

Safer Chemicals in Products:  
Changing Markets & Policies  
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CHW's Needs from TSCA Reform  
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# About CHW

- Faith-based, mission-driven organization of more than 40 hospitals, clinics, and trauma centers in California, Arizona, and Nevada
- 8<sup>th</sup> largest in the nation; largest private, not-for-profit in California
- Network includes more than 10,000 physicians, four affiliated health plans covering nearly 500,000 lives, and approx. 56,000 employees—together delivering on a commitment that accounts for over 4 million patient visits annually.

# CHW Mission & Values

- CHW is committed to the mission of:
  - Providing compassionate, high-quality, affordable health care to the communities we serve
  - Serving and advocating, especially those who are poor and disenfranchised
  - Partnering with others in the community to improve the quality of life
- Our values—dignity, collaboration, justice, stewardship, excellence—guide our work and challenge us

# Making a Difference Today

- A time of hope and possibility
- CHW's preparations in health care transformation and the role of sustainability in those preparations
- Advocating for safer chemicals and products = Advancing quality care while bending the cost curve
- What CHW wants from TSCA Reform
- The imperative to move forward together

# CHW's Efforts: Internal

- Adopt Comprehensive Chemical Policy
- Walk our talk: Clean and green our own house
- Make transparent our work: CHW's Sustainability Report (GRI)
- Continue to reflect and ask ourselves: what does CHW need and want? how are we going to get there given who we say we are?
- Lead, learn, and be lead by others: CHW's role and responsibility in the broader community

# CHW's Efforts: External

- Advocate in the legislative and regulatory arenas at the state and federal levels.
  - Mobilize CHW Grassroots Advocacy Network
  - Partner with various leaders and organizations
  - Provide comments on legislation, testify at hearings, meet with electeds, show up
- Move market
  - Work with vendors, business community, GPO
  - Put our money where it matters; steward and leverage resources
  - Promote and support research, innovation, and development

# The Need for Stronger Federal Legislation

- To Know: Minimum data set should be required of all chemicals in commerce
- To Ensure Safety: New chemicals should only come to the market after a full safety determination
- To Act: PBTs Should be phased out except for critical uses; Other chemicals of high concern must be immediately reduced, if not eliminated
- To Promote: National support for green chemistry research and engineering, and policies favoring safer chemicals and products over those with known health hazards

# Thank you

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