

Welcome



Chronic Disease Directors
DIABETES COUNCIL

to the **DIABETES COUNCIL**
of the **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS**
otherwise known as “NACDD”



The Diabetes Council is an independent association of people who represent state and territorial Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs (DPCPs), all of which are committed to improving the health of those affected by diabetes. The Council’s central challenge is to enhance state and territorial capacity to reduce the burden of diabetes.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE DIABETES COUNCIL?

The purpose of the Diabetes Council is to serve as a channel that DPCPs may use to advocate public policy, improve the effectiveness and efficiency of public health diabetes prevention and control programs, and enhance professional growth of the diabetes workforce in order to prevent, detect, treat and promote self-management of diabetes and its related complications.

We invite you to become involved in the Diabetes Council through participation in one of the many active committees.

THE WORK OF THE DIABETES COUNCIL

DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS TO BUILD CAPACITY:

- The Council provides an avenue through which public health DPCPs may act collectively with national, professional, governmental, and voluntary agencies and associations on issues that affect the operation and implementation of publicly funded DPCPs.
- The Council collaborates with key stakeholders to ensure that issues are represented at the state and national level.
- The Council promotes programs to prevent, detect, treat, and promote self-management of diabetes and its related complications.

FOSTERING COMMUNICATION:

- The Council evaluates and translates relevant scientific and educational developments and their implications for state and territorial programs.
- The Council provides a forum for Diabetes Council issues and activities.
- The Councils serves in a consultative role with NACDD Councils, Interest Groups and Committees.

SPEARHEADING POLICY:

- The Council formulates positions on public policy and legislation which can be sent as recommendations to the Legislative and Policy Committee of the NACDD Board of Directors.
- The Council coordinates advocacy activities and public policy statements with the Legislative and Policy Committee of the NACDD Board of Directors.
- The Council conducts legislative and policy training for members.
- The Council negotiates consensus positions on federal program administrative policies and legislation related to diabetes control and prevention.

STRENGTHENING THE CHRONIC DISEASE WORKFORCE:

- The Council develops and implements peer-to-peer programs linking new state DPCPs coordinators and directors to more experienced DPCP leaders.
- The Council provides and links members to numerous professional development opportunities.
- The Council provides members with opportunities to exchange and share ideas, strategies and methods for professional and program growth.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A MEMBER?

Regular voting membership is open to the DPCP Director/Coordinator (or his/her designee) of each eligible agency including state, territorial, district, commonwealth or tribal organizations. In addition, all staff from eligible agency DPCPs are encouraged and welcomed to serve as non-voting members.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Contact the chair of the Membership and Communications committee:

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WHO LEADS THE COUNCIL?

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WHAT ARE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL?

The Diabetes Council has developed standing and ad-hoc committees to implement the Council's strategic plan. We encourage all Diabetes Council members (any DPCP coordinator, director, or staff) to serve on one or more committees. Involvement in the Council is an excellent way to represent your DPCP while planning and implementing Council activities, gain new skills and knowledge, and network with your fellow CDC, Division of Diabetes Translation and DPCP colleagues.



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TO JOIN A COMMITTEE, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CONTACT THE COMMITTEE CHAIR. THE COMMITTEE CHAIR WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE THE INFORMATION YOU NEED.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Kate Watson, MA, MPA

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The [Steering Committee](#) functions as the liaison between the Council and CDC. The Council is accountable to the NACDD Board of Directors for fiscal matters, development of resolutions for consideration by NACDD, and for the responsibilities described in the NACDD by-laws. The Steering committee plans and oversees the activities of the Council, using the Strategic Plan to guide its efforts.

ACT ON DATA GROUP

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The [Act on Data Group](#) brings together epidemiology, evaluation, and program staff to improve access to and use of data for program planning and decision making.

Co-Chair: Kristi Pier, MPH

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The [Advocacy Committee](#) informs Council members about legislative and policy issues related to diabetes prevention and control, and provides them with the tools needed to educate decision-makers regarding these issues.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Chair: James Copeland, MHS

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The [Membership & Communications Committee](#) promotes membership for the Council; coordinates new member orientation activities; and encourages member involvement in the Council. The committee also develops and implements the Council's communication strategies of the Council. The committee uses a variety of communication vehicles to communicate to the membership and other its partner organizations.

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The [Mentoring Committee](#) oversees the Council's mentoring activities by matching states working on building their capacity to more experienced states. The Council has two primary mentoring opportunities that are coordinated by this committee: Diabetes Council Mentor Program (open to all DPCP staff) and the Diabetes Council Peer to Peer Program (open to DPCP coordinators or directors).

The purpose of the [Nominations Committee](#) is to produce a slate of officers for the Diabetes Council Steering Committee and facilitate the election process.

The [Professional & Leadership Development Committee](#) assesses professional development needs of its members and plans and implements professional development opportunities to meet these needs.

The [School Health Workgroup](#) is designed to support and enhance the work of the DPCPS in the school, in an effort to reduce health disparities.

The [Strategic Planning Committee](#) develops and monitors the Council's long-term Strategic Plan and reports its progress to the Council members.



WHEN DOES THE COUNCIL MEET?

The Council meets formally at least once a year, at the annual CDC Division of Diabetes Translation Annual Conference. Additional face-to-face meetings may be held in conjunction with the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Directors' Meeting and other national meetings, as feasible. The Council also holds quarterly conference calls for all members.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Contact a Council Steering Committee member, a Committee chair, a Committee member, or Denise Cyzman. For more information on the Council, visit our web page at www.chronicdisease.org and follow the links to the Diabetes Council.



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