

Strategic Action Planning: Community at the Center for Making Systems and Policy Change

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On September 9th, TREE Center affiliates gathered to discuss ACTIONS for making change together. Tim Karpoff, a trained facilitator guided us through a ½ day with focused discussions on our VISION for ACTION and PRIORITIES.

Joining us in making Community at the Center were Mr. Daniel Tso, Ms. Hazel James, Ms. Tonita Gonzales and partners from San Felipe.

Our ACTION STATEMENT emphasizes COMMUNITY and the need to make SYSTEMS and POLICY impact.

WE WILL HAVE BETTER OUTCOMES

if we:

Assess and Heal Root Causes

Make Community at the Center-Raise Status of Community Knowledge

Go to our Roots, Call on Ancestors

Tell our Own Story (community, URM scholars...)

Draw from Indigenous Model to Develop our Solutions

Ask the "So What?" to get to the policy and systems impact

Working groups were charged to implement the 6 action priorities:

1. The Investigator Development Core will work with the pilot project PI's & their community partners (Year 1-Year 3) to assess the systems/policy impact, individually & collectively
2. Launch the "Equity 'n Policy Institute" in the winter 2020 with Policy Dialogues as part of the CSPAC convening in March 2020.
3. The Community Engagement Dissemination Core will continue to collect and disseminate "place-based" stories with the product being Photo Voices from each of the COP4D sites & a digital story in Hobbs
4. Create new synergies and leverage Institutes/Centers, CSPAC and others in enhancing our Training/Mentoring program.
5. Continue to implement the publications/scholarly products program (includes translating & disseminating the evidence).

6. Enhance and our public communications and social/media and digital translation and dissemination work.

