



2023 Annual Report by Committee on Health Equity (CHEQ)

Date: October 23, 2023

CHEQ Chair: Wei-Chen (Miso) Lee

APHA Liaison: Lawrence Haynes

Activity Summary:

1. For 2023, 13 APHA members were appointed to serve at CHEQ, but one person resigned starting from January 2023. There are 12 members in total and on average, 7 people joined the meeting each time. Across a year, the CHEQ has convened five internal meetings among CHEQ members, two external meetings with other section/caucus/council members, and several subgroup meetings between CHEQ chair, APHA Liaison, and individual members to work on planning of activities such as webinar and business meeting.
2. For 2023, CHEQ has convened two career webinars and the detail is as follows:
 - a. The first webinar was hosted on February 27. The panelists included Gabriela Boscan from National Rural Health Association, Grace Robbins from National Academy of Medicine, Hani Serag from University of Texas Medical Branch, and Anaid Yerena from University of Washington at Tacoma. This event had 197 registrants and of them, 97 participated in the whole session. 28 participants have participated in post-session survey, and they were highly satisfied with the diversity of panelists (=4.07/5.00).
 - b. The second webinar was hosted on October 16. The panelists include Ruban Casa from University of Washington at Tacoma, Olufunmilayo Chinekezi from National Academy of Medicine, and Jingping Xing from Washington State Health Care Authority. This event had 35 registrations and of them, 25 participated in the session and 4 have submitted their feedback to us. The respondents were modestly satisfied with the webinar (=3.75/5.00).
3. On June 23, CHEQ has convened a cross-sectional equity group meetings which included CHEQ, Medical Care Section, Intersectional Council, and Council of Affiliate. The meeting was focused on the communication among equity groups and the leadership of CHEQ at APHA. Potential solutions to increase the impact of the CHEQ are:
 - a. Restructuring of Committee on Health Equity to include a President, President-Elect, and Past-President, possible 2-year terms for each elected position, representation on the Executive Board (President), and representation in the Committee by someone in each of the various Health Equity groups in APHA
 - b. Regular Health Equity Multi-Group meetings
 - c. Health Equity Newsletter that each group can briefly describe what they are doing and/or have upcoming
 - d. Mass communication to all APHA members
 - e. Conducting an open house session that introduces all APHA members to the Committee for Health Equity (if restructuring occurs, this would be delayed)
 - f. Speak at the President and Chair election meetings

Financial Summary:

1. CHEQ has an annual budget of \$1,000. It will be used to order breakfast (25 people) for the business meeting (8-10am, November 13, 2023) during the Annual Conference.