



2022 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Community Engagement as a Key Strategy for Health Equity: Insights from Monterey County

Vicente Lara, MPH, Management Analyst III

After completing his MPH program, Vicente spent over a decade working with various community-based organizations to improve health outcomes in and around the Monterey Bay area. In 2021, Vicente joined the MCHD's Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Unit to support the County's health equity initiatives. Combining his community engagement experience with a Health in All Policies approach, he now focuses on working toward building collaborative partnerships of individuals and organizations committed to achieving health equity in Monterey County.

Krista Hanni, PhD, Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Program Manager

Krista has worked at Monterey County Health Department since 2002. Her PhD in Epidemiology trained her to ask questions and interpret risk factor, disease and environmental data. As the Planning, Evaluation and Policy Program Manager she has truly found her passion: pairing epidemiology and disease prevention with social justice work. What she's most excited about now is facilitating the organizational and systems change necessary for achieving health equity in Monterey County on a larger scale.

Rosa Gonzalez, Founder, Facilitating Power

With more than 20 years of experience in popular education, transformative facilitation and process design, Rosa González is dedicated to a thriving culture of participation where communities come together to address social, environmental, and economic challenges. Through her project, Facilitating Power, she works with organizations, foundations, universities, and collaborative initiatives to build the capacity for culturally rooted, community-driven leadership to advance whole systems solutions.