

# Synthesis of HRSA’s Efforts and Accomplishments to Eliminate Health Disparities

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

## Project Overview

The purpose of this project was to develop a comprehensive inventory of the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) activities, initiatives, accomplishments, and data sources to reduce and eliminate racial/ethnic health disparities. Although there were many programmatic efforts, initiatives, and accomplishments within HRSA aimed at eliminating health disparities, there was no comprehensive inventory to describe these efforts. The goal of this project was to develop an up-to-date, comprehensive summary of the health disparities-focused initiatives. This included the title of the initiative; the HRSA Bureau or Office; the target population; the accomplishments; the HRSA goal that the initiative met; the National Action Plan goal that the initiative addressed; barriers to implementation; and the potential role in which the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHHD) could help. Additionally, Insight developed a summary description of the various databases throughout HRSA that could be used to conduct analyses that would assist in the elimination of racial/ethnic health disparities.



This project included 6 primary components:

- Develop and populate an Access database with program initiatives to date.
- Review and synthesize all current information including program information, grantee applications and progress reports, and online information from each Agency.
- Conduct a survey of division and office directors from each of HRSA’s 6 Bureaus and Offices.
- Conduct in-person, in-depth interviews with leaders from each of HRSA’s 6 Bureaus.
- Develop a detailed written summary of all HRSA activities and accomplishments.

The final database is used by OMHHD in reporting HRSA activities and monitoring improvements in the reduction of health disparities over time.

## Core Activities

Literature Reviews and Environmental Scans;  
Qualitative Research; Survey Design and Implementation;  
Database Development

INVENTORY OF HRSA'S EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES					
HRSA Bureau/Office:		Name:		Email:	
HRSA Division:		Phone Number:		Title:	
Program Name:					
Types of Grantee Orgs or Awardees:					
Target Population(s):					
<p>Please list all current activities that your office/bureau has been involved in over the past year that meet HRSA Goal #4: Eliminate Health Disparities (whether or not there are current outcomes). If there are more than five activities, please add rows to this table or place these activities on a separate sheet of paper. Guidance: Health disparities activities include: 1) Directing resources and services addressing health disparities; 2) Promoting outreach efforts to reach populations affected by health disparities; 3) Promoting the development of a culturally and linguistically diverse and representative health care workforce; 4) Increasing the use of preventative health care and chronic disease management services, among underserved populations; 5) Increasing awareness of health disparities; 6) Strengthening leadership for addressing health disparities; 7) Improving patient-provider communication; 8) Improving cultural, linguistic competency or health literacy, and/or 9) Improving development and use of evaluations.</p>					
Activity to Reduce or Eliminate Health Disparities	Goal(s) (HRSA, NAA)	Output/Outcome (planned or achieved)	For what purpose do you use the output/outcome information? (e.g. policy, funding, patient care)	Does the output involve information technology? (If yes, briefly explain, e.g. Databases, EMR's, Electronic communication)	Does the activity address cultural, linguistic competency or health literacy? (If yes, briefly explain)

## Products

Insight provided a comprehensive database of health disparities activities, along with available databases for researching health disparities, to OMHHD for internal use and application.