

# 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 \*

Immigration and migrant rights

### Session 1: Analyzing the issue

Instructions for Working Groups for Session 1:

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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?

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global approach and regional connections

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bring information back to the US to use in advocacy and campaigns for policy change. could consider taking to the Interamerican Human Rights Court

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people advocating at the local/national level

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CISPES, El Rescate, NISGUA, Honduran Solidarity Network, SOA Watch, Center for International Solidarity, Pangea Legal, Mujeres Unidas y Activas, Freedom for Immigrants

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**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

Humanizing the impacts of deportations of COVID19 positive people

2.1 Bringing together people interested in this issues and deciding how we might like to have an impact (writing up stories for sharing, writing a letter? etc.)

2.2 partner organizations in Latin America and US organizations that take a regional approach

2.3 decide on 2.1 and carry it out

2.4 most likely will be a shorter term project

2.5 information gathering. ask our contacts: Do they have contact with people who are working with or monitoring this situation? our idea is to denounce this and call for a policy change and what changes would you recommend? some of this has been happening already. what we are thinking is unique is a focus on mobilizing the health/public health sector.

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### Activity 2

Update 24 July:

We have begun contacting US and Central American researchers and organizations to start building connections. We have asked for help to gather testimonios, stories, and data regarding deportees infected with COVID and what happens to them. With this info, we hope to:

- raise consciousness on the harms US immigration policy is inflicting on the health of Central America in particular
- do education among US public health and medical workers
- add health worker participation/ health analysis to the existing coalition of groups working to change the "3rd safe country" deportation policy of the US
- produce a sign-on letter for US health-related groups and individuals promoting policy change in the US
- build connections among PHM and the US and Central American organizations researching and working with the deported in Central America

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### Activity 3

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## Activity 4

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