Health Disparities Committee

Committee Purpose

The National Health Disparities Committee, comprised of leading health equity and community health experts, serves as an advisory and steering committee for the Association’s work around reducing inequities facing populations disparately affected by diabetes. The Committee will provide expert guidance in the areas of effective community support, program criteria and evaluation, trends in health equity strategies as applicable across the spectrum from consumers to providers and clinics to community, and strategies for the Association to effectively contribute to the diabetes ecosystem as it relates to disparities reduction.

Charge & Responsibilities:

1. Align Health Disparities Reduction strategies with the Association’s Strategic Plan and annual priorities.
   a. Review the strategic plan and determine how the committee can contribute to the achievement of its targets.
   b. Foster societal understanding and the will to achieve health equity.
   c. Leverage and engage broad public/private partners in health equity solutions.
   d. Leverage existing and new funding for health equity.
   e. Strengthen organizational effectiveness in support of health equity.
2. Assist with developing cost-effective and innovative ways to increase the Association’s reach to all disparately impacted populations with solutions that result in sustainable positive change in communities.
3. Review outcomes of health disparities initiatives and recommend strategies for enhancing sustainability through policy, systems and environmental changes the Association can disseminate to its staff, community partners, collaborators and stakeholders both at the local and national levels for collective impact.

Qualifications for Membership

The committee’s membership shall be multidisciplinary. Members will have demonstrated knowledge of diabetes, educational strategies, training and outreach, cultural competency, health literacy, and/or program evaluation and will represent the diversity of the various communities served by the Association.