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Subject: Congratulations to the Winners of the Secretary's Challenge on Equity

Dear HHS Family,

Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas for our Challenge on Equity. I'm excited to announce the winning actions from each HHS OpDiv and StaffDiv listed below, which will be implemented over the next one to two years. As you all know, equity is a key priority for HHS and the rest of the Biden-Harris Administration, and I'm glad OpDivs and StaffDivs have stepped up to commit to implementing these bold, innovative ideas to advance equity in our programs, policies, and processes. These actions come on the heels of many related efforts already underway, such as providing states with guidance on how to expand postpartum Medicaid and CHIP coverage to improve maternal health care, establishing the Office of Environmental Justice, and funding better health equity data at community health centers.

Detailed descriptions of all the ideas can be found on the HHS intranet ([link](#)) and we look forward to sharing information on the implementation and impact of this work as time goes on.

Winning Entries (organized alphabetically):

- **Administration for Children and Families (ACF):** *Defining Disaster Equity*
- **Administration for Community Living (ACL):** *Accessible HHS Meetings and Convenings*
- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ):** *Developing National Consensus Standards for Developing and Using Algorithms in Healthcare*
- **Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA):** *Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Standards to Improve Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA)*
- **Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources (ASFR):** *Improving Integration of Tribal Consultation into the Budget Formulation Process*
- **Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH):** *Blood Cell Antibody Exchange*
- **Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE):** *Data Linking for Refugee Populations*
- **Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR):** *Expanding and Improving Testing and Diagnostics for the Most Vulnerable and Underrepresented Population Groups*
- **Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (ASPA):** *Raising the Profile of HHS's Commitment to Equity*
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** *Inclusion of Persons with Lived Experiences in the Federal Public Health Workforce*
- **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):** *Expanding and Aligning Health Equity-Related Data Collection Across CMS's Programs to Advance Health Equity*
- **Departmental Appeals Board (DAB):** *Inclusive Language Initiative*
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA):** *Guidance on Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data in Clinical Trials*
- **Indian Health Service (IHS):** *Inpatient Behavioral Health*
- **Intergovernmental and External Affairs (IEA):** *Thriving Communities Tour*
- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA):** *Notice of Funding Opportunity Guidance to Support Meaningful Community Engagement & Support for Community-Based Organizations applying for HRSA funding*
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH):** *Addressing Equity through Robust Sexual and Gender Minority Data*
- **Office for Civil Rights (OCR):** *Final Rule Implementing Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C. § 18116 (to be codified at 45 C.F.R. Part 92)*
- **Office for Global Affairs (OGA):** *Promoting Equity Using the World Health Organization (WHO) International Health Regulations Monitoring and Evaluation Tools*
- **Office of the General Counsel (OGC), Public Health Division, CDC Branch:** *Diversity in OGC Hiring Practices Leveraging Existing Resources and Sharing Lessons Learned*
- **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC):** *Equity Through Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy*
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):** *LGBTQI+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexuals, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex) Behavioral Health Community Grants*

- **FDA/OMHHE and NIH/NHGRI: *Interagency Postdoctoral Fellowship in Genomic Science and Health Equity***

Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to the entire HHS family for all you're doing to help advance equity in our work.

Sincerely,

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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