



Quality Improvement and Health Equity Committee (QIHEC) Quarterly Summary – August 2026

Introduction

The Quality Improvement Health Equity Committee (QIHEC) is a DHCS-mandated committee that is part of the larger Quality Improvement Health Equity Transformation Program (QIHETP). In alignment with the Department of Health Care Services, Partnership's chief governing body, the QIHEC is co-chaired by the Director of Health Equity/Health Equity Officer (HEO) and Chief Medical Director/Officer (CMO). It is comprised of various stakeholders including but not limited to community-based organizations, academic institutions, clinical staff, and Partnership staff members.

QIHEC is responsible for analyzing and evaluating the results of quality improvement and health equity activities including an annual review of the results of performance measures, utilization data, consumer satisfaction surveys, and findings and activities of internal Partnership specific committee.

This committee is also responsible for developing actions to address performance deficiencies and ensuring appropriate follow-up of identified performance deficiencies. Furthermore, the QIHEC meets bi-monthly to align interdepartmental efforts promoting health equity through both member-facing and systemic interventions outlined in the C&L/QIHETP Work plan. Lastly, the QIHEC provides recommendations to the Quality/Utilization Advisory Committee (Q/UAC) (see policy MPQP1002). For more details on QIHETP and the QIHEC, refer to MCED6001 and MCEP6002.

Committee Attendance and Roster

Chair and Co-Chair

Name	Employer/Clinical Site	Role
Robert Moore, MD, MPH, MBA	Partnership Health Plan of CA	Chief Medical Officer
Mohamed Jalloh, PharmD	Partnership Health Plan of CA	Health Equity Officer (Director of Health Equity)

External Members:

Name	Affiliation	Org Type	3/17/26	5/19/26	7/21/26	9/15/26	11/17/26
Jason Cunningham, MD Chief Executive Officer	West County Health Centers	FQHC	X	X	X		
Eugene Durrah Equity Services Manager	Solano County	County	X				

Ian Kim, MD Family Physician	Communicare + Ole	FQHC					
Hendry Ton, MD Associate Vice Chancellor	UC Davis	Health System					
Shandi Fuller, MD Maternal Child and Adolescent Health	Solano County	Public Health Department					
Eva Julien Senior Manager, Quality Improvement	Providence	Health System					
Valerie Padilla Director of Quality and Patient Safety	Open Door Community Health	Health System	X	X	X		
Arlene Pena Senior Program of Quality Improvement	Aliados Health	Community Based Org	X	X			
Jeremy Plumb Systems Director, Quality Division	Northbay Medical Center	Hospital					
Lelia Romero Health Program Specialist - Health Equity	Lake County	Public Health Department	X	X	X		
Robin Schurig, MPH, CPH Executive Director	Health Alliance of Northern California	Community Based Org					

Candi Stockton, MD Health Officer of Humboldt County	Humboldt County	Public Health Department	X	X	X		
Tiffani Thomas Case Manager	Solano County Superior Court	Local Government					
Brandon Thornock Chief Executive Officer	Shasta Community Health Center	Health System					
Denise Whitsett Quality Improvement Coordinator	Community Medical Centers	Health System	X		X		
Cathryn Couch Chief Executive Officer	CERES Community Project	Community Based Org	X	X			

QIHEC Administrative Measures

Meeting Date	Number of Attendees	Number of Members that Voted	Quorum Met
Jan			
March 19, 2026	52	8	Yes
May 19, 2026	52	7	Yes
July 21, 2026	47	5	Yes

- Meeting Effectiveness: 75% of QIHEC meetings in 2026 were held on time.
- The average attendance rate of committee members is 48.
- 100% of meetings met quorum
- 100% of timeliness of meeting minutes submitted to board

**The attendance of external voting members in March is at least 8 members per meeting.

QIHEC Annual analysis assessment

Number of Analyses evaluated and Endorsed for Approval: 4

Number of Additional Changes Suggested: 2

Number of Additional Changes Implemented: TBD

Meeting Date	Grand Analysis Name	Changes Suggested by QIHEC	Decision (Endorsement or Revision Suggestions)
January			
March	<i>2025 MCND9002 C&L Program Description - C&L/QIHETP Work Plan (2025 and 2026) - 2025 C&L Evaluation -PNA Preliminary Findings</i>	None	Endorsed
May	<i>2026 Grievance & Appeals Grand Analysis</i>	Separate assessment of if there is any correlation with grievances and member satisfaction scores	Endorsed
July	<i>2025 Population Health Impact Analysis</i>	Include an additional analysis of a total group historical data comparison vs the next group or next year's data	Endorsed
July	<i>Behavioral Health Grand Analysis</i>	None	Endorsed

QIHEC policy reviews

- Total Number of Policies Reviewed: 4
- Total number Policy Changes Suggested:1

Month	Policy Number	Policy Name	Changes Suggested by QIHEC	Decision (Endorsement or Revision Suggestions)
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March	CGA024	Medical Member Grievance System Policy	None	Endorsed
March	MPCR200	CMO Credentialing Program	None	Endorsed
March	MCUG3007	Authorization of Ambulatory Procedures and Services	None	Endorsed
July		Committee Charter	Include a majority vote for new members	Endorsed
July	MCED6001	Quality Improvement and Health Equity Transformation Program (QIHETP) Program Description	Discussion Delayed to next meeting due to timing	N/A

Health Equity Department Community Intervention Impact

- **Total Activities of Reviewed: 2**

January 2026: There was no QIHEC meeting in January 2026.

Intervention Name	Brief Description	Targeted Disparity	Changes Suggested by QIHEC	Decision (Endorsement or Revision Suggestions))

March 2026

Intervention Name	Brief Description	Targeted Disparity	Changes Suggested by QIHEC	Decision (Endorsement or Revision Suggestions))
Tribal Perinatal Program	The Tribal Perinatal Program supports improved pregnancy and postpartum outcomes for Native American families in Northern California through a strengths-based, culturally grounded approach. The program helps Tribal health practices implement coordinated services, including prenatal and postpartum medical care, doulas, Family Spirit home visiting, Enhanced Care Management, and comprehensive perinatal services, while honoring	Prenatal Care and Postpartum Care in AI/AN members	None	Endorsed

	traditional healing practices and community expertise. Participating organizations received start-up funding, workforce training, and ongoing technical support to build sustainable, reimbursable services. The initiative also strengthens collaboration among Tribal partners and care providers, with eight Tribal Health Programs currently contracted and two others progressing toward participation.			
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May 2026

Intervention Name	Brief Description	Targeted Disparity	Changes Suggested by QIHEC	Decision (Endorsement or Revision Suggestions))
Barbershop CHW Program (CLIPS)	The purpose of the CLIPs program is to train local barbers to act as community health workers and screen clients for high blood pressure. Partnership has partnered with an external vendor to identify and train barbers to become community health workers. The barbers will screen for high blood pressure, providing basic health education, and reconnecting them patients to their respective medical home.	Controlling High Blood Pressure in AA members	None	Endorsed

July 2026

Intervention Name	Brief Description	Targeted Disparity	Changes Suggested by QIHEC	Decision (Endorsement or Revision Suggestions))

Population Health Department Community Intervention Impact

- **Total Activities of Reviewed: 1**

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Maternity Photoshoot	The free event for expecting Partnership members in Solano County includes professional maternity photos, snacks and beverages, a prize raffle, and on-site access to a network of maternal and early childhood service providers. Expecting parents can also learn about perinatal benefits, doula services, mental health resources, and Partnership's Growing Together incentive program.	Prenatal Care and Postpartum Care in AA members	None	Endorsed

May

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July

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