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Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles ushers in a new era of leadership

July 1, 2019—Los Angeles—Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles has a new Executive Director. With a deep commitment to health equity, Kimmy Maniquis joined Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles with almost 20 years of experience in non-profit management, social justice, community, and organizational leadership.

Kimmy's keen understanding of Peer Health Exchange's mission and love for young people made her the ideal candidate to ensure the 10-year old LA site continues to thrive.

Utilizing her prior experience as the Executive Director of the California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ), Kimmy now oversees the management and growth of the organization's Los Angeles operations and programs, working closely with the board of directors, staff, school and college partners, funders, supporters and community stakeholders.

At CCEJ she worked to provide social justice education and restorative justice work to schools, workplaces, communities, and families throughout Southern California. Prior to CCEJ, Kimmy worked in San Francisco with young women and girls on leadership and college prep and retention, as well as supporting the foundational work of Pin@y Educational Partnerships, which established Ethnic Studies classes in the San Francisco Unified School District.

"Hiring talent devoted to centering youth voices is essential to advancing health equity and improving health outcomes for young people," said Osayuware (Tina) Enagbare, Vice President of Talent and Equity. "We're excited to welcome Kimmy. Her strong roots in Los Angeles and experience in youth leadership are an asset to Peer Health Exchange."

"I am passionate about serving young people and honored to be able to continue serving them as the Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles Executive Director," said Kimmy. "I look forward to continuing to center their voices, show up for them, and provide the resources they need to make healthy decisions."

Fall 2019 ushers in ambitious goals for Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles. Recruitment of volunteers kicked off with a goal of reaching over 2,700 young people this month.

"Kimmy's experience and commitment to social justice and health equity made her a natural fit in the next phase of leadership in Los Angeles," said LaDawn Best, Head of Sites. "Her passion and leadership will be crucial as our organization continues to grow in the coming years."

Kimmy succeeds LaDawn, who was recently promoted to Head of Sites after three successful years as Peer Health Exchange Los Angeles's Executive Director and three years prior as the site Program Director.

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About Peer Health Exchange

Peer Health Exchange's mission is to empower young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources to make healthy decisions. We do this by training college students to teach a skills-based health curriculum in under-resourced high schools across the country. Learn more at www.peerhealthexchange.org