Behind the Scenes of the AAFP Strategic Priorities: Health Equity

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Workforce Diversity
Investigate information and tools created to promote medicine as a legitimate career option to students from disadvantaged communities.

Advocating for Health Equity
Access opportunities and resources designed to promote the passage of policies advancing health equity at the local, state, and federal level.

Interdisciplinary Collaboration
Examine established methods for engaging with your community and identifying opportunities to improve public health and increase health equity.

Education and Practice-Based Resources
Explore resources designed to address social determinants of health, fill knowledge gaps, and help promote health equity.
2018 Priorities and Outcomes

Raising awareness
- 4000 Unique Webpage Visitors & downloads
- 15 Chapter, National and World Conferences

Providing education
- 2 position papers
- 10% of CME

Providing practice tools
- 4 resource manuals
- 2 topical issues briefs
2018 Priorities and Outcomes

Advocating for healthy polices and issues
- 9 Policies: Implicit Bias, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Family Separations
- Statements on ACA, Gun Violence, Public Charge, Maternal Mortality, Opioids, Tobacco

Addressing payment
- Advancing Health Equity: Principles to Address the Social Determinants of Health in Alternative Payment Models
Areas of Collective Impact

Affordability
- Reducing cost
- Increasing incomes

Accessibility
- State and federal policies
- Physician and patient education
Areas of Collective Impact

Science
• Clinical policies
• Clinical research

Vulnerable Populations
• Medicaid/Medicare
• Uninsured
• Disparities
2019 Engagement Opportunities

**New Convenings**
- Pre-conference to the 2019 Global Health Summit
- Engage thought leaders
- New collaborators
- Promote tools and resources

**New Resources**
- Health Equity Curriculum
- Issue Briefs
- Policies
- Position Papers
- CME
2019 Engagement Opportunities

Health Equity Fellowship

• Developing 3 family physicians with the skills to translate the evidence into action
• Contribute to the creation of new knowledge
• Drive policy and system changes that produce equitable health outcomes
2019 Engagement Opportunities

Chapter Alliance

- Advance health in all communities
- Develop strategic plans for health equity in every state
- Build cross sector and interdisciplinary collaboration
- Build influence on issues of social justice
What Can We Do Together

Implicit Bias Training
• Increase knowledge about the science of implicit bias and how it influences physician behaviors and patient outcomes
• Increase physician self-awareness of implicit bias and develop skills to mitigate its effects

STEM Pipeline toolkit for K-12
• Increase the number of underrepresented minorities entering the medical field
• Increase the retention of minority medical students and advancement into faculty/leadership positions

LGBTQ+ care resources
• Increase culturally proficient patient care skills for physicians to address the holistic health of LGBTQ+ communities

Topical Health Equity Conferences
• Bring awareness to and action on issues of food insecurity, housing, transportation, etc. among diverse collaborative partners and industries
Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy to Increase Immunization Rates
• Increase public awareness about the scientific rigor and importance of vaccines
• Increase the confidence of family physicians and their practice teams in addressing misinformation

Adolescent to Young Adult Care Transition
• Increase understanding of prevention and wellness
• Build relationship with a trusted family physician

Increasing Implementation of Clinical Preventive Services
• Increase recommended preventive services across the lifespan
• Decrease morbidity and mortality through population health interventions

Addressing Substance Use Disorders
• Prevent the negative health outcomes of the use of opioids, alcohol, and tobacco/nicotine
• Increase screening and treatment for patients with substance use disorders
Q&A