Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Unit
2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Changing Policies & Systems
✓ Developed Gonzales Health and Wellness Element for the Gonzales General Plan - the first in the region to strategically support healthy community development
✓ Provided health Impact comments on 40 permit applications and Title 20 and 21 revisions for cannabis retail permits
✓ Supported development of two open street events

Partnerships to Advance Equity
✓ Provided civic engagement training and supported county civil rights training - 20 community leaders and 640 staff have a better understanding of how they can improve racial equity
✓ Enhanced active living opportunities through two open street events and a community designed migrant worker health conference
✓ Involved with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity

Organizational Effectiveness
✓ Received national accreditation status
✓ Updated or implemented 9 organizational policies and 2 organizational plans and launched new 2018-2022 Strategic Plan
✓ Created staff onboarding and racial equity videos and Spanish-language Facebook and Twitter accounts
✓ Wrote 7 grant applications
✓ Tracked community safety improvements for 5 cities through program evaluations

Access to Care
✓ Enrolled over 200 hard-to-reach residents in Medi-Cal
✓ Supported behavioral health community engagement efforts in Spanish-speaking communities
✓ Supported implementation of $27 million Whole Person Care Pilot to reduce chronic homelessness, improve health outcomes, and reduce hospital costs

What’s next in 2019?
In the new year, we will continue our work in these four areas. This will include working with partners to use a health lens to create healthier built environments and access, publishing our Community Health Assessment, implementing the workforce development action plan, expanding communications internally and externally, and supporting the county’s racial equity efforts through trainings and community empowerment.

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