Office of Minority Health and Health Equity

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Reaching for Health Equity

A world where all people have the opportunity to attain the best health possible.
Advance health equity and women’s health issues across the nation through CDC’s science and programs, and increase CDC’s capacity to leverage its diverse workforce and engage stakeholders toward this end.
OMHHE Leadership Roles

Technical consultant
Collaborator/Partner
Thought leader
Catalyst
Convener
OMHHE Expertise

Minority health
Health equity
Program planning and evaluation
Workforce diversity pipeline/pathway programs
Methods, including epidemiology and statistics
Working with diverse domestic and global populations, cultures, & social environments
Health communications/talking about health equity
Policy analysis, issues management
Social determinants of health
Women’s health
Diversity and inclusion
OMHHE Priorities

- Focus on solutions for reducing health disparities, improving women’s health, and ensuring a diverse and inclusive public health workforce.
- Facilitate the implementation of policies and strategies across CDC that promote the elimination of health disparities in communities of highest risk.
- Advance the science and practice of health equity.
- Collaborate with national and global partners to promote the reduction of health inequalities.
Operating Principles
OMHHE Operating Principles

- Linkages between science, policy, and practice and their required infrastructure are critical to achieving health equity.
Operating Principles: Infrastructure

- Develop/maintain culturally and linguistically competent workforce
- Develop appropriate data systems
- Assure accountability at high levels of the organization
- Effective and consistent leadership at high levels of the organization
Operating Principles: Measurement

- Identify characteristics of groups of people associated with more/less power and privilege or higher/lower social position
- Measure differences in health and its determinants associated with these characteristics and assess change over time
Operating Principles: Measurement

- Assess social and structural determinants of health
- The rationale for methodological choices made and measures chosen should be made explicit
- Groups to be compared should be simultaneously classified by multiple social statuses
- Consider stakeholder communication needs when selecting analytic methods
Operating Principles: Essential Program Elements

- Consider socio-demographic characteristics
- Understand evidence base for health disparities and inequities
- Leverage multi-sectoral collaboration
- Mobilize community engagement
- Use clustered interventions, engage with communities
- Plan and evaluate rigorously
Operating Principles: Policy

- Maximize existing national policy strategies
- Use a SDOH framework to analyze problem and generate policy options
- Develop a Health in All Policies (HiAP) framework
- Use Health Equity Impact Assessment as a tool to get to HiAP
The Operating Principles in Action

- Supporting analysis and synthesis
  - Annual Review of Public Health (in press)
- Guiding action around measurement and indicator development
- Facilitating informed action via technical assistance, consultation, and thought leadership
Integrating Health Equity at CDC
Leading from within

- Established CDC Health Equity Leadership Network
- Co-lead Healthy People 2020 and 2030 Social Determinants of Health Topic Area
- Lead development of CDC’s Language Access Plan
- Collaborate to develop CDC’s Social Determinants of Health website
- Coordinating Council on Women’s Health
Value to CIOs

- Trainings
  - Cultural humility for deployers
  - Health equity for supervisors
  - Lunch and learns on diversity and inclusion topics
- Workforce diversity strategy
  - CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program
- Leading science
  - CDC reports on Hispanic and African American Health (Vital Signs)
  - Rural health MMWR article
  - CDC reports on strategies for reducing health disparities (MMWR supplement)
- Technical assistance
  - Women’s Health Research and Practice series
Collaborations with NCIPC
OMHHE-NCIPC Collaborations

- 2019 Public Health Ethics Forum on Ethical Dilemmas in Child and Adolescent Health
- 2019 Public Health Grand Rounds on Preventing Suicidal Behavior in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities: A Health Equity Issue
- 2018 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s Annual Legislative Conference panel on African American Health
- *Health Equity Matters* blog on Violence-Related Disparities Experienced by Black Youth and Young Adults: Opportunities for Prevention
- CDC Office of Women’s Health Lecture Series - Reducing Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Against Girls and Women
OMHHE-NCIPC Collaborations

- CDC Inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Forum
- OMHHE Operating Principles – Policy Domain
- PolCon 2015: Health Equity Track
- Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities MMWR supplement 2016 (preventing violence among high-risk youth and communities)
- Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities MMWR supplement 2014 (tribal motor vehicle injury prevention)
- Summit to prepare for Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities MMWR supplements
- Articles in 2011 and 2013 CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Reports (2013 report led by CSELS with technical support from OMHHE)
OMHHE-NCIPC Collaborations

Looking forward...
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