

## ABOUT THE DIABETES COUNCIL

Opportunities for Engagement  
and National Leadership

### 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 and webinars.”

“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 serves over 270 State Health Department (SHD) Staff working on diabetes strategies. The Council is member led and driven, so SHD members determine yearly priorities that meet cross-cutting state needs and works collaboratively with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Diabetes Translation. The purpose of the Diabetes Council is to provide an opportunity for SHD members to connect, inspire innovation, and advocate for diabetes prevention and management and strengthen their ability as leaders in public health.

The collaboration between NACDD and the CDC supports State Health Departments as they implement activities to support diabetes prevention and management. Through this teamwork, NACDD’s Diabetes Council strengthens the nation’s public health initiatives, aiming for a healthier and more resilient future for all Americans.

### Who are Diabetes Council Members

As part of NACDD’s General Membership, State Health Department staff working in diabetes can participate as members of the Diabetes Council. Public health professionals in places other than State Health Departments working in diabetes, such as students, retired State Health Department Staff, and others, may join NACDD as [Associate Members](#) and can participate in some Diabetes Council offerings. 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
- 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, 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 priorities 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: Mentoring Workgroup (2)
- Co-Chairs: Professional Development Workgroup(2)
- Liaisons: Learning and Professional Development, Cardiovascular Health Council, Government Affairs Forum and Diabetes Advocacy Alliance, Outreach and Member Engagement (4)

## Leadership Group and Workgroup Achievements

- Prepared Public Comments for the 2024 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule and the National Diabetes Prevention Program 2024 Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program (DPRP) Standards Changes
- Coordinated webinars in collaboration with CDC on topics important to State Health Departments.

**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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