**INTRODUCTION**

2006 - The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors launched the Health Equity Council (HEC) to address health equity issues within state chronic disease & health programs. Members provide leadership, expertise, training, resources, and technical assistance to enhance NACDD’s goal to advance health equity. Key areas of focus:

- Identify gap issues (e.g., institutional racism, socio-economic disparities) so population health and health equity will improve
- Explain the impacts of social determinants of health on the health status and health outcomes of populations
- Offer training to increase public health workforce capacity to address health equity
- Provide technical assistance to NACDD consultants and members to enhance the integration of health equity concepts into NACDD proposals, projects and initiatives
- Identify actionable strategies; describe promising practices; and make recommendations to improve organizational cultural competency to address health equity

**OBJECTIVES**

- Develop, market & implement an applying health equity lens training
- Increase Health Equity and Member Engagement with NACDD members
- Develop partnerships with traditional and non-traditional stakeholders
- Reengage health equity council monthly updates

**OUTLOOK**

- Market the Institutional Equity Tool
- Increase the development and implementation of health equity trainings and offerings to members
- Strengthen the connections with among the Associations’ health equity programs
- Increase the capacity of state chronic disease directors to infuse health equity into state level programs
- Advocate for funding to support health equity programs and training

**Advancing Health Equity**

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**Awareness & Leadership**

Increase awareness of the significance of health disparities, their impact on the nation, and the actions necessary to improve health outcomes for racial, ethnic, and underserved populations. Strengthen and develop leadership for addressing health disparities at all levels.

**Health System and Life Experience**

Improve health and health care outcomes for racial, ethnic, and underserved populations.

**Cultural Competency**

Improve cultural and linguistic competency and the diversity of the health-related workforce.

**Data, Research & Evaluation**

Improve data availability, coordination, utilization, and diffusion of research and evaluation outcomes.

The HEC works to incorporate The Five Goal Areas of the National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity into programs, policies and projects.