Health Equity Solutions engaged 204 Connecticut residents in 47 towns in conversations about health equity. We partnered with 5 community organizations and 6 libraries to reach more people than in prior years and deepen our understanding of what Connecticut residents see as the highest priorities for advancing health equity. This year, we added questions about how participants wanted to be involved in making change. We also continued our trend of increasing participation from community members with 93% of participants representing themselves rather than an organization. What follows is a summary of what we heard. This information will inform Health Equity Solutions’ 2023 policy agenda and be shared with the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health.

### 2022 Community Conversations Responses

#### Health Equity Priorities

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#### Summary of Responses

**Access & Affordability**
- Specialized Care
- Extended Hours
- CHWs
- Navigating Insurance & Health Systems
- Service Awareness
- Health Insurance
- Comprehensive Insurance (Dental, Vision)
- Affordable Medication
- Subsidized & Low Premiums

**Basic Needs**
- Transportation
- Distance
- Food
- Affordable Housing
- Safety
- Opportunity
- Rent Costs
- Livable wages
- Guaranteed Basic Income
- Nutrition
- Safety
- Income-Wage Gap
- Financial Stability
- Eviction Notices

**Quality of Care**
- Cultural Competence
- Diversity
- Social Services
- Follow-Ups
- Informed of Resources
- Experienced Providers
- Quality of Service
- Health Facilities
- Quality of Care
- Finding a Good Specialist

**Anti-Racism**
- Racism
- Discrimination
- Health Inequities
- Equal Access
- Accountability
- Racism’s impact on Systems and Policies
- Eliminating Oppression

**Mental Health**
- Available Mental Health Services or Reachable Care
- Mental Health Resources
- Mental Health - Practitioners not Accepting Regular Health Insurance
- Support Groups

**Other**
- Overall Care
- Physical Fitness
- Staying Hydrated
- Environment
- Self-Care
- Fitness
- Diet
- Green Spaces
- Exercise
- Working Out
- Hygiene
- Wellness
- Physical Health
RACE & ETHNICITY OF PARTICIPANTS

- **American Indian/Alaskan Native**: 0.91%
- **Asian (Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Other)**: 0.45%
- **Black and/or African American**: 37.27%
- **Hispanic/Latino (Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Mexican, Other)**: 21.81%
- **Middle Eastern/North African**: 1.36%
- **Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander**: 0.91%
- **Non-Hispanic/Latino**: 3.18%
- **White/Caucasian**: 28.18%
- **Prefer Not to Say**: 2.72%
- **Other**: 3.63%
- **Multiracial**: 0.45%

n= 204*

*some participants identified with more than one race/ethnicity

HOW WOULD PARTICIPANTS LIKE TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMISSION ON RACIAL EQUITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH (CREPH)?

- **Attend a focus group**: 71%
- **Collect stories from your community**: 41%
- **Share a story on social media/print**: 36%
- **Respond to the CREPH Strategic Plan**: 35%
- **Speak at a meeting of the CREPH**: 21%
- **Meet with the Executive Director**: 16%
- **Write a letter to the CREPH**: 11%

n= 122*

*participants selected multiple forms of engagement

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