Listening Sessions 2020

To inform our 2021 legislative agenda, Health Equity Solutions conducted 8 listening sessions across Connecticut, with a total of 92 participants from 37 towns/cities. After a brief introduction, participants were assigned to break out rooms to discuss the issues they saw as most important when thinking of health equity and health care. Participants then presented a summary to the whole group and took a poll to mark their top three priorities among all topics discussed. Below are topics most frequently discussed across all listening sessions.

Listening Sessions 2020: Major Topics Discussed

- **Addressing Barriers to Health**: 27%
  - Health System; Healthcare; HUSKY Expansion (Patients & Undocumented Community); Equitable Access for All; Medical Transportation; ACA; Universal Healthcare; Pharmaceutical Costs; Health Insurance; Medical Debt

- **Healthcare Access & Affordability**: 25%
  - Community Based Providers; Holistic Patient Centered Care; Dispelling Fear for Patients; Undocumented Community; School-Based Health Centers; Social Determinants of Health; Cultural Sensitivity/Humility/Competency; Language Barriers; Adequate Screening (Tools, Cultural Competence, Consistency Across Oral/Physical Health); Education & Knowledge; Health Literacy

- **Basic Needs**: 14%
  - Housing; Technology; General Transportation; Nutrition; Employment

- **Disparities & Racism**: 12%
  - Disabilities (Physical, Mental, Emotional & Intellectual)

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- **Civic Participation & Health Policy**: 4%
  - Comprehensive Reproductive Health; Maternal & Infant Health; Black Infant Health; Equitable Access to Doula Care Services; Early Childhood Disparities

- **Maternal & Infant Health**: 4%
  - Equitable Economic Strategies; Taxes; Climate Change & Public Health Impact; Institutionalized Persons; Police Brutality; School-To-Prison Pipeline

- **Data & Ethnicity Data**: 3%
  - Other

- **Other**: 4%
  - Accountability in Policy; Health Equity in All Policies; Civic Participation; Voting

*Group on 9/22 did not complete a poll. Each topic discussed from their listening session was assigned one point & listed under respective category.*

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