



ABOUT THE DIABETES COUNCIL

Opportunities for Engagement and National Leadership

What Our Members Say

“The Diabetes Council provides opportunities to connect with and learn from diabetes programs in other states via member calls, webinars, and communities of practice.”

“Networking with colleagues across the country helps us find common solutions to achieve better outcomes.”

“The Diabetes Council is an essential bridge between local work and the CDC. It becomes a national effort, rather than a single state’s work.”

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Diabetes Council includes more than 270 Members. The Council supports State Health Departments in implementing diabetes prevention and control strategies funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Diabetes Translation DPI8-1815 and DPI8-1817 cooperative agreements.

DP18-1815: CDC funded 50 states and the District of Columbia to improve the health of Americans through prevention and management of diabetes and heart disease and stroke.

DP18-1817: CDC granted 29 awards to State and Local Health Departments to design, test, and evaluate innovative approaches to address the significant national health problems of diabetes and heart disease and stroke.

NACDD works collaboratively with CDC to help ensure that Diabetes Council activities align with national objectives. State Health Department staff working in diabetes automatically are Members of the Diabetes Council. Members who become actively involved in the Diabetes Council benefit from access to networking, trainings, and other opportunities that support implementation of diabetes objectives.

Benefits for Diabetes Council Members

- Leadership and professional development opportunities
- National webinars on emerging topics
- Mentoring opportunities for guides and learners
- Learning communities to exchange ideas with peers in other states
- Travel scholarships to attend workshops and conferences
- Networking with colleagues from across the United States

About the Diabetes Council Leadership Group

The Diabetes Council is led by the Leadership Group, an elected body of representatives from State Health Departments. The Leadership Group acts as a collective voice for change, inspiring strategic action for diabetes prevention and control. The Leadership Group is a conduit between the CDC and State Health Departments, making it easier for states to fulfill grant requirements and achieve success. The Leadership Group includes liaisons that meet with other NACDD committees or external organizations that may bring value to the Diabetes Council. Liaisons help identify cross-cutting issues, support

information sharing, and leverage opportunities for collaboration. NACDD provides guidance, fosters leadership, and enables the Leadership Group to set and achieve goals that benefit all State Health Departments.

Diabetes Council Leadership Group Elected Positions

- Executive Team: Chair, Chair Elect, and Immediate Past Chair (3)
- Co-Chairs: Professional Development Workgroup (2)
- Co-Chairs: Mentoring Workgroup (2)
- Liaisons: Board of Directors, Learning and Professional Development Committee, Cardiovascular Health Advisory Council, Health Equity Council, Government Affairs and the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance, Epidemiology and Evaluation Collaborative, Outreach and Member Engagement (7)

Leadership Group Achievements

- Provided input on proposed rules for the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program and on the proposed 2018 Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program standards for the National DPP lifestyle change program.
- Prepared [FAQs on the USPSTF recommendation](#) for screening for abnormal blood glucose and type 2 diabetes.
- In collaboration with CDC, coordinated webinars on topics important to State Health Departments:
 - [Diabetes Prevention Impact Toolkit](#)
 - [Engagement Strategies for National DPP Lifestyle Change Programs Spotlighting Session Zero](#)
 - [Medicaid Coverage of DSMES Part 1: Obtaining Coverage](#)
 - [Medicaid Coverage of DSMES Part 2: Increasing Participation](#)
 - [NACDD Diabetes Council General Member Webinar: The Collective Impact of I305 and I422](#)

Become active in the [Diabetes Council](#) and consider running for an elected position on the [Leadership Group](#).

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Since 1988, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and its more than 7,000 Members have worked to strengthen state-based leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control in all states, territories, and nationally. Learn more at chronicdisease.org.

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