## **Healing through Policy: Creating Pathways to Racial Justice**

## **NARRATIVE CHANGE: AN OVERVIEW**



"Healing Through Policy: Creating Pathways to Racial Justice" is a national initiative that of ers local leaders a suite of policies and practices to move communities and policymakers from commitment to action for health, racial equity, and justice.

Local leaders can adopt and implement all or some of the policies and practices curated through the initiative to help promote racial healing and address social inequities.

These options are guided by the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation framework, which of ers an overarching comprehensive strategy for adaptation by local communities and organizations to support progress toward needed systemic transformation. The framework addresses the foundational components of Narrative Change, Racial Healing and Relationship Building, Separation, Law, and Economy.

Healing Through Policy is an initiative of the American Public Health Association, the de Beaumont Foundation, and the National Collaborative for Health Equity.

## **Narrative Change**

Narrative Change refers to transforming how we communicate about our past, present, and future. Narrative change also involves direct conversations in multiracial, multiethnic tables in communities. Doing so can influence people's perspectives, perceptions, and behaviors about and toward one another so that we can work more ef ectively and productively toward community-based change.

## POLICIES AND PRACTICES UNDER THE NARRATIVE CHANGE PILLAR:

- Executive orders, resolutions, ordinances, and declarations to advance racial equity.
- Mapping, data collection, and analysis
  ef orts to understand and address
  inequities and measure progress.
- Racial impact assessments, frameworks, and other systems to

- achieve accountability.
- Redesigning public spaces to equitably honor our shared history.
- Creating curricula that are respectful, inclusive, and honor the diverse communities in which children attend school.

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city's GIS team worked with the Asheville Of ce	
analysis to map and record the city's	
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