DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Minnesota Health Equity Networks

As COVID-19 response activities continue and recovery activities ramp up, our public health partnerships will need to build on successes and address the clear inequities that have long existed in all our communities across the state.

The Minnesota Health Equity Networks **connect**, **strengthen**, and **amplify** health equity efforts and community issues using a regional and relational approach. The Networks are a cooperative and evolving community of support for local public health, Tribal public health, and community organizations to address longstanding and emerging health equity issues.



Health equity is achieved when systems truly support all people and communities to have the opportunity to be as healthy as possible no matter who they are or where they live. This requires understanding the social inequities that impact health in each region, and actively working on those inequities.

Every region, community, and Tribal nation experience different inequities and require different solutions.



CONNECT WITH NETWORK COORDINATORS

Six regional network coordinators will work alongside regional public health, community organizations, and Tribal partners to build relationships; support existing work and activities that build capacity; provide a space to share expertise; provide resources; and influence policy, structural, and system changes to provide the best health and wellness outcomes for all. These regions are not strictly defined; please connect with the coordinator in the region with which you identify.

To connect your coordinator, visit www.health.state.mn.us/equitynetworks



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CONNECT

The networks act as a hub connecting and strengthening relationships of local public health, Tribal public health, community organizations, and others advancing health equity.

STRENGTHEN

We strengthen our communities' capacity to work on health inequities and advance health equity through training, technical assistance, and skills development.

AMPLIFY

We amplify the interconnected work of communities and public health systems. We support the local and Tribal public health systems to prioritize community solutions and engage with communities.

Our work within each region

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

Coordinators host monthly gatherings centered on relationship building and topics and issues impacting local communities, with opportunities for training, dialogue, and collaboration relevant to your region.

SHOWCASING CONNECTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

At network gatherings, members highlight stories of collaboration, connection, and how different partners advance equity in local communities and Tribal communities.

MAPPING A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OF EQUITY

This **online** community and network will help members strengthen relationships across the state and across public health and community health issues in order to build on new and existing connections and partnerships to advance equity and create a broader sense of community.



Resources supporting the networks

FUNDING

The networks support and strengthen community innovation by funding projects that advance local and regional approaches. This funding will be accessible to community organizations, Tribal governments, local public health, and others advancing health equity in their communities.

TRAINING AND CONSULTATION

Through regional meetings and cohort-style learning opportunities, we will strengthen the capacity of partners around a variety of health equity and community engagement topics. Members have access to 1-to-1 consultation on specific issues important to them.

Join your local network and connect with others as dedicated as you! www.health.state.mn.us/equitynetworks



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