

2022 CHEAC Annual Meeting

Workshop Session Biographies

Health Equity Starts with Health Data

Mimi Hall, MPH, Vice President of Public Health Innovation

Mimi Hall is the Vice President of Public Health Innovation at Manifest MedEx and is an executive leader in public health, healthcare administration, and government who has dedicated her professional career to improving population health. She has deep expertise in public health, extensive relationships with key county, state, and association partners, and an understanding of public programs, systems, and funding.

In her role at Manifest MedEx, Mimi uses our data and capacity to improve public health and prevention across California, with a strong emphasis in partnerships with counties and the state. She also contributes to furthering a fundamental element of improved community health – accessible comprehensive health information and community-level data to measurably improve health outcomes and erase disparities, provided through a data utility. Mimi believes that while the current focus of HIE innovations is on health care and public health, the need for data and data sharing will only increase as counties and their community partners must jointly monitor and manage patient care across social services, probation, housing, and homelessness, behavioral health and education.

Mimi has served as a local public health director in California since 2005 in Sierra, Plumas, Yolo, and Santa Cruz counties. She's also held leadership roles in the California Health Executives Association of California, and served on the board of Santa Cruz, Health Information Exchange. She earned her Master's in Public Health from the University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI.

Emily Chung, MPH, Public Health Director

Emily Chung is committed to improving well-being, spreading joy, and sharing compassion with those around her in her work and life. As the Public Health Director for the County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Agency, she leads the Public Health Division with those values.

Ms. Chung's public health interests were sparked during her high school years as a peer health educator for Planned Parenthood. She followed her passion for public health by earning an undergraduate degree in psychology at UC Berkeley and a Master of Public Health degree at UCLA. She began her career in health non-profits, where she gained research and community organizing skills.

Ms. Chung's experiences working for local government health agencies began in 2010, with an emphasis on promoting population health and systems changes. She has previously worked for the County of Los Angeles Public Health Department and the County of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System.

She now lives and works in the beautiful coastal community of Santa Cruz, where for the past five years and counting, has enjoyed the balance of beach and mountain adventures.

Joshua Dugas, MBA, REHS, Public Health Director

Josh Dugas has worked for Public Health for over 20 years. In this time, he has worked in Environmental Health and functioned as the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director prior to becoming the Director of Public Health in 2021. Josh has a bachelor's degree in Biology and a Master's in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance.

Joe Prado, Assistant Director

Joe Prado is the Assistant Director of Fresno County's Department of Public Health. The Department includes traditional public health programs such as communicable disease control, public health nursing, children's medical services, chronic disease prevention, health policy, epidemiology, and public health laboratory services. The department also manages emergency medical services, office of emergency services and environmental health. The span of responsibility provides an excellent opportunity for addressing multiple areas that impact the community's health overall. In his 24-year career with Fresno County, he has had the opportunity to work in multiple departments: Behavioral Health, County Administrative Office, Public Works and Planning, and Public Health. The cross-sector experience within the organization and with community partners in these respective fields had allowed Fresno County to create some innovative public program development that have been recognized at State and National conferences.

Joe currently is the Fresno County representative on the Central Valley Health Information Exchange which covers four counties in the central valley, exchanging health information from major hospitals and local clinics. Joe is the lead with the County of Fresno's, County Integrated Data System, and in collaboration with the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, is creating a Community Information Exchange platform for County departments to share information with its partners in the community. Joe has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from CSU Fresno in Psychology.