



2023 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Implementing Community-Directed Enrichment to Advance Health Equity

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Adrienne Anderson, MPH, is a Health Planning and Program Specialist at the County of San Diego Department of Public Health. She is the program manager for San Diego's COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant and the Workforce Development Grants. Adrienne has worked in rural and urban local health departments since 2011, focusing on centering community voices to improve health equity. Adrienne loves to travel with her family and make arts and craft projects with her daughters.

Kate Mahoney, MPH, Community Health Program Specialist

Kate Mahoney, MPH, is a Community Health Program Specialist at the County of San Diego in the Chronic Disease and Health Equity Unit. She has a background in public health and sustainable agriculture. She is passionate about health equity with an emphasis on working to create a more equitable food system. In her career she has led projects focused on different components of the food system including increasing access to healthy foods in underserved communities, urban agriculture research and advocacy, healthy retail and farmworker health. Her passion stems from being raised on and working at her family's organic farm.

Dianna Alva, MPH, CHES, Community Health Program Specialist

Dianna Alva, MPH, CHES®, serves as a Community Health Program Specialist at the County of San Diego, Health and Human Services in Chronic Disease and Health Equity. Her public health experience started with grassroots campaign outreach focused on gender equity in healthcare and services for refugees. She earned her master's in public health at San Diego State University, specializing in health promotion and behavioral science, with focused research on the influence of social support motivating healthy behaviors. Dianna has been in the public health workforce for over seven years and is most passionate about equitable access to healthcare, mental well-being, supporting protective programs, and empowering communities.