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Mission

The mission of the Ad Hoc Committee on Health Equity (HEC) is to advance health equity and reduce disparities, with a particular focus on addressing the systems, policies, regulations, and institutions that promote and maintain inequities and the resulting adverse health conditions and outcomes among marginalized communities and populations. Within its purview, the committee will:

- Promote the application of psychological knowledge to the health and health equity of individuals, communities, organizations and institutions, with special attention to the influences and intersectionalities of discrimination, poverty, stigma, racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, ageism, and xenophobia, and other marginalized populations, in science, practice, and policy.
- Provide strong and visible advocacy for a scientific agenda on health equity issues and contribute to the formulation and support of public policies and associated regulations that promote optimal health and health equity, while expanding scientific understanding of health equity and populations experiencing health disparities/inequities.
- Promote access to and value of psychological practice by advocating for health equity policies that address the unmet needs for underserved and marginalized communities and populations.
- Promote inclusion of knowledge about health equity and social determinants of health in all levels of education, including Pre-K to 12, undergraduate, graduate, training programs, continuing education, and professional development of psychologists.
- Develop and disseminate information concerning the scientific findings and practice implications of health equity issues.
- Serve as a visible focus for the coordination of information among groups within APA that address health equity issues and offer consultation to relevant APA Central Office, APA boards and committees, divisions, as well as state, provincial and territorial psychological associations.

Meeting Dates

All Committee meetings convened on the third Thursday of each month for approximately one hour.

Membership

Kisha B. Holden, Ph.D. (Chair); Eboni C. Winford, Ph.D. (Chair-Elect); Kristina Hood, Ph.D.; Ezer Kang, Ph.D.; Norman Kim, Ph.D.; Shannon La Cava, PsyD; William Jahmal Miller; Royleen Ross, Ph.D.

Statement of Diversity Representation within the Committee

HEC continues to have diverse representation within its membership. Specifically, in 2023, 75 percent of HEC members self-identified as people of color, specifically as African American (3), Asian American (2), Native American (1).

Major Activities

There was a total of 14 activities that the Committee on Health Equity participated in or initiated in 2023.

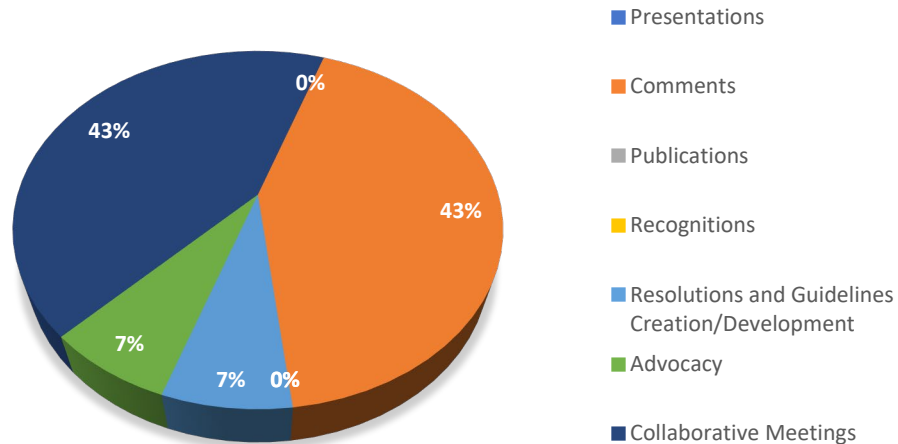
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Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	0
Comments	6
Publications	0
Recognitions	0
Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	1
Advocacy	1
Collaborative Meetings	6

Figure 1

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EQUITY 2023 Activities



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Presentations

None

Comments

Comm #1 Recommendations for psychologists should also include increased awareness of gun misuse, psychoeducation about safety measures and risk mitigation.

Comm #2 APA PTSD Guidelines

Comm #3 Extension Request for the Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology

Comm #4 APA BEA Racial Disparities Task Force Report: Racism and Bias: Their Role in Maintaining Racial Disparities in Education

Comm #5 Trauma Psychology Specialty Petition

Comm #6 Forensic Psychology Specialty Petition

Publications

None

Recognitions

None

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

R&G #1 *APA Resolution on HIV/AIDS*

As a component of the five-year APA policy review, seven policies were reviewed and submitted to APA (November 2023).

Advocacy

Event #1 Health Equity Think Tank (June 2023)

Collaborative Meetings

CM #1 *BAPPI Bias Stigma and Discrimination Plenary Meeting*

Full committee participation

CM #2 *BAPPI Bias Stigma and Discrimination Coordinator Meeting*

Full committee participation

CM #3 Spring Consolidated Meeting (Hybrid)

Full Committee participation

CM #4 *HEC/CSES Convention Social Hour*

The networking session brought together the Health Equity Committee and the Committee on Socioeconomic Status.

CM #5 *Fall Consolidated Meeting (Virtual)*

Full committee participation

CM #6 *Meeting with APA Communications Directorate*

Both the Chair and Chair-Elect attended