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## **PODER Health Equity Collective Summit Nothing About Us Without Us**

**WOODBURN, Ore.-** PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network, is excited to announce the PODER Health Equity Collective Summit on April 10, 2023, at the Salem Convention Center in Salem, OR from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Latino leaders are organizing the Health Equity Collective to reduce health disparities and improve access across Oregon.

The PODER Health Equity Collective (PHEC) is dedicated to improving the health of Latinos and assists the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) in meeting the goal and expectations of Medicaid policy. We connect CCOs to their Latino patients, providers, and local programs.

Under the PHEC are the Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP) and the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAP works to encourage providers to build networks of care that enhance patient outcomes consistent with the goals of the Triple Aim: better health, better care, and lower cost.

As a member of the CAC, you can have a voice in your health plan with an active role in improving the health of your families, your community, and yourself.

The CACs' duties include:

- Giving important feedback on local health issues such as health equity, access to preventive care, our work in social drivers of health — such as access to food — and more.
- Finding ways to improve State programs, improve the programs of participating CCO, and suggest future programs that PODER should initiate.
- Advising the Board of Directors on how to respond to members' needs and plan for community health.
- Organizing activities and projects that are open to and impact Latinos around Oregon.
- Helping with community health needs assessment and the regional health improvement plans where we have CCO partners.

The summit will feature several panels of community leaders, providers, and consumers from all parts of Oregon including Congresswoman Andrea Salinas, American Federation of Teachers President Jaime Rodriguez, Dr. Jose Gutierrez of Legacy Health Services, Marin Arreola, President AES, Chair of Governor's RJC Health Equity Committee, Office of Equity and Inclusion Director Leann Johnson and more.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to support our Latino community. Join PODER in building a network of culturally specific organizations, providers, social service organizations, and consumers by attending our live video conference of the summit that is open to the general public from 9:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. <https://poderoregon.org/summit-form>. Together, we will improve the well-being of Latinos living in Oregon.

### **About PODER**

PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network is a nonprofit organization made up of over 500 Latino leaders, organizations, businesses, public employees, community members, and allies across Oregon. PODER strives to bring together Latinos across Oregon to build collective power and capacity to facilitate people-driven solutions that promote social, economic, and civic prosperity for all. For more information, visit the website at <https://poderoregon.org/>.

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