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Cardiovascular Health (CVH) Council



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The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) and its more than 7,000 Members seek to strengthen state-based leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control in states and nationally. Established in 1988, in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NACDD is the only membership association of its kind to serve and represent every chronic disease division in all states and U.S. territories. For more information, visit chronicdisease.org.



Welcome to the CVH Council

Thank you for your interest in the Cardiovascular Health Council (CVH Council)! The CVH Council is a virtual network of *all* CDC-funded state and local partners and their contractors addressing cardiovascular disease prevention and management. The CVH Council supports training, identifies learning opportunities, and facilitates meaningful connections among state and local health departments. The CVH Council also provides the cardiovascular health perspective to other NACDD councils, CDC leadership, and national partners.

CVH Council Meetings

The CVH Council meets quarterly. These calls are open to all members of the CVH Council. Registration information is shared through *Off the Cuff*.

Off the Cuff, our weekly e-newsletter, is a compilation of timely information and announcements that are relevant to those working on CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention funded programs. *Off the Cuff* is distributed weekly and includes:

- updates from the CVH Council, including peer sharing opportunities such as CVH Area Network calls
- upcoming webinars
- useful resources from national and state partners
- sections pertinent to the CDC-funded programs
- section for health department staff questions for their colleagues
- podcast episodes from the Heart of the Matter Podcast series



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You will begin receiving OTC within two weeks.

NACDD Membership

We encourage you to check out the **NACDD 2023 Member Guide**, [Sowing the Seeds of Health for Justice](#), which includes an enhanced collection of resources on racial and health equity to help Members respond more effectively to chronic disease burdens in the United States.

For more information about the Cardiovascular portfolio at NACDD, please visit the [CVH website](#). If you have any questions, please let us know! Our CVH team is happy to assist in any way that we can. We look forward to working with you.



CVH Council Overview

What is the CVH Council?

The NACDD CVH Council is a virtual network of all state and local partners – program staff, program evaluators, epidemiologists – working with CDC-funded cardiovascular cooperative agreements. The NACDD CVH Team convenes CDC-funded programs related to cardiovascular health and identifies synergies and overlapping priority areas across these programs.

What is the purpose of the CVH Council?

The Purpose of the CVH Council is to:

1. Connect CDC-funded health departments working on heart disease and stroke prevention with each other in meaningful ways to share best practices, ideas, challenges, and solutions.
2. Identify synergies and emerging issues that arise from the CVH Area Network and other NACDD related councils to overlapping priority areas, such as health equity and racial justice; enhancing collaboration with community health workers; and working with pharmacists, hospitals and health systems.
3. Provide learning opportunities across the CVH Area Network by contributing to webinars, podcasts, and other innovative learning opportunities.

Quotes from CVH Members

“You are going to find a partner that’s going to help you get the best possible outcome for the problem.”

“Outside of the CVH Council I would not have had....a forum or network of people for me to be able to connect to different states and what they’re doing.”

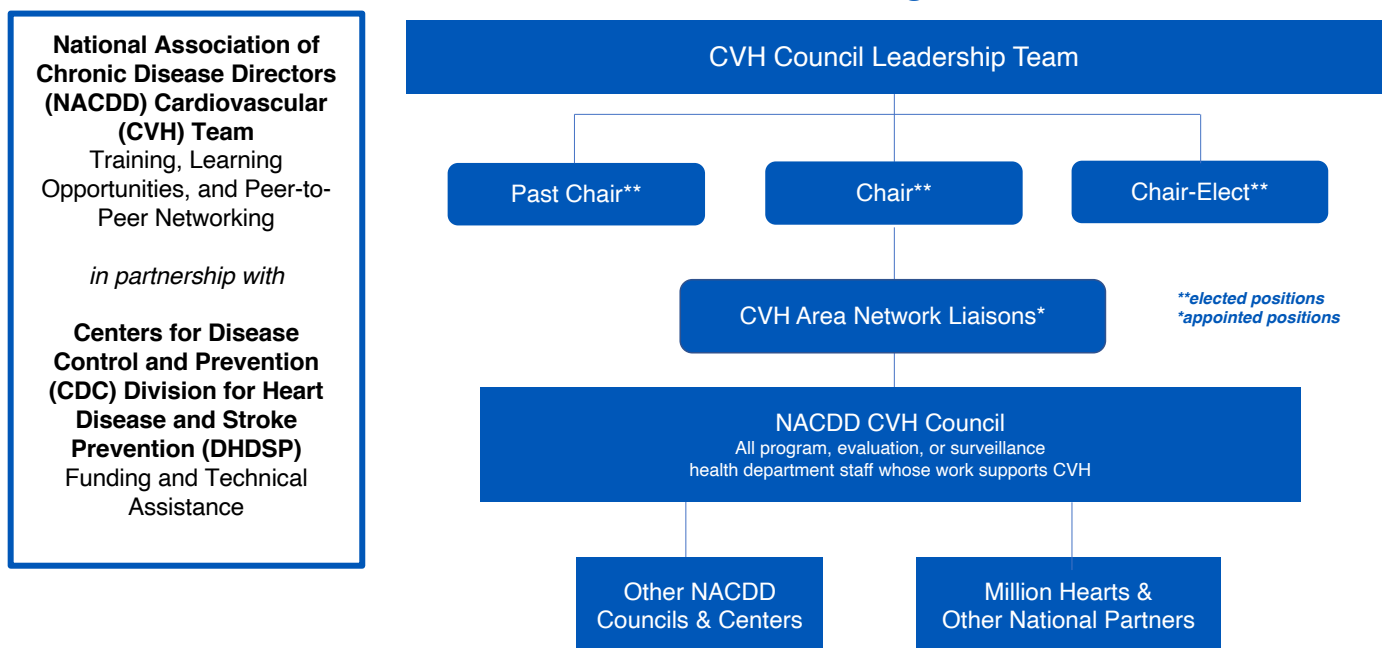
“The Council can provide a network for that state to ask questions to be able to show off their highlights to address potential challenges they’re having.”

“It’s nice because there’s just so much sharing and opportunity to learn and move back and forth with each other.”

CVH Council Roles

- CVH Council Leadership Team Members** are elected or appointed by members of the NACDD CVH Council. The CVH Council Leadership Team meets monthly and develops agendas for quarterly meetings, identifies synergies, suggests topics for webinars and other methods to enhance sharing information among funded sites. The Leadership Team is made up of the following positions:
 - Chair-Elect
 - Chair
 - Past Chair
 - Health Equity Liaison (Liaison to NACDD's Health Equity Council)
 - CVH Area Network Liaisons** build connections within geographic areas (see map) through quarterly calls. The intent of these calls is to facilitate the sharing of promising ideas and state-developed resources among those working on cardiovascular programs. Based on information shared during network meetings, the CVH Area Network Liaisons will help inform and improve the CVH Council, NACDD, and CDC supports for cardiovascular efforts.
- NACDD** provides training, learning opportunities, and peer-to-peer networking through the CVH Council.
- CDC** provides program funding and technical assistance to members of the CVH Council.

CVH Council Organizational Chart



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Helpful Links

To learn more about NACDD, we encourage you to view these current resources:

- **NACDD CVH Webpage:** chronicdisease.org/page/cardiovascularhealth
- **NACDD At-A-Glance Factsheet:** chronicdisease.org/nacdd-2021-at-a-glance-fact-sheet
- **NACDD 2023 Member Guide:** chronicdisease.org/2023-member-guide-sowing-seeds-of-health-for-justice
- **NACDD Annual Report:** chronicdisease.org/fy-2021-annual-report
- **NACDD Communications Guide:** chronicdisease.org/page/communications
- **NACDD Social Justice Framework:** chronicdisease.org/nacdd-social-justice-framework