



SHERRY M. HIROTA

Sherry is Chief Executive Officer of Asian Health Services (AHS) an Oakland-based non-profit organization that aims to serve and advocate for the Asian community regarding its health rights, and to assure access to health care services regardless of income, insurance status, language, or culture. She serves on the Board's Community Engagement and Finance & Budget committees. As CEO of Asian Health Services for more than 30 years, she has developed the organization from a staff of nine and a budget of \$100,000 to a model, multi-cultural, and multi-lingual primary care clinic with a staff of 165 and an annual budget of \$18 million. She successfully opened three new medical and dental facilities, including a 30,000-square-foot medical center through acquisition, financing, and reconstruction of prime property in Oakland's Chinatown.

In addition to her executive responsibilities at AHS, Sherry is a founding board member of AAPCHO (Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations). She serves on the Board of Directors of the Chez Panisse Foundation and is Health Chair of the Dellums Commission: Expanded Pathways of Young Men of Color. She is an Emerita Board Member of The California Endowment, the health-care foundation in California established by the conversion of Blue Cross of California into a for-profit company and she has served on the Board of Directors of the Oakland Ballet.

Her numerous awards include The California Wellness Foundation's 2005 Champions of Health Professions Diversity Award, Outstanding Woman of the Year in Health-Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Award, and Woman of the Year, 16th Assembly District of California.