

The Health Disparities Collaboratives: *Enhancing Quality and Reducing Disparities*

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The Disparity Reducing Advances Project



The Logic of the DRA Project

- Health disparities in the U.S. are significant
- They are not perceived by most in the U.S.
- Pursuit of equity (fairness) is a trend, like civil rights, anti-slavery and women's rights, that will take time and support, but can be accelerated
- Commitment to Health Equity growing: Healthy People 2010, IOM's Crossing the Chasm & Unequal Treatment Reports; RWJF & other foundations; WHO
- There will be disparity reducing advances – which can be identified and accelerated
- The DRA Project, using the DRA Partner Network and those we affect, can do this.





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The 8 Disparity Reducing Advances from the DRA Project

Public Health

1. Refocusing on the Community and Social Determinants of Health & Disparities
2. Healthy Eating/Active Living (HEAL)– lessons on reducing disparities
3. Obesity Prevention in Schools
4. Reach U.S.

Health Care

- 5. The Expanded Care Model/Health Disparities Collaboratives**
6. Integrative Primary Care
7. Navigators
8. Continuous Passive Biomonitoring

Health Disparities Collaboratives

- Ten years of experience bringing improved quality to community health centers and their populations – from diabetes, cancer and other diseases, though the business and clinical operations of the community health centers, to prevention, and community systems.
- The collaboratives are one of the most significant systematic quality improvement efforts in health care
- Represent an enhanced “Medical Home” – a Comprehensive Health Home

Health Disparities Collaboratives/ Expanded Care Model

- Continue to evolve – From the underlying Chronic Care Model to the Expanded Care Model
 - Beyond single diseases, considering the whole person, the delivery systems and community systems
 - Consider the role of community health centers in leveraging the social determinants of health and appropriate use of complementary and alternative medicine and integrative medicine.
- They are a significant “Disparity Reducing Advance”

Today's Speakers

- ***David M. Stevens, MD***, Associate Medical Director & Director of the Quality Center, National Association of Community Health Centers; & Research Professor, Department of Health Policy, George Washington School of Public Health and Health Services
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