



Office of Equity and Minority Health Overview

Mission

To provide a persistent and continuing focus on assuring health equity and eliminating health disparities among Michigan’s populations of color (African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Arab and Chaldean Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, Hispanics/Latinos).

The Michigan Office of Minority Health was established by Executive Order in 1988 as the coordination body for monitoring health disparities and health inequities faced by Michigan’s racial ethnic minority populations.

Minority Health Bill- Public Act 653 was passed by Michigan’s 93rd Legislature in 2006 and became effective in January 2007. The law mandates the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to create a structure and policies to address health disparities.

Michigan Health Equity Roadmap

The roadmap is a vision and framework for improving the social and health status of racial and ethnic populations in Michigan.

- ▶ Improve race/ethnicity data collection, Systems and accessibility
- ▶ Promote and sustain effective partnerships and programs
- ▶ Promote public awareness, education and evidence-based community interventions related to social justice and the social determinants of health
- ▶ Ensure equitable access to quality healthcare
- ▶ Strengthen community engagement, capacity, and empowerment

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Office of Equity and Minority Health Strategies for Advancing Equity

1. Public Act 653

Annual reporting on the department's progress in developing and implementing a structure to address racial and ethnic health disparities in the state.

2. Community Capacity Building

Provision of funding to support community-level projects that build community capacity to identify and implement population specific strategies to address social determinants and reduce health and healthcare disparities for racial/ethnic minority populations.

3. Relationship Building and Collaboration

Mutual sharing of tools, resources and best practices to connect priorities and agree on collaborative strategies that address equity at the systems level and within the community.

4. Equity and Cultural Competency Program

Research to design and develop workshops and educational materials. Facilitate workshops to increase cultural competency and equity driven policy, practices and regulations. Provide technical assistance to incorporate equity principles in daily practices.

5. Data Collection, Analysis and Dissemination

Fund community-level data projects that improve access to minority health data. Monitor data on health disparities and inequities. Partner with advisory groups representative of the population to enhance data collection, analysis and dissemination. Provide sources of data pertaining to social determinants of health and minority health.

Learn more at Michigan.gov/MinorityHealth.



ENGAGE WITH US!

We can assist with

PROTOCOLS

for collecting, analyzing
and reporting out Minority
Health Data

BEST PRACTICES

for community engagement

ACCESS

to minority and social
determinants of health data

STRATEGIES

to build community-level
capacity to improve minority
health

SUPPORT

technical assistance to
implement organizational
change initiatives to achieve
equity

TRAINING

and professional development
of comprehensive equity and
cultural competency