



HEALTH EQUITY COLLABORATIVE

MOBILIZING TO ACHIEVE HEALTH EQUITY

ABOUT US: The Health Equity Collaborative (HEC) is a diverse community of national, public health, patient advocacy, civil rights, and multicultural organizations committed to supporting equity and combatting disparities experienced by underserved populations.

FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

➤ CONFRONTING THE RISING COST OF HEALTHCARE

To truly lower costs and achieve better outcomes for every patient, all healthcare stakeholders must be held accountable for the rising cost of care.

➤ IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Despite historic gains in recent years, more needs to be done to reduce the coverage gap among diverse communities and ensure access to treatments and services that meet the needs of all patients.

➤ SUPPORTING BREAKTHROUGH MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION

We encourage the research and development of medical treatments to improve health outcomes and combat diseases that disproportionately affect diverse communities.

➤ IMPROVING ACCESS TO ADDICTION CARE AND SAFE MEDICINES

The number of overdoses and deaths due to the opioid epidemic and counterfeit medicines are growing. Access to safe medicines, education, and addiction care services is crucial.

➤ REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES

Social determinants influence an individual's health. Health disparities based on these factors are a pervasive problem in the United States, resulting in higher mortality rates, chronic conditions, and infectious diseases.

➤ MODERNIZING VALUE-BASED TREATMENT AND CLINICAL CARE

Lawmakers and industry leaders must provide meaningful tools and personalized services to meet the needs of diverse populations.

➤ ADDRESSING THE UNDERREPRESENTATION OF DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN CLINICAL TRIALS AND DATA COLLECTION

Clinical trials are critical to developing safe and effective treatments and therapies. Equally important are trial participants who are selected based on scientifically justified criteria.

➤ PROMOTING A DIVERSE HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

Increasing the diversity of America's healthcare workforce is essential to building trust with diverse communities and ensuring all segments of our society receive high-quality, culturally competent care.

RESEARCH. EDUCATE. ACTIVATE.

RESEARCH

IDENTIFY HEALTH DISPARITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFORM

Currently, minorities and vulnerable populations suffer from significantly poorer health outcomes as illustrated by examples below.

- ☀ African Americans are **60%** more likely to develop diabetes and have a **50%** higher infant mortality rate than non-Hispanic whites.
- ☀ Hispanic children are **2x** as likely to die from asthma than non-Hispanic white children.
- ☀ Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are **30%** more likely to be diagnosed with cancer compared to non-Hispanic whites.
- ☀ More than **56%** of LGBTQ individuals have confronted discrimination and refusal of care while seeking treatment from a healthcare provider.
- ☀ Adults with disabilities are **3x** more likely to suffer from a stroke, heart disease, diabetes, or cancer than adults without disabilities.

WHITE PAPERS



ACTIVATE

HEALTH EQUITY GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AND POLICY WEBINARS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS



“HEC engaged with dozens of key policymakers, including Congressional Tri-Caucus leadership and Administration officials on various health equity topics through a series of roundtables.”



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EDUCATE

MEDIA COVERAGE AND EVENTS



Richmond Times-Dispatch
statesman journal



THE ROANOKE TIMES

COMCAST NEWSMAKERS

International Business Times

ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY AT SXSW

SXSW 2022

HEALTH EQUITY: Ending Racism in US Health Care

March 12, 2022 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am CT
Austin Marriott Downtown - Waterloo Ballroom 4

Meet a group of advocates and subject matter experts leading a diverse coalition of major national civil rights and advocacy organizations pushing Congress and the Biden Administration to make health equity a priority by addressing social determinants of health to effectively solve for pervasive health disparities faced by communities in most need.



BLOG POSTS

Congress Must Amend the 340B Program to Bring Justice to Communities of Color

January 5, 2023

Why We Need More Black Health Professionals in the Workforce

February 10, 2022



COALITION LETTERS

- 35 Diverse Health Advocacy Organizations Urge CMS to Prioritize Equity & Access to Alzheimer's Treatments
- Encouraging Senate Leadership to Examine the Role of PBMs in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain

PROGRESS THROUGH ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY & ADDRESSING MEDICAL RACISM

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FEATURED SPEAKERS:

JUNE 30, 2021
10 AM - 11 AM EDT

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