



2020 is off to a busy start for CCHCP! First of all, I'm very happy to **announce our new scholarship program for our Bridging the Gap medical interpreter training!** We are offering two scholarships for trainings later this year. For more information, click [here](#) or see our website.

We had our first **Bridging The Gap** medical interpreter training for the year, led by Tamas Farkas, our Language Access Programs Director, and preparing for our next one in April. We're also preparing for our first **Equity and Inclusion Training of Trainers** of 2020, which is taking place the week of March 9th. Bryon Lambert, our Equity and Inclusion Program Director, and Kay Norman, the Coordinator of Equity and Inclusion Programs, have been busy with all the preparations on the curriculum and logistics for that course.

We got an early start with our Equity and Inclusion programs for the year with a presentation by Bryon in mid-January to the **Bellevue College** sonography students and faculty. There was a lot of great dialogue between Bryon and the Bellevue students! Bryon and I both had the privilege of speaking at the Feb. 28th **Honoring Choices PNW** conference. We spoke about cross-cultural community engagement on the issue of Advance Care Planning. Our team has also been busy meeting with many great organizations that are undertaking initiatives to address health care barriers in the Seattle area, such as **UW Medicine's Healthcare Equity** program, **African American Reach and Teach Health (AARTH)**, and the **King County Medical Society**, among others. We were recently honored by a visit from **Marielle Trumbauer, the Outreach Coordinator of Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal's office.**

Next up: several of us at CCHCP are heading to the **California Healthcare Interpreting Association (CHIA)** convention in early March, where team members Tamas and Michaela Kiley (Communications & Language Access Programs Coordinator) will be presenting on two topics for medical interpreters.

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