

From the HCA - CA Chair . . .

This month our newsletter offers a range of articles we expect will be of interest to you. We begin with a tribute to a very special member of our community and end with a call for memories of others who have contributed through the decades. There is news of legislative successes, the alliances we are making across justice movements, the personal public outreach that is central to our advocacy, and a tale of two countries' healthcare systems.

Summer was productive on several levels as many of our chapters have:

- Continued grassroots outreach activities to support a single-payer policy bill, AB 1690, partnering with the California Nurses Association (CNA);
- Lobbied for AJR 4 with the California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA) and The Movement to End the Privatization of Medicare;
- Campaigned for SB 770, to carry on the important work of the Healthy California for All Commission related to waiver discussion for California single-payer healthcare; and
- Organized tabling and events at venues within our communities.

Thank you for all you are doing to educate and mobilize for single-payer universal health care!!

Effective August 1, we hired a part-time community organizer, Ruben Reid. Ruben is a recent graduate of UC Santa Cruz with a bachelor's degree in Business Management Economics. He has worked as an administrative assistant with a statewide non-profit and as a campaign intern for an Assembly member. He brings a solid base of experience, energy, and ideas, and is working with our leadership team to develop plans for a social media campaign to broaden our presence on social media. Ruben will be working with the HCA executive committee (myself, Bart Woolery, Harry Baker, Ellen Karel) and Millie Braunstein, who was part of the hiring committee.

On October 1, we will launch an HCA - CA Fall Fundraising Campaign to support ongoing operations, our new community organizer, and our ability to contribute to legislative candidates who are strong supporters of single-payer healthcare. We need your donations to replenish and expand funds we are using to achieve guaranteed universal health care in our state. Please look for our HCA - CA Fall Fundraising Campaign and consider contributing!

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact me through info@healthcareforall.org.

Thank you so much,
Devra Dallman
HCA-CA Chair