



CPWA Leadership Team

CPWA's Leadership Team stewards our statewide strategy and implements our day-to-day work, bringing together lived experience, policy and organizing expertise, storytelling, and operational leadership.

Cassie Gardener Manjikian, MPH Co-Founder & Executive Director

Cassie leads CPWA's overall vision, strategy, partnerships, fundraising, and policy work. A perinatal mental health survivor, certified coach, and longtime health equity organizer based in Pasadena, she brings nearly two decades of experience in environmental justice, public health, coalition-building, and systems change.

Somoh Supharukchinda Strategic Advisor

Somoh advises CPWA on organizational strategy, coalition development, facilitation, and long-term sustainability. A perinatal mental health survivor and mother of twins, she has helped shape major initiatives including CPWA's State Agency Roundtable and supports the structures and relationships needed for statewide impact.

Kirsty Hameleers, MEd Operations & Communications Manager

Kirsty leads CPWA's day-to-day operations and communications, supporting coalition coordination, digital engagement, events, and organizational systems. She has helped implement major CPWA initiatives including Advocacy Day and statewide convenings.

Devorah Herbert Director of Storytelling Strategy

Dev helps lead CPWA's storytelling and narrative-change strategy, ensuring lived experience remains at the heart of our work. A filmmaker and perinatal mental health survivor, she created *The Imperfect Mothers Club*, a documentary that has become an important vehicle for community dialogue, public education, and systems change.

Jess Ford Storytelling & Policy Intern

Jess supports CPWA's storytelling, policy research, and community engagement. A full-spectrum trained doula and therapist-in-training, she coordinates CPWA's statewide storybook campaign, and helps translate lived experience into public education and systems change.

Growing Our Team

In 2026, CPWA is hiring our first full-time **Director of Statewide Organizing**, who will lead day-to-day implementation across our statewide priorities and work closely with the Executive Director and Leadership Team to coordinate projects, people, partnerships, and systems.

CPWA is fiscally sponsored by Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE) and works alongside a statewide network of community organizations, survivors, providers, advocates, researchers, and systems leaders.