

P4HE Summit: Community & Coalition building: How to Amass Power and Create Change

Breakout session overview



The Partners for Advancing Health Equity Collaborative hosted the 2022 Summit, *Community & Coalition building: How to amass power and create change*, in December of 2022. Panelists from the Austin Justice Coalition (AJC) and Voters Organized to Educate (VOE) spoke about their work in health equity and justice. This report provides a synthesis of key takeaways from the panel, moderated by Chas Moore.

Session Voices



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Key Takeaways

Celebrate & communicate tangible victories to build community power. For a community to show up and take action, residents must believe in the power of their voices. [Celebrating & communicating victories encourages community members](#) to show up to community events and understand their ability to create positive change. [Support campaigns](#) which promise tangible victories and people will be more invested in working towards the success of the campaign.

Sustain community power by focusing on small scale organizing. It's hardest to sustain power when passion is low. In those moments, [organizing events](#) tailored to specific neighborhoods can help keep community momentum alive. Create an environment where people want to consistently show up with grassroots organizing teams and events focused on local interests and needs. Neighbors learn how to provide for each other at small scale events.

Re-imagine public safety in order to advance health equity. [Austin Justice Coalition](#) emphasizes re-imagining [public safety as a health equity issue](#). Formerly incarcerated people face challenges accessing [safe housing](#) and [health services](#), and overinvestment in policing means fewer resources for alternative safety and health services. Improving [access to mobility](#) and [housing](#) are [critical to improving health equity](#). Where a person lives and how their transportation live are usually fundamentally linked, so these issues need to be approached together. Investing in reliable transportation and safe, affordable housing can allow residents to [reach healthcare providers more easily](#).

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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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