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Onyemaechi C. Nweke, serves as the team lead for the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a national initiative coordinated by the Office of Minority Health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, she provides strategic leadership for a multilevel coalition of public, private, and nonprofit partners from the health and non-health sectors committed to eliminating health disparities and promoting equity in health and the social determinants of health. She also serves as the Co-Chair for the Federal Interagency Health Equity Team (FIHET), which is a collaborative of 12 federal agencies and several federal programs/offices/divisions that convenes federal leaders to end health disparities by building capacity of equitable policies and programs, cultivating strategic partnerships, and sharing relevant models for action. Dr. Nweke has worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on science policy issues, regulatory development, environmental justice, and children's health. Dr. Nweke has a DrPH in environmental health sciences from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and an MPH in environmental and occupational health from Saint Louis University College of Public Health.

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Mr. Espinosa has extensive experience in federal project management, federal reporting systems, and program evaluation. His specific areas of expertise include healthcare disparities, access to healthcare, language assistance services, and culturally and linguistically appropriate services. Mr. Espinosa currently leads the evaluation of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities, as well as the evaluation of the yNPA Health Equity Fellowship. In addition, he has been evaluating the impact that outreach and education events that focus on the Affordable Care Act are having on national enrollment numbers. Before joining Community Science, he directed numerous multi-site evaluation projects for federal clients, including an evaluation of the US Dept. of Health and Human Service Office of Minority Health Resource Center, and has managed large federal evaluation technical assistance centers. Mr. Espinosa's current work focuses on addressing health disparities in racial and ethnic minorities and other vulnerable populations.