

Mayra Serrano, MPH, CHES

Roundtable Discussant

Mayra Serrano is the Senior Manager at the Center of Community Alliance for Research & Education (CCARE), City of Hope's Community Outreach and Engagement Center. Her work at CCARE focuses on partnering with community advocates and organizations to develop and implement community participatory programs and interventions to reduce the risk and burden of chronic illnesses, including cancer, obesity and diabetes. She develops, plans, and implements health education programs targeting underserved populations and conducts health disparities research using Community Partnered Participatory Research (CPPR) approach. She coordinates the Community Outreach and Engagement strategy for City of Hope, which is committed to building strong bidirectional relationships with and increasing participation of underrepresented communities in the development of research and policy. Her work as a scholar activist is focused on promoting the voices of underserved populations through coalition building, advocacy training, and capacity building. She is active in several cancer and health related boards and coalitions and has presented her work and research at many national conferences. She has published several peer-reviewed articles and a book chapter. Mayra holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Whittier College and received her Master's in Public Health in Community Health Sciences from UCLA. She is currently pursuing her Doctor of Public Health degree at UNC Chapel Hill. Mayra is fluent in both English and Spanish, a certified medical interpreter and is a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES). She is passionate about her work to improve health equity and working with underserved communities as well as mentoring the next generation of public health professionals.