



ABOUT THE DIABETES COUNCIL

Opportunities for Engagement and National Leadership

From Our Members

“The Diabetes Council provides opportunities to connect with and learn from diabetes programs in other states via member calls, webinars, and communities of practice.”

“Networking with colleagues across the country helps us find common solutions to achieve better outcomes.”

“The Diabetes Council is an essential bridge between local work and the CDC. It becomes a national effort, rather than a single state’s work.”

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors’ (NACDD) [Diabetes Council](#) includes more than 250 Members from across the country and supports state health departments in implementing diabetes prevention and control strategies funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Diabetes Translation. All state health department staff and contractors automatically are members of the Diabetes Council. Members who become actively involved benefit from networking, trainings, resources, and other opportunities.

Opportunities for Diabetes Council Members

- General Member calls
- Webinars on emerging topics
- Learning community
- Professional Development workgroup
- Mentoring workgroup
- Peer-to-Peer program
- Travel scholarships for workshops and conferences

Diabetes Council Leadership Group

The Leadership Group, an elected body of representatives from state health departments leads the Diabetes Council. The Leadership Group acts as a collective voice for change, inspiring strategic direction for diabetes prevention and control, advocating for state health departments, and connecting colleagues across the country. The Leadership Group is a conduit between the CDC and state health departments, making it easier for states to fulfill grant requirements and achieve success. The Leadership Group includes liaisons that meet with other groups to ensure information sharing and collaboration. NACDD provides guidance, fosters leadership, and enables the Leadership Group to set and achieve goals that benefit all state health departments. Opportunities to run for elected positions are available each spring.

Diabetes Council Leadership Group Elected Positions

- Executive Team: Chair, Chair Elect, and Past Chair
- Co-Chairs for: Professional Development and Mentoring Workgroups
- Liaisons for: NACDD Board of Directors, NACDD Learning and Professional Development Committee, NACDD Cardiovascular Health Network, NACDD Health Equity Council, NACDD Government Affairs, NACDD School Health Council, NACDD Epidemiology and Evaluation Collaborative, and the Diabetes Advocacy Alliance.

Achievements of the Leadership Group

- Reviewed and developed comments on proposed rules for the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP), a covered benefit for Medicare beneficiaries.
- Reviewed and developed comments and recommendations on the Diabetes Prevention Recognition Program standards for the National DPP lifestyle change program.
- Prepared an easy-to-understand [FAQ on the USPSTF recommendation](#) for screening for abnormal blood glucose and type 2 diabetes.
- Awarded travel scholarships for Members to participate in learning opportunities across the country.
- Matched new staff with experienced staff, who provide guidance and support for working in diabetes prevention and control.
- Coordinated webinars in collaboration with CDC on topics important to state health departments:
 - Where We've Been and Where We're Going: National, State, & Local Efforts in Diabetes Prevention and Management in 1305 and 1422
 - Diabetes Prevention Impact Toolkit
 - Improving Diabetes Screening and Referral to Prevention Programs: A Healthy People 2020 Spotlight on Health Webinar
 - Engagement Strategies for National DPP Lifestyle Change Programs Spotlighting Session Zero
 - A 50 State Survey of Laws that Affect Insurance Coverage for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Training
 - Accessing and Using Health Systems Data: Beginning the Discussion

About NACDD

Since 1988, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and its more than 6,500 members have worked to strengthen state-based leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control in all states, territories, and nationally. Learn more at chronicdisease.org.

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