



Priority Recommendations for Future Research on Health Disparities at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability

Breakout sessions in 5 topic areas

- ❑ Health provider knowledge, attitudes, and competence
- ❑ Care coordination and navigating the healthcare system
- ❑ Health education and health promotion for individuals with disabilities
- ❑ Community engagement and empowerment strategies
- ❑ Building bridges: Including disability in the health disparities agenda



Prioritization process

- ❑ Each group generated several recommendations
- ❑ Groups selected their top three to bring back to the full conference
- ❑ Attendees selected one most important recommendation from each group
- ❑ For top five recommendations, the goal was to discuss current capacity and what is needed to move forward on each recommendation



Health provider knowledge, attitudes, and competence

Top recommendation:

- Conduct research with patients “at the intersection” and their families on effective communication strategies before, during, and after interactions with health care providers.



Care coordination and navigating the healthcare system

Top recommendation:


- What are cultural values and belief systems that may impact acceptance of care coordination services in underserved populations “at the intersection?”



Health education and health promotion for individuals with disabilities

Top recommendation:

- Have RFAs (grant and funding opportunities) focus on issues “at the intersection” and have people “at the intersection” participate on review boards and panels.



Community engagement and empowerment strategies

Top recommendation:

- Conduct research that explores the area of health navigators (and other intervention models) for people with disabilities “at the intersection” and how they impact community engagement, health outcomes, and system and fiscal performance.



Building bridges: Including disability in the health disparities agenda

Top recommendation:

- Conduct research using a life course framework that examines the social determinates of health for people at the intersection and their families.



Readiness to implement

- How readily can each of these top 5 recommendations be implemented?
- Think about:
 - 1) Current capacity
 - 2) Available data
 - 3) Funding
 - 4) Key partnerships
 - 5) Political climate
 - 6) Policy significance



How ready are we to move forward?

1. Not at all ready, highest need for capacity building
2. Low readiness, high need for capacity building
3. Moderately ready, moderate need to build capacity
4. High readiness, strong capacity

Next steps

- Look at importance ratings for all 15 recommendations prioritized by the breakout groups
- Continued thought and discussion about what needs to happen in order to implement these recommendations