A message from the Sunrise Board of Directors

Standing for Justice

June 6th, 2020

Recent events have again focused our attention on the heart-breaking level of systemic racism and injustice that continues to plague our nation. The death of George Floyd (and far too many others) underscores the large role that skin color still plays in how people are viewed, valued, and treated – leading to inequitable access to health care, housing, employment, food, safety, and other systems. Sunrise Community Health stands in solidarity with co-workers, friends, family, community members, and all who are calling for peaceful and rapid change.

As a safety net health care provider, Sunrise Community Health is painfully aware that people of color in our nation suffer disproportionately from health disparities. Since our inception in 1973, we have been committed to promoting health equity - we are a community-based, patient-directed organization that reaches low-income, medically underserved populations, including migrant and seasonal farmworkers, immigrants, veterans, homeless, and refugees. Culturally sensitive staff - many of whom grew up in our diverse community - provide comprehensive, high quality primary care across northern Colorado.

But reducing racial health disparities is not enough. We must dismantle unjust systems that erode the health and well-being of our homes, schools, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. As an organization, Sunrise Community Health is committed to learn and take action to ensure a more equitable future free of racism - where every person of color can flourish.

We invite you to join us in standing for justice with compassion and to consider how you can participate in building just systems that foster equity, diversity, and inclusion for all.