Northeast Region

**Organization** Regional Health Equity Council – Region II

**Location** New York, NY

**Project Description:** The Region II Health Equity Council (RHEC II) is one of ten regional health equity councils in the US formed in 2011 as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a multi-sector community- and partnership-driven effort on behalf of health equity, spearheaded by the Office of Minority Health. RHEC II aims to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. The Health Equity Fellow will conduct an environmental scan of adolescent health care issues and needs with the specific goal of understanding the support youth receive from their communities and recommendations to meet needs of youth across the region. The Fellow will assess adolescent health issues including sexual health practices, unintentional injury and violence, alcohol and tobacco use, dietary behaviors and physical activity.

Mid-Atlantic Region

**Organization** Baltimore City Health Department – Description 1

**Location** Baltimore, MD

**Project Description:** The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) services Baltimore by promoting health and advocating for every individual’s well-being, in order to achieve equity for all residents. Under the leadership of the Baltimore City Health Commissioner, the Health Equity Fellow will be responsible for supporting and leading work related to Healthy Baltimore 2020, the BCHD strategic plan for promoting health in Baltimore City by cutting health disparities in half over the next ten years. The Fellow will support the work of the Healthy Baltimore 2020 equity objectives and activities related to opioid overdose by planning International Overdose Awareness, facilitating communications with community leaders regarding opioid misuse among minority populations, and conducting research to identify 2018 legislative agenda priorities regarding opioids.

**Organization** Baltimore City Health Department – Description 2

**Location** Baltimore, MD

**Project Description:** The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) services Baltimore by promoting health and advocating for every individual’s well-being, in order to achieve equity for all residents. The Health Equity Fellow will support the implementation of Healthy Baltimore 2020, the BCHD strategic plan for promoting health in Baltimore City by cutting health disparities in half over the next ten years. The Fellow will coordinate collaborative partnerships across Baltimore City, focusing on various health disparities (e.g. chronic disease prevention, violence prevention) and support the design of an internal health equity committee to ensure agency responsiveness to race, equity, and inclusion. The Fellow will also track and monitor health equity targets listed in the strategic plan.
**Organization**  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

**Location**  
Baltimore, MD

**Project Description:** The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities works to promote health equity among African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, and Native Americans toward improving the health of all Marylanders. The Health Equity Fellow will lead a technical assistance project with the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) Program, consisting of reviewing the data collection tool and components of the MOTA Program, and developing technical assistance tools such as trainings, webinars, and toolkits. The Fellow will assist in providing technical assistance to programs to better incorporate and utilize Community Health Workers in a variety of contexts. Occasionally, the Fellow will be requested to work at off-site locations, with community-based partners and programs. The Fellow will be expected to provide own transportation to and from off-site locations.

**Organization**  
National Hispanic Council on Aging

**Location**  
Washington, DC

**Project Description:** The National Hispanic Council on Aging’s (NHCOA) mission is to improve the lives of Hispanic older adults, their families, and caregivers. The Health Equity Fellow will increase awareness of the barriers that Hispanic older adults face surrounding health inequities by assisting with the development of The Status of Hispanic Older Adults 2017 report. The report will address health inequities among Hispanic older adult communities. The Fellow will contribute to writing sections of the report relevant to the health of Hispanic older adults, the significance of health disparities, and actions necessary to improve health outcomes for racial, ethnic, and underserved populations. The findings of the report will be presented at NHCOA Capitol Hill Briefing. Bilingual applicants (English and Spanish) are preferred.

**Organization**  
US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living

**Location**  
Washington, DC

**Project Description:** The Administration for Community Living (ACF)’s mission is to maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan and their families and caregivers. The Health Equity Fellow will participate in diversity activities related to individuals who are older and individuals with disabilities including reviewing health data sources to determine efficacy for program evaluation. The Fellow will develop reports, tip sheets, newsletters, or other written materials which could be used to inform programs, decision makers, and staff about the linkage between ACL services and health outcomes. ACL will use the reports to provide tribal leadership with information for their advocacy and support of Title VI Programs.

**Organization**  
US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy

**Location**  
Rockville, MD

**Project Description:** Located within the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Office of Rural Health Policy is dedicated to improving access to quality and affordable health care and health services in rural communities. The Health Equity Fellow will support efforts to build a learning community of rural health organizations working to address the social determinants of health and reduce health disparities among rural populations. The Fellow will identify relevant rural health equity topics and design a webinar series that addresses challenges in health equity for rural communities.
**Organization**  
US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, Division of Information and Education  

**Location**  
Rockville, MD  

**Project Description:** The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities. The Health Equity Fellow will develop an OMH Partnerships Development Plan as part of the OMH Partnerships Tracking Tool Project. The Fellow will be responsible for researching partnership development and social marketing best practices (e.g. literature reviews, environmental scans, interviews with communications, partnership and coalition building experts across HHS, etc.) and leveraging the findings from the current OMH Partnerships Tracking Tool project to develop an OMH Partnerships Development Plan. The Plan will help OMH identify how to best maximize its current partnerships and how to identify future partnerships that help support the OMH mission and strategic priorities.

**Organization**  
US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, Division of Policy and Data  

**Location**  
Rockville, MD  

**Project Description:** The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities. The Health Equity Fellow will investigate the impact of partnerships on grant program efficiency and effectiveness by conducting a Partnership Assessment. The Fellow will analyze data using process and resource data from ongoing evaluation of OMH grantees using OMH’s Performance Improvement Management System. The Fellow will take the initiative for developing a project timeline, establish milestones, and executing analyses, with the support and guidance of the OMH Evaluation Officer. Results from the Partnership Assessment will contribute to the utility of OMH’s Performance Improvement Management System in supporting OMH’s work in improving partnership effectiveness and efficiency.

**Organization**  
US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Human Services Policy  

**Location**  
Washington, DC  

**Project Description:** Located in the Office of the Secretary, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) is responsible for development, coordination, analysis, research, and evaluation of US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policies and programs. The Health Equity Fellow will assist in leading an interagency working group focused on helping individuals returning to the community after incarceration by tracking existing reentry efforts across HHS and coordinating presentations for working group meetings. The Fellow will complete a self-directed research project related to reentry after incarceration or children of incarcerated parents, and present the findings to key policy officials. Applicants with direct experience with the criminal justice system (i.e. direct experience with an incarcerated parent or family member, or direct contact with the justice system) are preferred.
**Organization**: US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice  
**Location**: Washington, DC

**Project Description**: The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice. The Health Equity Fellow will support two NIJ initiatives currently undergoing feasibility studies; the development of a tribal investigator development program (TDP) to build research and evaluation capacity with tribal communities; and the developing of a system or set of criteria to provide alternative types of “evidence” in support of tribal programs and practices that are culturally-based and being implemented in tribal communities. The Fellow will actively contribute to all aspects of both feasibility studies, including information gathering, analysis/compilation of results, generating actionable recommendations, and report writing and presentation. Applicants who have knowledge of and experience working with American Indian and Alaska Native communities, violence against women and girls and/or criminal justice/justice systems are preferred.

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**Southeast Region**

**Organization**: Metro Public Health Department  
**Location**: Nashville, TN

**Project Description**: The Metro Public Health Department (MPHD) protects, improves and sustains the health and well-being of all people in Metropolitan Nashville. The Health Equity Fellow will support the assessment MPHD’s ability to effectively address health inequities to contribute to the development and implementation of a health equity plan, an objective of the department's strategic plan that aims to advance health equity in the department and the community. The Fellow will assist with the implementation of two phases of the MPHD equity self-assessment by conducting staff surveys and internal policy document reviews to determine areas for improvement to support health equity focused activities and provide information to guide strategic planning.

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**Organization**: Regional Health Equity Council – Region IV  
**Location**: Nashville, TN

**Project Description**: The Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) is one of ten regional health equity councils in the US formed in 2011 as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a multi-sector community- and partnership-driven effort on behalf of health equity, spearheaded by the Office of Minority Health. The SHEC aims to build collaboration and partnerships to achieve health equity in the Southeast region of the U.S. The Health Equity Fellow will assist with the development of an interactive mapping tool to enable and support meaningful use of oral health data, with a focus on oral health in the context of social justice and health equity. The Oral Health Index Interactive Mapping Tool will use geographic information systems (GIS) based-mapping to assess oral health needs based on health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment.
**Organization**  Regional Health Equity Council – Region IV  
**Location**  Birmingham, AL  

**Project Description:** The Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) is one of ten regional health equity councils in the US formed in 2011 as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a multi-sector community- and partnership-driven effort on behalf of health equity, spearheaded by the Office of Minority Health. The SHEC aims to build collaboration and partnerships to achieve health equity in the Southeast region of the U.S. The Health Equity Fellow will assist with updating the SHEC’s Health Equity Report Card. The Health Equity Report Card identifies health disparities for key indicators related to health care access, oral health, healthy food access, and cultural competency across the region. The Fellow will also work with the Violence as a Public Health Issue Committee to coordinate and plan listening sessions. The listening sessions will engage the public in a dialogue about the intersectional issues that impact health, which can be attributed to violence in marginalized communities. Applicants who have an interest in mass incarceration, school-to-prison pipeline, human trafficking, restorative justice and overarching social justice, and civil rights and human rights issues are preferred.

**Organization**  Shelby County Health Department  
**Location**  Memphis, TN  

**Project Description:** The Shelby County Health Department aims to protect, promote and improve the health of Shelby County and all of its residents. The Health Equity Fellow will work with Epidemiology and Health Promotion staff to develop two infographic/social media templates to (1) describe health status and social determinants of health for Shelby County zip-codes and (2) leading causes of death in Shelby County. The Fellow will also develop health equity policy talking points and a slide deck for use by the Executive Leadership Team when discussing issues of health equity with local politicians and key stakeholders in the state and county.

**Southwest Region**

**Organization**  Regional Health Equity Council – Region VI  
**Location**  Cochiti Lake, NM  

**Project Description:** The Southwest Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC VI) is one of ten regional health equity councils in the US formed in 2011 as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a multi-sector community- and partnership-driven effort on behalf of health equity, spearheaded by the Office of Minority Health. RHEC VI aims to increase the effectiveness of programs that target the elimination of health disparities and address the determinants of health within the region. The Health Equity Fellow will assist RHEC VI in revising, updating, researching and writing report narratives in the RHEC VI Blueprint, a compilation of regional data addressing health outcomes and burdens along with data from social, behavioral and environmental determinants of health. The Fellow will update data related to the social determinants of health in five southwestern states.
**Organization**  Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity  
**Location**  Austin, TX  

**Project Description:** The Office of Minority Health and Health Equity is dedicated to eliminating health disparities by working in collaboration with Health and Human Services agencies and programs, other public and private agencies, and community-based organizations to promote disease prevention and wellness. The Health Equity Fellow will conduct a literature review to evaluate and synthesize relevant research on the impact of National CLAS standards on service delivery in Texas, develop and implement metrics to monitor and evaluate the impact of the CLAS standards on health and healthcare services delivery to achieve health equity, and write a commentary or editorial and develop a PowerPoint presentation on project findings.

**West Region**

**Organization**  NATIVE HEALTH  
**Location**  Phoenix, AZ  

**Project Description:** NATIVE HEALTH is a Title V Urban Indian Clinic and Federally Qualified Health Center that provides holistic, patient centered, culturally sensitive health and wellness services. The Health Equity Fellow will assist with Community Health and Wellness Division Programs including Healthy Start, Home Visiting, HIV, Arizona Long Term Care, Diabetes Programs, and WIC. The Fellow will conduct data analysis for Home Visiting and Community Health Worker Support and provide. The Fellow will develop preliminary data reports, manage community events, and attend Maricopa County Department of Public Health meetings related to policy and practice.

**Organization**  Regional Health Equity Council – Region IX  
**Location**  Las Vegas, NV  

**Project Description:** The Pacific and Southwest Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC IX) is one of ten regional health equity councils in the US formed in 2011 as part of the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA), a multi-sector community- and partnership-driven effort on behalf of health equity, spearheaded by the Office of Minority Health. RHEC IX aims to be effective agents of change to eliminate health disparities and achieve the highest possible level of health for all communities in the region. The Health Equity Fellow will assist the Access to Care Committee in conducting an assessment of access to care issues among Region IX. The fellow will work directly with members of the Access to Care Committee which will focus on assessing the following topic areas within the region: coverage, services, timeliness and workforce. An assessment of these areas will help inform solutions, decisions, practices and policies that can aid in reducing existing disparities in health. The Fellow will contribute to the development of an Environmental Scan for the region focusing on the components of access to care.
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