

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.

Working Group *

Environmental Justice

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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1.3 What are PHM-USA's strengths in addressing these issues? What value-add can PHM-USA bring to current activism around these issues?

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

1.5 What types of actions might be most feasible and/or effective for addressing each of these issues?

1.6 What is PHM-USA or individual group members/organizations present already doing on these issues?

1.7 With whom can PHM-USA collaborate with on activism on these issues? Whose efforts can we join or support?

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1.1 Answer: PHA4 statement, GHWs, Brazilian Health Journal articles from last year, Lancet case study collection from several years ago; Extractive Industries, (weaker on pesticides, silicosis). Strong country work: Ecuador and some other LA countries, Greece (previously), Canada, India is emerging. Focus on extractivism, particulates, climate change. Facet: successful organizing, success stories.

1.2 should incorporate climate change (mainstream or specific); interlinkages (including links between COVID and pollution). Concept of "Planetary Health".

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Ability to facilitate connections nationally with globally (e.g. Bryan's movie). Extractives are refined a lot in Texas, economic/political anchor there. To do (incl what Canada is doing) : We need to bring more movements/orgs into the working group. Awareness building, accountability reporting, pushing for envi AND health impact assessments, legal requirements, corporate influence on public institutions (govt, univs, hospitals). Consider how EJ is siloed from public health (new opportunities to draw these connections now). Divestment, going after the money, how money is used to influenced power. Tie-ins to disaster capitalism--how can the impact of disasters be flipped for the good. Internationalism aspect: extracted one place, companies in another, processed in another (PHM Canada has done well here working with other country circles).

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Networking to bring more activist groups in, support coordination

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Sierra Club, healthy communities division focused on public health. Has been focused on conservation, but shifting with emerging issues, though still cognizant of who their members are...

Movies/media skills, resources (Bryan and Liana)

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Jackie Patterson--EJ for NAACP, involved over the years with PHM. Poor People's Campaign. Colorado 350. Academics on Envi health. Workers groups. Indigenous groups. Media. Physicians for the environment (Doctors for Change, Doctors for GH, etc). Mining Watch groups. Need more voices of color. Legal groups.

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

Activity 2

Activity 3

Activity 4

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