

COMMISSION ON RACIAL EQUITY IN PUBLIC HEALTH: STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Cross Cutting Recommendation:

Create an execution and monitoring plan for every policy to ensure equitable implementation.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

Make Healthcare More Affordable and Reduce Medical Debt



- Mandate hospitals to strengthen financial assistance policies in the following ways:
 - Create a common application for financial assistance,
 - Allow automatic qualification for patients enrolled in SNAP and WIC.
 - Notify patients in their preferred language of their right to receive care even when they are unable to pay.
- Establish a system for monitoring hospital financial assistance implementation and address patterns of inequity through corrective action plans.
- Increase Medicaid/HUSKY reimbursement rates for primary care, mental health, and oral health to rates that consider the actual cost of care.

HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, & COMMUNITIES

Increase the Availability and Accessibility of Healthy and Affordable Housing



- Expand community land bank initiatives to preserve affordability, maintain community control, and reduce displacement.
- Support expansion of the state rental assistance program by increasing state funding and exempting the income earned by a child from eligibility determinations.

EDUCATION & ECONOMIC SECURITY

Improve Childcare Accessibility and Affordability



- Expand the childcare subsidy program (Care4Kids) by increasing funding to reduce the waitlist and eligibility thresholds to improve affordability.
- Provide funding and guidance for the expansion and creation of small business and nonprofit childcare centers in childcare deserts.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ensure People in Re-entry or Involved in the Criminal Legal System Have Access to Healthy, Affordable Housing



- Form a taskforce to hold landlords and entities that manage affordable housing, particularly transitional housing, accountable for property safety and health conditions standards that includes a repair subsidy for low-income landlords.