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Sanaz brings a unique blend of experience from both commercial management and nonprofit leadership, with a strong focus on equity, interdisciplinary practice, and systems-level change. As a first-generation immigrant, she is deeply committed to diversity, intersectionality, and building strong partnerships with stakeholders, funders, and policy makers to create sustainable, meaningful impact.