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RE: OASH Partnerships to Achieve Health Equity

Dear Dr. Bekemeier,

This recommendation letter is in full support of the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice (NWCPHP) application for a Partnerships to Achieve Health Equity award from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health. I enthusiastically support these attempts to compile and use data that support state and local decision-making about the equitable allocation of public health services and the social determinants of health and equity. This project’s aims align with our members’ interests in using data for better community health planning.

NWCPHP more than 25 years of experience working collaboratively with public health organizations around the region and can easily partner with them to disseminate evidence and tools resulting from this project. The Center specializes in instructional design, data interpretation, public health training development, and evaluation methods, and can readily employ these skills to support this valuable work.

[How your organization has collaborated with NWCPHP (for training and workforce development activities) and/or PHAST (for data analysis and visualization) in the past. What you’re looking forward to gaining from this project in the future.]

Sincerely,

[Name]