

The Commission to End Health Care Disparities

Unifying efforts to achieve quality care for all Americans

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History of The Commission to End Healthcare Disparities

- Established in July 2004 the Commission to End Health Care Disparities (CEHCD) was formed by the AMA and NMA to address disparities in health care and in response to the IOM report “Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care.”
- The NHMA joined soon after and CEHCD began their work with 37 member organizations.

The Mission of CEHCD

The Commission to End Health Care Disparities, inspired by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report, *Unequal Treatment*, recognizes that health care disparities exist due to multiple factors, including race and ethnicity. We will collaborate proactively to increase awareness among physicians and health professionals; use evidence-based and other strategies; and advocate for action, including governmental, to eliminate disparities in health care and strengthen the health care system.

The Vision of CEHCD

Aided by the work of the Commission and its member organizations: physicians, health professionals, and health systems will provide quality care to all people.

The Structure of the CEHCD

- At the July 2004 meeting, the CEHCD members agreed that the presidents of the AMA and the NMA would serve as co-chairs.
- It was also determined that the CEHCD steering committee would have 9 members:
 - Representatives from the AMA, NMA & National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA).
 - Chairs from the four advisory committees.
 - Two members at large.

The Advisory Committees of the CEHCD

The CEHCD currently has the following advisory committees:

- Advocacy & Policy
- Physician Awareness, Education and Training
- Research and Data Resource
- Workforce Diversity

Accomplishments of the CEHCD

- Developed a 3-hour physician and medical professional workshop focusing on provider strategies and skills that are culturally competent and eliminate disparities.
- Developed recommendations for promoting the collection of race, ethnicity, and language data in health care settings.
- Enhanced an AMA-MAC Program, Doctors Back To School by recruiting physicians to conduct > 100 visits to schools across the country, reaching nearly 17,000 students in just over 2 years!
- Created a national framework for “Addressing Healthcare Disparities”: *goals, guiding principles, and key strategies for comprehensive policies.*
- Published a 5 Year Summary Report in 2009.

Joining the CEHCD

Currently, the CEHCD is made up of 65 member organizations nationally.

Membership in the Commission is open to: all National or Regional (defined as statewide or multi-state) organizations that accept the principles contained in the Commission's Mission and Vision statements, and in the judgment of the organization, are able and willing to carry out these obligations in an effort to eliminate health care disparities.

Next Meeting of the CEHCD

Save the Date:

Fall Meeting

October 22-23, 2010

Hilton Garden Inn

Chicago, IL

For more information on the CEHCD

Please go to:

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Thank you!

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