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
- [Peer-to-Peer](#) 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 Council, Health Equity Council, Government Affairs Forum and Diabetes Advocacy Alliance, Evaluation Peer Network, Outreach and Member Engagement (7)

Leadership Group and Workgroup Achievements
- Prepared [FAQs on the USPSTF recommendation](#) for screening for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes.
- In coordination with NACDD and CDC, provided input on the process for gathering 1815/1817 recipient input on current and future diabetes strategies.
- Provided public comments national policies such as the USPSTF Recommendation for Screening for Prediabetes and Type 2 Diabetes and the fiscal year 2021 Physician Fee Schedule on Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program proposed rule changes.
- Coordinated webinars in collaboration with CDC on topics important to State Health Departments:
  - Diabetes Council Workplan Clinics
  - Your Prescription for Success with Pharmacies, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)
  - [Unlocking your Leadership Potential](#)
  - [Telehealth Tips and Tools for 1815/1817 Recipients](#)

**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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