

Protect Immigrant Health *NOW!*

Spirit of 1848 Special Activist Session: A Chicago case example of public health professionals allying with community members for collective struggles for health equity #PublicHealthWoke #APHA2018

**Monday Nov. 12, 2018 8:30-10:00 AM Session 3070.0 SDCC
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Inspired by the Guide to Public Health Actions for Immigrant Rights, a coalition of health workers and community allies in Chicago have been organizing to pressure the Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS) to meet six demands to Protect Immigrant Health Now! Two *promotoras de salud*-Community Health Workers-from Enlace Chicago provided testimony at the September 1, 2017 meeting of the CCHHS Board,

marking a milestone in this campaign. Four additional leaders of the Public Health Woke coalition will join the two promotoras on the panel. They will describe the coalition's collection of new data, use of the Thunderclap social media tool, relationship-building, analysis of local power structures, and the ethical duties of public health professionals in the context of mass deportation. The Co-Founder and Executive Director of Arab-American Family Services will describe her experience as an ally, and the importance of centering immigrant voices in the fight for sanctuary health care for immigrants and all marginalized people; The role of Cook County Commissioner Jesús 'Chuy' García's 7th District Health Task Force will be described; A Past-President of APHA (faculty at UIC School of Public Health and National Collaborative for Health Equity Board Member) will discuss the historical commitment of Cook County, Illinois, to provide health care to all people; and a leader with the Collaborative for Health Equity Cook County will moderate and guide one participatory activity. This session will emphasize audience participation & dialogue.

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