Working Group Report

During the course of the meetings on July 18 and July 25 we will:
1) Identify priorities for potential work/activity in the next year
2) Reflect on connections with these activities and how they intersect with our larger ongoing efforts to confront and challenge racism and capitalism, and the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
3) Identify allies & how we might work with them
4) What connections do we want to make with others involved with PHM outside of the US?

In working groups we will develop:
1) concrete steps for 3 months
2) plans for what we want to achieve in 6 months and in 1 year

Each group will be asked to prepare a presentation for closing session on July 25.
Session 1: Analyzing the issue
Instructions for Working Groups for Session 1:

1.1 Briefly review actions and positions that PHM US and/or PHM North America and/or PHM Global have done in the past around the Working Group’s topic.

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1.4 How does activism around these issues link to PHM’s over-arching goals of confronting racism and challenging capitalism?

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Canada

Session 2: Planning the work
For each issue the group identified in Session 1, please respond to the following:

2.1 What are the key activities we envision?

2.2 Who are the key allies we want to involve/ work with?

2.3 What do we want to achieve in 6 months?

2.4 What do we want to achieve in 12 months?

2.5 What are the concrete steps we will do in the next 3 months?
Activity 1

Building relationships with PHM-Canada through quarterly PHM-NA meetings to work on undoing oppressive structures within PHM (global?) - within 3 months

- connect with Canada before the Aug 15th National Assembly
- questions to consider: How do we create buy-in?

Activity 2

Organize 4 teach-ins over the next 12 months for PHM members around themes of undoing anti-racism, accountability, etc. and use our platform to elevate the work of community/Indigenous/Black/Immigrant led organizations

- use existing materials and create space for conversation and learning
- do we have funds to support this work?
- can we fundraise to support folks/curriculum that we are learning from?

Activity 3

Determine capacity over next 6 months to collaborate with Campaign Against Racism on their Roadmap to Declaring/Operationalizing Racism as a Public Health Crisis
- building cross-movement momentum
- create a collaborative online toolkit

Activity 4

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