

Ad Hoc Committee on Health Equity
2025 Annual Report
American Psychological Association

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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

Maria Espinola, Psy.D (Chair); Randi Cheatham-Johnson, Ph.D.; Ezer Kang, Ph.D.; Norman Kim, Ph.D.; Rhianna Rogers, Ph.D. (Public-Member); Ida Salusky, Ph.D.

Major Activities

There was a total of 14 activities that the Committee on Health Equity participated in or initiated in 2025.

Table 1

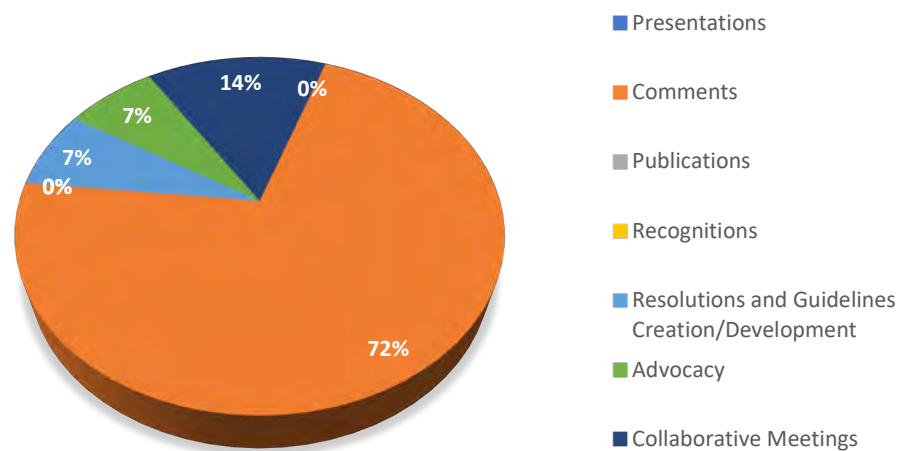
Type of Activities	# of Activities
Presentations	0
Comments	10
Publications	0
Recognitions	0

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development	1
Advocacy	1
Collaborative Meetings	2

Figure 1

14 total Presentations, Comments, Publications, Recognitions, Resolutions & Guidelines Created/Initiated, Advocacy Activities, and Collaborative Meetings.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH EQUITY 2025 Activities



Presentations

None

Comments

1. APA Policy Statement: Disability Inclusion
2. APA Policy Statement: Reconciling Traditional Wisdom
3. APA Mental Health Impacts of Stigma and Discrimination for Transgender and Gender Diverse Children and Adolescents
4. Guidelines for Psychology's Role in Pediatric to Adult Health Care Transition
5. Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychologists in the Assessment of Psychological Trauma in Adults
6. Professional Practice Guidelines: Diagnosis of Intellectual Disability in Forensic Settings
7. Call for Ethics
8. Proposed Revisions to Implementing Regulations Section A.1
9. Multicultural Guidelines: An Ecological Approach to Context, Identity, and Intersectionality, 2017
10. Resolution on Family Caregivers

Publications

None

Recognitions

None

Resolutions and Guidelines Creation/Development

1. APA Resolution on HIVAIDS

Advocacy

1. Racial Equity Fund Health Equity Grant Reviewers
2. Public Interest 2026 Priority Setting Workshops

Collaborative Meetings

1. Spring Consolidated Meeting (Hybrid)
 - a. Full Committee participation
2. HEC/CSES Convention Social Hour
 - a. The networking session brought together the Health Equity Committee and the Committee on Socioeconomic Status.