



This summer at CCHCP we've had many conversations about healing – healing from the grieving and health inequities we've witnessed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; from the racial inequities and injustice in our society; and from how our souls and hearts feel weighed down from these experiences. But we've also had many positive conversations about healing. We've talked with many health care providers about cultural competency and implicit bias, about ways to become more equitable and inclusive both with the communities they serve and among their staff. We've done several trainings in equity and inclusion in health care, and we are grateful to be able to support the work that so many organizations are doing in that area. We have also completed several medical interpreter trainings this summer – not only for our Bridging the Gap (BTG) Training of Trainers program, but also directly to around 30 individuals who wanted to train as medical interpreters to serve their communities. Thank you to all our colleagues, students and supporters, for the healing work you do. We look forward to continue to serve as a bridge between communities and health care institutions for access to equitable health care.

CCHCP awarded its first 2 BTG scholarships this summer to a couple of amazing women: Salimatou Sy, a Senior Cultural Health Navigator with the African Family Health Organization, and Jiyeon Lee, a Registered Nurse at the University of Washington Medical Center. We also welcomed a new board member, Mikaela Louie, who several years ago worked at CCHCP and continues to serve the health care community through her work as a health care attorney and her service on the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association Washington State Chapter, where she co-chairs the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. You can find more information on our scholarship recipients and on Mikaela in the articles below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paulina Bendaña".

*Paulina Bendaña | Executive Director*