Vision of Healthy Community

- Community not articulated as a problem but by the definitions, qualities and values held:
  - Historical, global & cultural contributions
  - Cultural norms and strengths
  - Inclusion
- Free comprehensive healthcare for all
- Health equity issues continuously addressed/promoted:
  - Education, employment, Black owned businesses
  - More homeownership and less gentrification
  - Reduce pollution (traffic, manufacturing)
  - Quality grocery stores not liquor stores
  - Impact of racism/historical trauma
- Full service senior living facilities that serve all residents

Existing Community Issues

- Cultural ruin/starvation, family breakdown, low self-esteem
- Drugs “crack cocaine” and the aftermath
- Engineered social inequities “we are not the problem but are living it” (e.g., project housing experimentation)
- Lack of resources and creativity to deal with social problems
- Data separates people in community not bring them together
- No access to healthcare (high unemployment and criminal justice background)
- Fragmented service delivery system “western model”
- Lack of equitable hiring within PH and real inclusion by PH of people impacted by problems/inequities

Top Priorities to Improve Community Health

- PH & OUSD partnership that supports competitive edge education/curriculum
- Community accountability/ownership of what is happening with PH & city hall issues
- Address impact of historical trauma (e.g., create ongoing “12 step program”)
- Focus on where the need is not the behavior – African Americans and not others are rapidly losing ground because of our history in America
- Full service grocery store
- Love and support not fear of our young people

Strengths

- The thread of energy that makes us intrinsically African
- Resilience, rejection of western norms/values
- Teaching our young people to live in America as it is today
- No money but connection of people and resources
- Eating leafy fresh greens
- Sense of self & pride about being West Oakland
- Work of Black Panthers “food programs” still here
- Church, mentors, and social support systems