

# Agenda Item 5:

# HCAI

# Land Acknowledgement

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- The Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) acknowledges that its Sacramento and Los Angeles offices sit on land stolen from the Miwok (“mee-waak”), Nisenan (“nish-n-non”), Chumash (“choo-mash”) and Gabrielino-Tongva (“gab-ree-uhlee-noh”- “to-VAA-ngar”) People. We believe it is essential to recognize the historical truths regarding the government-sanctioned forced displacement, enslavement and efforts at cultural genocide inflicted on these peoples. We acknowledge the resilience and fortitude of these and other native people who continue to survive as cultures and communities despite decades of mistreatment.
- Cross-generational trauma, systemic racism and historic discrimination has taken a toll on native peoples contributing to health disparities, a lack of access to health care services, and barriers for native peoples to become part of the health workforce. We commit to evaluating our efforts in these areas to advance justice, rectify past injustices, and ensure historic wrongs are not repeated.
- In solidarity and allyship with native peoples, HCAI commits to being positive catalysts for change by disseminating actionable information to expose the lingering impact of past actions against native peoples and underserved communities; by listening to tribal voices to guide us in eliminating barriers native people face in becoming part of the health workforce; and by revisiting HCAI’s programs, policies, and procedures to allocate state resources equitably in a manner that recognizes our responsibility to address disparities.