M budget advocacy related to immigrant legal services
- Managed bill tracking, submission of position letters, and served as the point of contact for over 150 legislative requests on the behalf of the Government Affairs and Policy Departments
- Provided policy recommendations, assessment of statewide political landscape, expert testimony, and public comment in various committee hearings
- Served as the external face of the organization for press conferences on issues related to immigrant detention, deportation, criminal justice/racial justice
- Communicated across 4 departments for projects and events such as lobby days, Policy and Paletas, I Love Immigrants Reception, and 2 statewide conferences

Lobbying Assistant, Strategic Education Services*Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018 Sacramento, CA*

- Analyzed over 2,000 K-12 and higher education proposals including legislation, budget, department and state agency requests to determine relevance to specific client interests
- Coordinated monthly newsletters for 20 clients which consisted of individualized information such as news summaries, legislative updates, and political landscape assessments
- Monitored Assembly and Senate committee hearings related to education and higher education, as well as the California Community College's Board of Governors monthly meetings
- Assisted with budget advocacy for a coalition of 9 statewide K-12 education organizations comprised of school business officers, teachers' unions, faculty stakeholders, custodial representatives, and parent groups
- Supervised 2 summer interns and delegated projects for completion

Legislative Intern, Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer, Sr.*Jan. 2015 – May 2015 Sacramento, CA*

- Assisted legislative staff with a housing bill (AB 396) and education bill (AB 337) which included editing facts sheet, co-signer letters, feedback on bill language, and participating in meetings with other legislative offices and lobbyists
- Participated in committee staff briefings, committee informational hearings, and bill hearings for the Assembly Education, Higher Education, and Public Safety Committees

FELLOWSHIPS/COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**Fellow, New Leaders Council***Jan. 2021 – June 2021 Sacramento, CA*

- Co-coordinated a virtual fundraiser to raise nearly \$12,000 for the Sacramento chapter
- Trained on implicit bias and best practices for cultural humility in the workplace

Executive Board Member, Oak Park Neighborhood Association *April 2018 – April 2020 Sacramento, CA*

- Secretary: Organized all monthly Board Member meetings, created meeting agendas, documented meeting minutes, tracked local advocacy sign-on requests, and maintained documents for 501(c)(3) status
- Chair, Community Events Committee: Prioritized multiple assignments for a team of 3 in order to successfully execute 4 annual Association events; in addition to cultivating relationships with culturally relevant local nonprofits and community-based organizations
- Represent the Oak Park community in city stakeholder meetings

Fellow, Board and Commission Leadership Institute*Feb. 2018 – Sept. 2018 Sacramento, CA*

- Formulated a work plan to successfully run and serve on the Board of Directors for the Oak Park Neighborhood Association

NOTABLE SKILLSET: Bilingual in English and Spanish (proficiency in speaking and reading)

CAROLINE B. SANDERS

EXPERIENCE:

Senior Policy Director

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network, Oakland, Ca, Mar 2009-Present

- Advance federal/state policies to ensure more equitable health outcomes for all
- Research and draft policy briefs, letters and fact sheets to elevate CPEHN's policy priorities and goals
- Conduct legislative and administrative advocacy for the organization, serving on key state Advisory committees in Medi-Cal and Covered California
- Develop communications and presentations on the impact of policies on health outcomes for California's communities of color
- Develop and maintain relationships with policymakers and staff
- Manage and supervise large scale research projects and staff

Asst. Policy Director

SEIU-United Health Care Workers – West (UHW), Oakland, Ca, Sept 2008-February 2009

- Assess impact of budget proposals on 150,000 CA home and healthcare workers
- Plan and coordinate budget advocacy, member mobilization and speaker prep
- Monitor and assess federal, state and local laws and regulations on healthcare
- Write and disseminate budget/bill updates, fact sheets, other written materials

Northern California Policy Analyst

California Immigrant Policy Center (CIPC), Oakland, Ca, Dec 2004-Aug 2008

- Analyzed impact of federal, state and local policies on low-income immigrants
- Built and participated in statewide coalitions bridging diverse interests, audiences
- Coordinated budget advocacy, member mobilization and speaker prep
- Wrote and disseminated fact sheets and other written materials

Policy Director

Services, Immigrant Rights & Education Network (SIREN), San Jose, Ca, Mar 2003-Nov 2004

- Analyzed impact of federal, state and local policies on low-income immigrants
- Established local coalitions to advocate for statewide policy goals
- Made community presentations on budget and bill proposals

EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, Masters of Public Policy
Mount Holyoke College, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Cum Laude, Member Psi Chi
Proyecto Linguistico, Quetzaltenango (Xela), Guatemala: Coursework in Latin American History

SKILLS:

Computer: SPSS, Excel, Quattro Pro, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint
Language: Proficient in Spanish

Kiran Savage-Sangwan

EXPERIENCE

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Executive Director, July 2019 – present

- Direct internal and external operations of 15-staff person organization.
- Conduct annual fundraising, develop and manage organizational budget.
- Support Board of Directors by conducting Board recruitment, proposing strategic plans, and managing Board committees.
- Hire, supervise, and develop staff.
- Serve as primary spokesperson, develop policy proposals and campaigns, develop and maintain relationships with broad range of stakeholders.

Deputy Director, October 2018 – July 2019

- Manage all aspects of state policy, legislation, community engagement, and communications.
- Lead teams and supervise staff in multiple offices.
- Represent the organization to the media, Legislature, funders, and at speaking engagements.
- Work with the Executive Director to determine strategic direction and to engage in fundraising activities and budget development.

Health Integration Policy Director, July 2016 – October 2018

- Serve as a member of the senior leadership team, responsible for organizational development, fundraising, staff management, and strategic direction.
- Lead development of policy initiatives and advocacy campaigns that advance health equity.
- Serve as an organizational spokesperson.
- Manage statewide mental health and substance use disorder programs and grants.
- Conduct legislative, budgetary, and administrative advocacy – draft position letters, provide testimony, draft bill language, maintain relationships with policymakers and staff.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) California

Director of Legislation and Advocacy, May 2015 – June 2016

Legislation and Public Policy Analyst, December 2014 – May 2015

- Led policy, advocacy and legislative efforts for mental health organization with 62 chapters.
- Identified and analyzed legislation, budget items, and policy issues impacting mental health care and individuals living with mental illness.
- Designed and implemented grassroots advocacy campaigns, and supervised organizing staff.
- Designed and implemented advocacy events, including Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Built and maintained strategic working relationships with key legislative and state agency staff.

American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California

Organizer, February 2012 – December 2014

- Led immigrants' rights advocacy campaigns at state and federal levels by identifying and analyzing policy issues, developing strategies and conducting meetings with key policy makers.
- Key role in successful passage and implementation of significant state immigrants' rights laws.
- Successfully sought funding for and directed statewide project to implement new initiative, including planning strategies, managing a budget, and reporting results to organization and multiple funders.

New York State Youth Leadership Council

Policy and Development Coordinator, May 2008 - December 2011

- Led advocacy campaigns at the state and federal level for the organization, including the successful introduction of the New York Dream Act in 2011.
- Managed fundraising and organizational development aspects of organization.

EDUCATION

New York University Wagner School of Public Service - MPA September 2011

Nonprofit Management and Policy Analysis Concentration

New York University College of Arts and Sciences - BA with Honors, Politics Major

Academic Honors: Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar, Dean's List, Founders' Day Award

Honors and Community Service:

- Sacramento Community Police Review Commission, Chair, 2017- present
- Sacramento Stonewall Democratic Club Political Action Committee, Member, 2016-17
- Rockwood Leadership Institute Fellowship for a New California, Fellow, 2013-14

Andrea Rivera, Senior Legislative Advocate

\$350

		Date	Hours	Total	Work performed
Andrea	Rivera	7/13/2022	7	\$2,450	DMHC meeting for KSS
		Total	7	\$2,450	

Caroline Sanders, Senior Policy Director

\$385

		Date	Hours	Rate	Work performed
Caroline	Sanders	3/23/2022	1	\$385	reviewed slides
Caroline	Sanders	3/24/2022	2	\$770	attended meeting reviewed DMHC slides
Caroline	Sanders	4/19/2022	1	\$385	
Caroline	Sanders	4/20/2022	1	\$385	Monitored DMHC Q&E Mtg., 1 hour
Caroline	Sanders	9/19/2022	3	\$1,155	edit and submit a joint letter to DMHC on the draft HEQC report
		Total	8	\$3,080	

Kiran Savage-Sangwan, Executive Director

\$385

					1.5 hours - prepare consumer panelist remarks
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	2/23/2022	2	\$770	.5 hours - review committee materials
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	2/24/2022	5	\$1,925	Participate in committee meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	3/23/2022	1	\$385	review materials
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	3/24/2022	3	\$1,155	attend committee meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	4/20/2022	5	\$1,925	Prep and attend DMHC Committee meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	5/18/2022	4	\$1,540	attend committee meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	6/8/2022	5	\$1,925	Attended committee meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	6/22/2022	5	\$1,925	Attend committee meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	8/17/2022	5	\$1,925	Attend 8/17 DMHC Q&E Meeting
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/9/2022	2	\$770	Review committee report
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/12/2022	5	\$1,925	Attend 9/12 DMHC meeting
					Internal review and analysis of report - 3 hours
					Draft response topics - 2 hours
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/13/2022	7	\$2,695	Solicit partner input - 2 hours
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/14/2022	3	\$1,155	Draft response letter
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/15/2022	1	\$385	Solicit partner input

Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/16/2022	5	\$1,925	Consult with staff and partners - 3 hours Finalize response letter - 2 hours
Kiran	Savage-Sangwan	9/16/2022	5	\$1,925	Consult with staff and partners - 3 hours Finalize response letter - 2 hours
		Total	63	\$24,255	
		Overall Total		\$29,785	