

CAC Member Learning Series: The Social Determinants of Health & Equity

The [Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\) Transformation Center](#) recently hosted a learning series for CAC members on the social determinants of health & equity. This learning series was held in support of:

- OHA's goal to eliminate health disparities across Oregon by 2030;
- The contractual requirements for CACs in addressing the social determinants of health & equity

Learning Series Objectives

Provide a space for CAC members to:

- Discuss how they are currently addressing the social determinants of health & equity
- Learn about additional strategies and tools to center equity in their CAC's work

Session Materials

How CAC members can prioritize health equity.

Presenter: Ignatius Bau, health equity consultant.

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)

Applying an equity lens when reviewing community spending requests.

Presenter: Niyati Desai, Oregon Community Foundation.

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)

Community Health Assessments (CHAs): Making sense of health disparities.

Presenter: Lisa Ladendorff, Northeast Oregon Network.

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Handout: Strategies to address health equity data challenges](#)
- [Handout: Community Health Needs Assessment – Health Indicators](#)
- [Handout: Social determinants of health & equity learning series terms](#)
- [Jamboard activity \(data gaps\)](#)

Community Health Improvement Plans (CHPs): Evidence-based strategies to address the social determinants of health & equity.

Presenter: Lisa Ladendorff, Northeast Oregon Network.

- [Recording](#)
- [Slides](#)
- [Handout: 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan At-A-Glance](#)
- [Jamboard activity \(Pros and cons of evidence-based interventions\)](#)

KEY TERMS

The **social determinants of health** are the social, economic and environmental conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live and age, and are shaped by the social determinants of equity. These conditions significantly impact length and quality of life and contribute to health inequities.

Health inequities are differences in health that are not only unnecessary and avoidable but, in addition, are considered unfair and unjust. Health inequities are rooted in social injustices that make some population groups more vulnerable to poor health than other groups.

OHA **health equity** definition: Oregon will have established a health system that creates health equity when all people can reach their full health potential and well-being and are not disadvantaged by their race, ethnicity, language, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, intersections among these communities or identities, or other socially determined circumstances.

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