PIH Engage Network Leadership Team

The PIH Engage Network Leadership Team serves to empower PIH Engage teams in the right to health movement by accompanying their engagement in global health education, fundraising, community building, and advocacy. The Network Leadership Team is comprised of the Steering Committee, Coaching Squad, and the Partners In Health Boston advocacy team.

Steering Committee:

**Margaux Amara (Co-Chair)** – Margaux founded the University of Connecticut PIH Engage team in 2016 and served as Team Coordinator until 2018. She currently works at Harvard Medical School as a global health researcher and is a member of the Greater Boston PIH Engage team. When she is not working towards building the right to health movement, she is probably taking a dance class or cooking vegan food.

**Vincent Lin (Co-Chair)** – Vincent is a Harvard College PIH Engage alum and Boston PIH Engage Young Professionals member working at Harvard Medical School as a global health researcher. He’s focused on justice, equity, and building the movement for the right to health.

**Chelsea Breed** – Chelsea formerly served as the Team Coordinator of the Binghamton University Chapter of PIH Engage and has been a member of the Steering Committee since January of 2018. Chelsea graduated from Binghampton University in December of 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Integrative Neuroscience. She was first drawn to PIH because of its sensitivity to both medicine and culture from a biomedical anthropology standpoint. Chelsea feels passionately about the right to health movement, especially maternal and child health, and hopes to provide members with the skills to educate others and implement real policy change. Chelsea now lives in Chicago. Outside of PIH Engage, Chelsea loves to read by Lake Michigan, explore new neighborhoods, and engage in political activities around the city.

**Julianna Lee** – Julianna is a senior at Harvard studying Chemical and Physical Biology with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy. She has been a part of Harvard’s PIH Engage team for almost four years and served as their Fundraising Lead from 2016–2017. Julianna is a part of other global health groups on campus and is excited to work on the Steering Committee to work towards greater health equity and health as a human right.

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Aisha Obeidallah – Aisha graduated from Brown University and studied Biology. She was the Education Lead during her sophomore year before becoming the Team Coordinator from 2016-2018. For the past two years, she has been a research assistant at the Center for International Health Research (CIHR) where researchers work to understand the mechanisms that cause tropical infectious diseases, such as malaria and schistosomiasis, in order to develop improved treatments and vaccines. She is driven by her belief in PIH’s mission: providing high quality health care to those most in need of it because, undoubtedly, “Health is a Human Right.” In her free time, you can find her cooking, café hopping, or running.

Jade Tso – Jade is a fourth year undergraduate at Duke University and a Biology major with Chemistry and Global Health minors. At Duke, she works at the Poss Lab, researching heart regeneration and is also a volunteer in the cardiology unit of Duke University Hospital. She is interested in how cutting edge research in science translates into people realizing their human right to health. During her undergraduate career, working for nonprofits in Argentina and Costa Rica, she has seen how to be poor means to be bereft of opportunity, to be at risk for nutritional deficiencies and neglected tropical diseases, unable to realize one’s full potential to health. She believes optimism for the future is a moral obligation, one that empowers us to fight for a better world, and enables us to believe, as Jim Yong Kim wrote, “that every country, community, and person is worth helping.” She is dedicated to spending the rest of her life to helping people realize their full potential to health.

Shannon Fang – Shannon is a sophomore at Duke University studying biology and education. At the Duke chapter, she has served as advocacy lead and currently serves as the community building lead. Shannon has been involved with health and education nonprofits based in China and in Kenya. She is a strong advocate for knowledge in the service of society and is motivated by the right to health for all. In her free time, she likes to watch basketball, do crosswords, and explore the city.

Laura Van Dyke – Laura has been Team Coordinator for the Bainbridge Island chapter since 2013. She has worked to generate awareness of PIH and its mission through many educational, advocacy, and fundraising efforts on Bainbridge and in Seattle. Laura is a retired civil engineer who read Mountains Beyond Mountains and realized there is a lot of work to do to make Health a Human Right. When she’s not learning, listening, or talking about PIH, she enjoys hiking and spending time with her husband and kids.
Coaching Squad:

**Beth Williams** – Beth is a current undergraduate student at Santa Clara University majoring in Public Health and Neuroscience and minoring in Biology. She co-founded the Santa Clara chapter in 2019 and is currently its Team Coordinator. She first became interested in Partners In Health after reading Pathologies of Power by Paul Farmer, and was drawn in by the fact that PIH’s mission is both medical and moral. When she is not working to build the right to health movement, she is either hiking, reading, or baking.

**Gaby Pages** – Gaby was the co-founder and co-team coordinator of PIH Engage Miami at the University of Miami (UM). At UM, Gaby studied public health, and graduated with her MPH in 2019. She now volunteers for Socios En Salud, PIH’s sister site in Lima, Peru, where she assists with their active case finding study for tuberculosis called “TB Móvil”. In her free time, she loves doing yoga, learning about cosmology, spending time in the sun, and listening to Shakira. She is a firm believer in health as a human right and is excited to spend the rest of her life dedicated to this movement.

**Sam Kelts** – Sam is a fourth year nursing and medical anthropology double major at Case Western Reserve University. She was the founder of the CWRU PIHE chapter and formerly served as the team coordinator of that chapter for 3 years. During her time as the TC at CWRU, she worked to establish connections between the chapter and the Cleveland community, fighting for health equity both locally and globally. She is passionate about educating her peers and community members, and believes that education is fundamental to empowerment, which leads to action. She aspires to motivate more nurses to become involved in activism and advocacy work.

Grassroots Strategy Coordinator:

**Nick Seymour** - Nick first got involved with the Harvard College PIH Engage team in 2014 and later joined the Steering Committee before taking on his current full-time role as the Grassroots Strategy Coordinator of Partners In Health. Outside of PIH Engage, he has studied medical education and referral systems in Mexico with PIH sister organization Compañeros En Salud and is part of a coalition of Boston area students and health professionals advocating for better healthcare for individuals experiencing homelessness. Nick has been trying to explore Boston and improve his salsa moves (in vain), but nothing excites him more than working with others committed to health as a human right.

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