

KP Northern California Residency Elective in Health Policy – Course Goals

The goals of participation in the KP Northern California Resident Elective in Health Policy:

1. To explore the historical context and the current cultural and political climates affecting the development and implementation of health policy on a local, state, national, and international level
2. To gain a better understanding of health policy issues specific to the State of California and the organizations and entities who directly influence these issues
3. To identify priority issues within local community needs assessments and assess the resources available to address these needs
4. To serve as a forum for active health policy discussion and education for learners throughout the region, within and outside of Kaiser Permanente
5. To disseminate the health policy information learned to their co-residents and faculty both informally and formally through shared conversations, didactic sessions, and/or facilitated discussions
6. To create leaders in health policy and advocacy through clinical work, professional organization participation, community organizing, political office, and/or education.
7. To develop catalysts for change who seek to improve the lives of their patients and communities through implementing the skills and knowledge learned throughout the course to develop solutions to complex healthcare challenges.
8. To learn and apply a health policy analysis framework and to link it to health outcomes