P4HE Summit: *Leveraging Data for Sustainable Justice*
Breakout Session Overview

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The Partners for Advancing Health Equity Collaborative hosted the 2022 Summit, *On the Front Lines of Equity & Justice*, December 4-6, 2022. The Summit brought together leaders in health equity and justice to foster collaboration across sectors and to promote action in advancing health equity in research, practice, and policy. This report provides a synthesis of key takeaways from the session, *Leveraging Data for Sustainable Justice*.

Session Voices

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Key Takeaways

Combat racist belief systems by driving narrative change. Health equity requires eliminating the racist structures and belief systems that deny opportunities and devalue people based on race. Since narratives shape beliefs, it is essential to change them, replacing racism with inclusivity. The Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (THRT) framework is a great tool for community-led discourse on racism and systemic change, emphasizing narrative change and racial healing for sustainable transformation.

Leverage social media to advance health equity. Social media platforms and their governing algorithms have become influential in shaping narratives in the 21st century. It is essential for research to promote community engagement and dialogue aimed at advancing health equity. The findings from this research should be conveyed to policymakers at local, state, and federal levels to illustrate both the positive and negative effects of social media on our political landscape and policy-making processes. Additionally, this research and data can assist public health agencies in executing equity action plans.

Provide data driven by a clear vision that promotes health and wellbeing. Research and data collection efforts should be centered on advancing equity, designed innovatively to alter harmful beliefs, and aimed at creating a future where all people are treated equally. Engaging communities in health equity data efforts is crucial. This involves gathering data that prioritizes community voices and understanding the specific communities involved, whether based on geography, identity, or other factors. More research is needed on the relationship between these communities and the data sourced from them, including the benefits of community agency and ownership of the data.

Share your thoughts!
What did you think of this topic? Would you like to hear more from these speakers? Do you have any resources you would like to share with us? Email us!

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