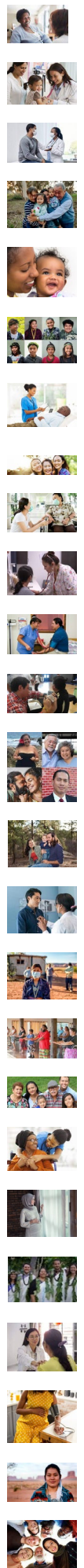
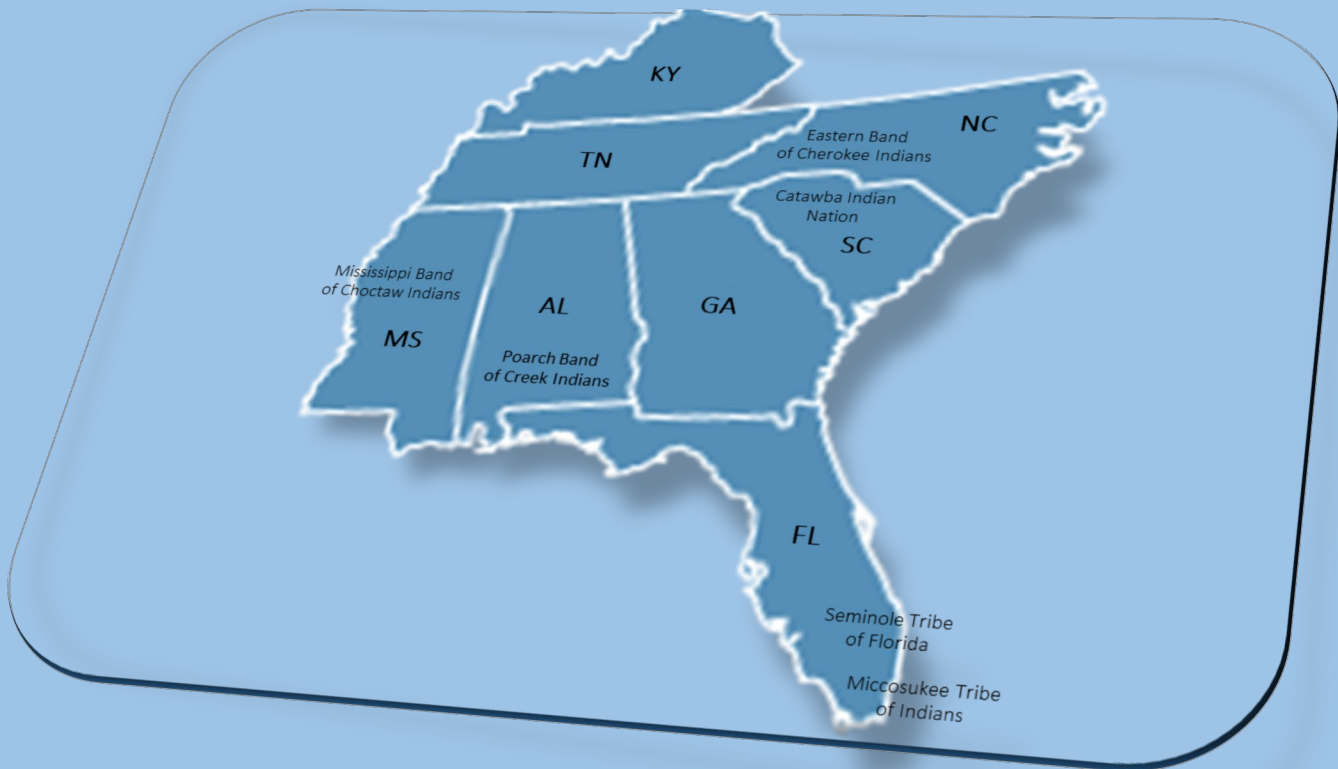


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Council Overview

In the Spring of 2021, the Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary (OASH), Office of Regional Health Operations (ORHO), Region 4 Health Office initiated the Region 4 Health Equity Council (HEC). The initial focus of the council was to support the equitable distribution of the coronavirus vaccine. The purpose of the council was to continue to gain situational awareness of vaccine efforts across the region, determine current jurisdictional needs, and identify/connect HHS resources to fill those needs. Given the priority HHS and the Administration has placed on health equity, the scope of the council has broadened to address health inequities that go beyond COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

Our members come from a wide array of HHS Operating Divisions (OpDivs) and other federal partners: (IEA, OASH, ASPR, ACF, ACL, CDC, CMS, HRSA, FDA, IHS, OCR, SAMSHA, USDA); EPA, FTA, HUD, and FEMA. This diversity of federal agency expertise significantly enhances our support of the states in Region 4. The Region 4 HEC emphasizes the following principles: collaboration, solution focused, and outcome driven.

Collaboration: Many federal agencies were given a charge to address health equity. The council harmonized federal regional efforts with an aim to strategically support multi-agency efforts and engage non-federal stakeholders. Members of the council shared their initiatives/priorities and partners with other agencies to amplify efforts.

Solution Focused: This process was driven by the jurisdiction's identified challenges that enabled the council to rapidly provide resources and support to address them. Jurisdictions were asked on a recurring basis (e.g. weekly) to identify 1-2 areas where they could use federal support in reaching vulnerable populations. The council reviewed those requests, assessed how the federal agencies could meet them with existing programs/policies, and determined how to address each challenge. The council's actions were bolstered by the ability to bring in new resources that were made available to support vaccine administration.

Outcome driven: This process was driven by the data demonstrating disparities not only in vaccine administration but also in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths resulting from coronavirus infection. The council reviewed the collection of data demonstrating the disparities, developed equity goals, and monitored progress in achieving them. Moreover, these data analyses drove further action to assist in achieving health equity outcomes.

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While I Have Your Attention: Unmasking and Addressing Health Inequities

September 13-14, 2022

Goal: To provide a forum for discussing and sharing innovative solutions and best practices for progressing health equity within the region.

Objectives/Outcomes:

- Promote collaboration and strengthen cross-sectoral partnerships to promote and enhance health equity
- Highlight innovative approaches, policies, and strategies for advancing health equity at multiple levels
- Highlight innovative state and local programs addressing health equity (with emphasis on federally funded)
- Share and discuss opportunities to build upon lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic
- Develop and disseminate a document summarizing approaches, policies, and strategies shared; as well as contact information to further promote collaboration, adaptation, and implementation of best/promising practices

Agenda

September 13, 2022	
9:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <p>Speakers: John Gilford, PhD HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Antrell Tyson, Esq HHS Regional Director-Region 4</p> <p>ADM Rachel L. Levine Assistant Secretary for Health Video Welcome Message</p>
9:15 a.m.	<p>Introduction of Plenary Speaker</p> <p>John Gilford, PhD HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Plenary Speaker:</p> <p>Speaker: Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH President of Health and Human Services for Indelible Business Solutions</p>
10:00 a.m.	<p>Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services</p> <p>Speakers: Sherard McKie, JD, MSW Regional Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Darci L. Graves, MPP, MA, MA Special Assistant to the Director CMS Office of Minority Health</p> <p><i>Objective: Funding and implemented program/activity around health equity</i></p>
10:45 a.m.	<p>Break</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>Indian Health Services</p> <p>Speaker: Olivia Beckman, MD, MPH, MHA Bemidji Area of IHS Chief Medical Officer</p> <p><i>Objective: Tribal activity tied to initiatives implemented or planned to enhance health equity</i></p>

Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<p>Office of Regional Health Operations</p> <p>Speaker: David M. Johnson, MPH Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Office of Regional Health Operations</p> <p><i>Objective: Funding opportunities for CBOs/FBOs that will aide them in implementing or planning initiatives that will enhance health equity/how to apply</i></p>
1:30 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Session I: Ensuring Equitable Access to Essential Health Care and Support Services Without Stigma</p> <p>Behavioral Health Speaker: Malinda Hochuli, LCSW Sr. Manager of Clinical Quality & Care Model Eleanor Health</p> <p>Deann Butler, DHA, MA, MHA, MBA Head of Learning and Organizational Development, Member of Black Eleanor, ERG Eleanor Health</p> <p>Lindsay Larris, MSW, LCSW, LCADC Clinic Operations Manager, President of Diversity Committee, Member of PRIDE Committee, ERG Eleanor Health (NJ Market)</p> <p>Brittany Ray, MPH Health Advocate, President of Black Lives Matter Committee, Member of PRIDE Committee, ERG Eleanor Health (Louisiana Market)</p> <p><i>Title: Health Equity in Action: Eleanor Health’s Approach to Racism, Equity, and Diversity in Healthcare</i></p> <p>Harm Reduction Speaker: Marc Burrows, MSW, LMSW, CPRS, ADC-P Program Director Challenges Inc.</p> <p><i>Title: Creativity for Harm Reduction in the South</i></p>
2:30 p.m.	Break

<p>2:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Concurrent Session II: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic</p> <p>Vaccine Confidence/Immunization/COVID-19 Speaker: Shauvon Simmons-Wright, M.Ed. Director, Special Projects Alliance for Healthier Generation</p> <p>Leah Ferguson, DrPH Associate Director of Evaluation Alliance for a Healthier Generation</p> <p>Victor D. Sutton, PhD, MPPA Director, Preventive Health & Health Equity Principle Investigator, Community Engagement Center, Jackson Heart Study COVID-19, Health Disparity State Team Lead Mississippi State Department for Health</p> <p>Nikki Johnson, DrPH, MPH Director, Special Projects Mississippi Department for Health</p> <p><i>Title: Office of Preventive Health and Health Equity “Strengthening Communities”</i></p> <p>Emergency Preparedness and Response Speaker: April Sells Tribal Emergency Services Director Poarch Band of Creek Indians</p> <p><i>Title: Tribal Plan & Best Practices Implemented in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic</i></p>
<p>3:40 p.m.</p>	<p>Closing Thoughts/Adjournment</p> <p>Speaker: CAPT Jennifer Bornemann, LCSW-C, BCD</p>
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September 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Review from Day 1</p> <p>Speaker: Jacqueline Mull (Acting) Region 4 Regional Administrator Administration for Children and Families</p>
9:15 a.m.	<p>Department of Housing and Urban Development</p> <p>Speakers: Jonnette Hawkins Simmons Senior Technical Assistance Specialist Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</p> <p><i>Objective: To provide an overview of the Notices of Funding Opportunity available through HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to remediate lead paint and healthy homes hazards in eligible housing, and support research to improve housing-related health and safety hazards.</i></p>
10:00 a.m.	<p>Health Resources and Services Administration</p> <p>Moderator: Natalie Brevard Perry, MN, MPH, FNP Regional Administrator Atlanta Regional Office, HRSA</p> <p>Speakers: Adam Barefoot, DMD, MPH (Oral Health) Chief Dental Officer Office of Special Health Initiatives, HRSA</p> <p>Patsy Cunningham, MA, NCC, LCPC (Behavioral Health) Behavioral Health Advisor Office of Special Health Initiatives, HRSA</p> <p>CDR Johannie G. Escarne, MPH (Maternal Health) Senior Advisor Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA</p> <p>Angela Sheffie, MPA (Workforce Development) Regional Supervisor, Atlanta Division of Regional Operations Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA</p>

	<p><i>Objective: The panel will highlight HRSA investments and resources designed to develop the healthcare workforce and achieve health equity in oral, behavioral, and maternal health.</i></p>
<p>10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Concurrent Session III: Impact of Health Equity on Environmental Justice Issues</p> <p>Environmental Health/Environmental Justice, Climate Change Speaker: Jordan Jones, MBA Administrative Assistant CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Keaura K. Looney, MAEd, CHES® Health Equity Program Manager CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Alyssa Jai Patterson, MSGH Health Equity Program Manager CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Jeenal Bhupesh Patel, MSPH Environmental Health Specialist CDC Foundation, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH)</p> <p>Arturo Menefee, PhD Director of Leadership Development The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development</p> <p>Sherry Bradley, MPA Director, Bureau of Environmental Services Alabama Department of Public Health</p> <p><i>Title: Unincorporated Communities: Building Wastewater Infrastructure as though People Matter</i></p> <p>Environmental Health/Environmental Justice in Communities Speaker: Jeannie Williamson College/Underserved Community Partnership Program U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4</p> <p>Ikenna Okoro Columbia University Graduate '22 Morehouse College Project IMHOTEP</p>

	<p>Sophia Lamb Masters of Public Health Student Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University and Georgia Climate Project</p> <p><i>Title: EPA R4's College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) Partners with Universities to Assist Underserved Communities within the Region</i></p>
Noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	<p>Introduction of Plenary Speaker</p> <p>John Gilford, PhD HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p> <p>Plenary Speaker:</p> <p>Speaker: Tabia Henry Akintobi, PhD, MPH Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Dean of Community Engagement, and Principal Investigator and Director of the Prevention Research Center Morehouse School of Medicine</p>
2:00 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Session IV: Eliminating Barriers to Services and Care</p> <p>Workforce/Community Health Workers Speaker: Honey Yang Estrada, MPH, CHW President North Carolina Community Health Worker Association</p> <p>Norma Duran Brown Executive Director Unmet Needs in Equity vs Transformational Empowerment (UNETE)</p> <p><i>Title: Community Health Workers</i></p> <p>Inequitable Access Speakers: Natalie Hernandez, PhD, MPH Executive Director Morehouse Center for Maternity Health & Equity</p> <p>Kenneth Braswell, Sr. Executive Director Fathers Incorporated</p>

	<p><i>Title: The Impact of Failing to Provide Access to Culturally Sensitive Maternity Service to African American Women</i></p>
3:00 p.m.	<p>Concurrent Session V: Using Policy and Evidence to “Bridge the Gap”</p> <p>Health Policy & Advocacy Speaker: Shirley E. “Bella” Borghi Executive Director & Vice Chairman Hispanic Health Coalition of Georgia, Inc.</p> <p><i>Title: Identifying and Addressing Health Inequities in the Hispanic/Latino Communities</i></p> <p>Research/Evaluation Speaker: Bruce Wright Community Health Worker Supervisor South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control</p> <p>Jennifer Almeda, PhD Public Health Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer Director South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control</p> <p><i>Title: Investigating and Evaluating Practices for Improvement at the Regional and State Levels: Two Cases from SC DHEC’s Community Health Workers and Public Health DEI Office</i></p>
4:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Thoughts/Adjournment</p> <p>Speaker: John Gilford, PhD, HHS Regional Health Administrator-Region 4</p>

