

What Our Leadership Group 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.”

Learn More

Listen to [short audio clips](#) from past and current Leadership Group Members about the value that participating in the Leadership Group brings to their 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 management strategies funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Diabetes Translation 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 management. The Leadership Group is a conduit between 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 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, Cardiovascular Health Advisory Council, Health Equity Council, Government Affairs Forum and Diabetes Advocacy Alliance, Outreach and Member Engagement (6)

Leadership Group Achievements

- Provided input on proposed rules for the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program and on the proposed 2021 Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program standards for the National DPP lifestyle change program.
- Developed a [Working with Third-Party Organizations Fact Sheet](#) that provides a brief introduction to what a third-party organization is and how working with one may support the sustainability of organizations delivering the National DPP.
- 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:
 - [Telehealth Tips and Tools for 1815/1817 Recipients](#)
 - [Using Clinical Decision Support to Promote Early Detection of Chronic Kidney Disease](#)
 - [Medicaid Coverage of Diabetes Self-Management Education and Training: Obtaining Coverage](#)

Become active in the [Diabetes Council](#) by running for an elected position on the Leadership Group or participating in a Workgroup.

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Since 1988, 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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