

## **External Review Committee**

Marina Castillo-Augusto is the Equity Officer with the CA Department of Aging (CDA). In this role Marina advises and assists CDA executive management in the formulation, implementation, and administration of policies related to embedding equity as a core principle throughout all aging, disability, and caregiving programs and initiatives. She leads CDA's Equity Advisory Committee on Aging & Disability (EACAD) who's role is to advise CDA on the planning and implementation of activities, service delivery, and policies impacting older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers, specifically those from Black, Indigenous, Latino, Asian-American, Pacific Islander, and LGBTQ+ communities. Ms. Castillo-Augusto supports the development and implementation of the department's Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP), works to improve outreach and engagement efforts with diverse and



multicultural communities, monitors and evaluates progress towards improving equity in aging, disability, and caregiving programs and oversees the work of the department's Tribal Affairs Program.

Prior to being hired with CDA, Marina worked as the former Chief of the Community Development and Engagement Section with the Office of Health Equity at the California Department of Public Health, where she launched an innovative and first of its kind \$60 million-dollar statewide initiative, the California Reducing Disparities Project, a pilot program aimed at reducing mental health inequities for targeted racial, ethnic, and LGBTQ communities. She also implemented an \$8 million dollar project, the Community Mental Health Equity Project focused on building partnerships with County Mental Health Departments and Community Based Organizations serving underrepresented populations. With over 27 years working at the state level, Ms. Castillo-Augusto has a track record for reaching out and engaging diverse and hard to reach populations. Through culturally and linguistically responsive program design and implementation strategies, she effectively helps influence systems change. Ms. Augusto received a BS in Criminal Justice and MS in School Counseling from California State University, Sacramento.



Denny Chan serves as the Managing Director, Equity Advocacy at Justice in Aging. In this role, he is responsible for developing and leading Justice in Aging's Strategic Initiative on Advancing Equity, with a primary focus on race equity for older adults of color, and he also coordinates the organization's equity team. Denny joined Justice in Aging as an attorney on the health team in 2014 and is based in Los Angeles, Calif. The son of working-class Chinese immigrant parents, Denny has worked significantly on nondiscrimination, language access, and health care deliver reform issues for low-income older adults and

brings all of these experiences to his advocacy. He previously served as a rotating law clerk for the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles and participated in the Fulbright English Teaching Program as a fellow in Macau, China. Denny is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine School of Law. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan

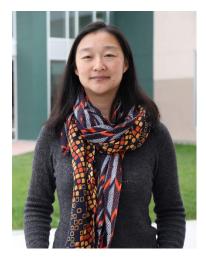


Eric Harris is Public Policy Director for Disability Rights California (DRC). He has an extensive career working closely with disability leaders, community members, and elected officials throughout the country to progress change for the disability community.

Harris brings significant political, federal, and state policy experience, having worked for Congresswoman Barbara Lee, the Democratic National Committee, and the NAACP of California.

He started his time at DRC almost two years ago, working in legislation and strategic partnerships, and community engagement. He is a Member of the State Independent Living Council as a Governor Newsom appointee and a Board Member of the Resources for Independent Living in Sacramento. He grew up in Sacramento, Calif., and was an elite wheelchair basketball player.

"Creating public policy that improves the lives of people with disabilities has been my life's mission. I look forward to working closely with intersectional disability leaders throughout the state to improve the lives of all people with disabilities."



Eunice Lin Nichols is Co-CEO of CoGenerate. She has spent more than two decades bringing older and younger generations together to bridge divides and solve problems, including leading the organization's innovation portfolio, serving as national campaign director for the Generation to Generation initiative, running The Purpose Prize (now a program of AARP), and scaling Experience Corps from one neighborhood school in San Francisco into a thriving Bay Area program helping thousands of kids read by third grade.

Eunice has been recognized as a Next Avenue Influencer in Aging and is a graduate of the Billions Institute Fellowship for Large-Scale Change. She is also a recipient of the James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award for advancing innovative and effective solutions to California's most significant issues.

Marc Rosen is the System Director of Community Impact and Partnerships at CommonSpirit Health, where he leads strategies that address the social needs of older adults through community-based partnerships. Through community-based, vendor, and health system roles, Marc has spent the past fifteen years working on clinic-to-community partnerships focused on patient's chronic diseases and social needs. While in the SDoH vendor field, Marc led efforts to establish performance measurement frameworks for social care networks as well as efforts to evaluate the impact of those networks.



His time in the community-based sector includes nearly seven years at YMCA of the USA, where as Director of Healthcare Integration he helped broker cross-sector partnerships that integrated Y's into care pathways and reimbursement models. In his free time, Marc enjoys traveling, watching Chicago sports, and volunteering as a Spanish language medical interpreter at a free healthcare clinic in Chicago. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Latin American Studies and Spanish and a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Administration from the University of Illinois-Chicago.