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## 2024 GARE Membership Meeting at Facing Race Conference Cohort

Race Forward and the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) are two powerful organizations that merged to increase capacity for the work they do to dismantle structural racism, transform institutions, and advance racial equity in government.

Today, their network includes 11,000+ public stewards, or racial equity practitioners working in 400+ local, regional, and state jurisdictions. The DEI Cabinet the Health & Racial Equity Unit represented a 10-person cohort to St. Louis for the 3-day event to take advantage of unprecedented access to resources, information, and collaborative opportunities geared toward advancing racial equity for all. The theme “Our Power Our Solutions” emphasized the criticality of building community with shared power.

*“To be in company with so many public servants who work every day to advance racial justice, reenergized my fight, reignited my passion, and helped me reimagine my approach to the work of advancing racial equity, racial justice, and transforming systems.”*

*-Cephoni Jackson  
Chief DEI Officer*



**L to R:** Dr. Danny Morris, Areli Williams, Allison Keene, Vanessa Cummins, Mark Slaughter, Mary Nakamura, Cephoni Jackson, Eduardo Ameneyro, Sou Saelee