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Ms. Eidem has made significant contributions in women’s reproductive health and gender-based violence issues. She was instrumental in designing a 20-week educational series for the Department of Public Health staff to train them on matters relating to gender-based injustice and violence. Ms. Eidem has also collaborated with public and private organizations, through health conferences and workshops, in championing other important women’s issues and those issues ranged from women’s access to healthcare, women’s health and aging, women and homelessness, gender awareness, and women’s reproductive rights.

In addition to her duties at OWH, Ms. Eidem is one of the founding members of the Los Angeles Alliance for Community Health and Aging. She is also a member of numerous boards and committees, including Partners in Care Foundation and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Ms. Eidem is proud to serve as a role model and supports the full diversity of women in Los Angeles County with an approach that is thoughtful, inclusive and strategic.