Funders for Birth Justice and Equity invites you to:

Embodied Herstories: Root Causes of Reproductive Health Inequities

A workshop for funders and individual donors

September 27 and 28, 2023

Austin, TX

Cost: $500

Workshop Description

Embody Transformation’s curriculum “Embodied Herstories: Root Causes of Reproductive Health Inequities” critically examines the US history of healthcare access for different racial/ethnic communities using a Popular Education methodology and a documented historical analysis and framework.

Participants will develop a shared language and analysis of the history of reproductive health in the United States. This history will include the “untold” stories of many communities, beginning with colonization and slavery. The process will define institutional racism and identify how it impacts the state of healthcare in the U.S., past and present.

The workshop will examine the issues of differential access, individual “choices” and public policies related to physical health and autonomy. The workshop uses an extensive case study of reproductive health to develop a historical timeline of policies and practices leading directly to current racial health inequities. The workshop concludes with facilitators and participants identifying how to apply this analysis to inform their work and the pressing social issues being faced by local communities.
The workshop formats include large group presentation, small group work with individual worksheets and assignments, as well as a slide show of impactful historical dates and images. It also includes a virtual interactive gallery with a historical timeline spanning 500 years of US reproductive health history. Throughout the two days there are interactive exercises where participants critically engage with the materials presented. Participants also develop a clearer understanding of how their own implicit biases developed over their life course.

**Embody Transformation’s Training Team**

Embody Transformation’s team is multi-racial, multilingual, and multicultural, all working from an anti-racist, equity focused lens.

**Kellee Coleman** works with the City of Austin’s Equity Office and has over 20 years of social justice training and community organizing experience integrating media, and popular education as strategies for social change.

**Paula X. Rojas** served as the founding Community Equity Strategy consultant at Dell Medical School and is currently on the faculty of the Master’s in Health Transformation at the Value Institute for Health, a joint program of DMS and the McCombs School of Business.

**Andrea Black** is a social change consultant focused on immigrant rights issues and facilitation. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is one among many of her past clients. Andrea has over twenty years of field experience in immigration and criminal justice issues, working in a range of capacities including program development, public education, advocacy, communications, facilitation, fundraising and movement building.

Together, the Embody Transformation three lead trainers have over 65 years of collective experience in conducting trainings, facilitating large and small group
discussions, and providing technical assistance to institutions on issues of racial and health equity. The trainers have dedicated themselves to social justice and equity throughout their careers in healthcare, government, community organizing, law, and reproductive health. They have extensive experience working with institutions to create transformative change.