

Reducing Health Disparities Through Regional Equity Coalitions in Oregon



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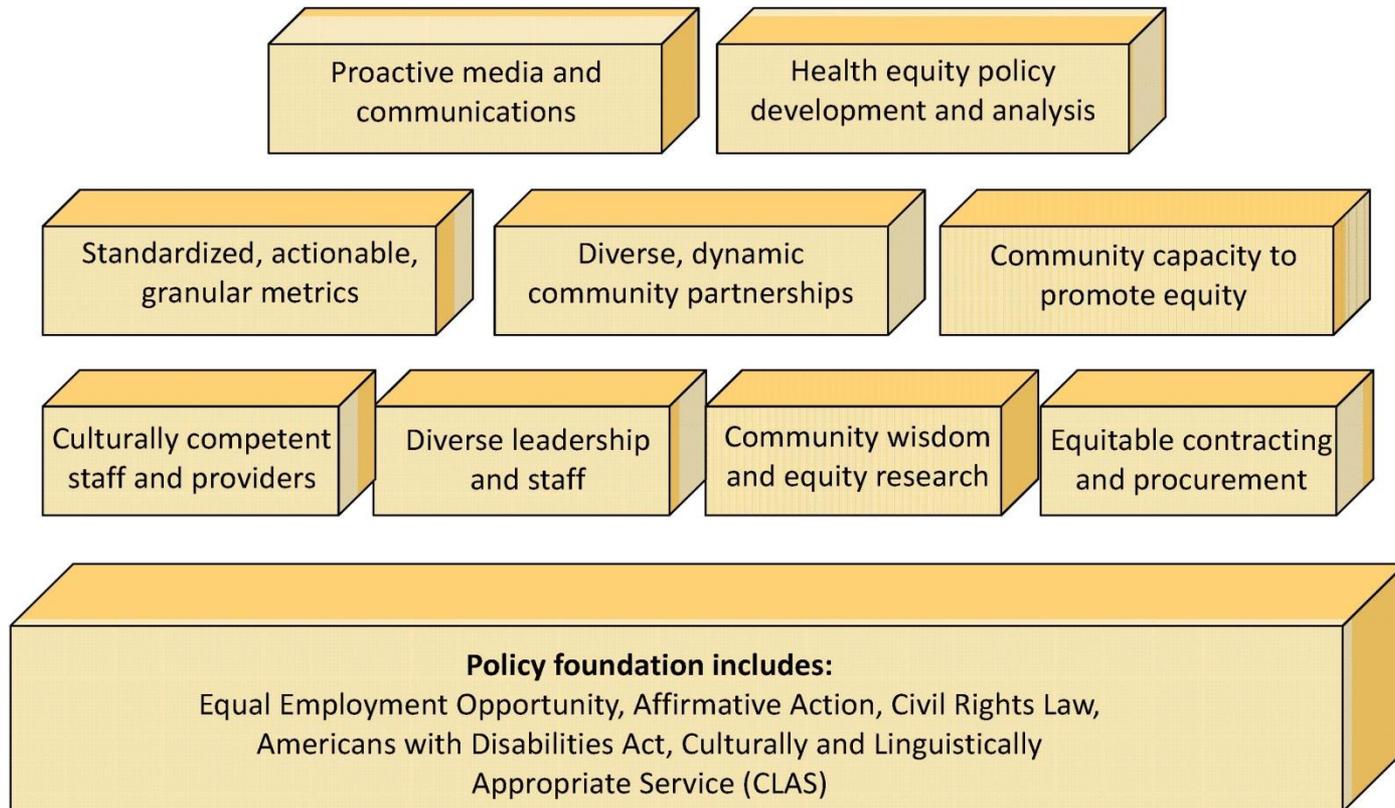
- Community engagement
- Policy development
- Fund development
- Data improvement
- Technical assistance

Diversity

- Cultural competence
- Diversity development
- Affirmative Action/EEO



Building blocks for health equity



Funding Collaborative

OEI ~ PHD ~ NWHF

Common Goals and Themes

- **Cross-sector, public/private partnerships with focus on true collaboration**
- **Community driven vision and strategy development with mission-focus**
- **Building strong connections with Public Health at state and local levels**
- **Increasing capacity to engage in policy development and implementation**
- **Openness to emerging and innovative strategies**

Building on Existing Success

- **Focus on racial and ethnic health disparities and inequity**
- **Increasing awareness of community conditions that contribute to poor health key**
- **Building capacity for community and organizational leadership**
- **Building capacity for equity work**
- **Developing partnerships to tackle big issues**

Regional Equity Coalitions

What? Up to 3 years of grant funding to establish Regional Equity Coalitions
(Year 1: \$130,000 per coalition) (Year 2: \$150,000)

Who? Local/regional health authorities, education, housing, workforce, environmental, transportation partners

To do what? Local/regional planning and policy development to reduce health disparities and eliminate social barriers to health

When? Projects to began July 2011. Subsequent 2 – 3 year funding contingent on Year 1 activities.

Regional Equity Coalitions

- ***Organized to:***

- address issues that create inequities in health and social well-being
- identify system and program changes
- craft and implement strategies and policies that promote equity and address the social determinants of health.

- ***Who participates?***

- Community-based nonprofits
- Health care providers
- Local public health departments
- Local policymakers and researchers
- Non-traditional partners such as businesses, economic development leaders, private funders, and faith-based organizations.

Regional Equity Coalitions

- **Year 1: Organizing, Planning and Capacity Building**
 - One-year grants
 - Cross-jurisdictional partnerships, collaboration, significant inclusion of communities of color in development of proposed approaches
 - Activities: Data collection and community assessment, training, strategic equity approaches locally identified
- **Year 2: Program Development and Implementation**
 - Two-year continuation grants to regional coalitions that have engaged in effective planning and collaboration activities and that demonstrate capacity to implement plans
- **Year 3: Implementation, Evaluation and Reporting**
 - 2-year grant work ongoing
 - Course corrections and maintaining relevance

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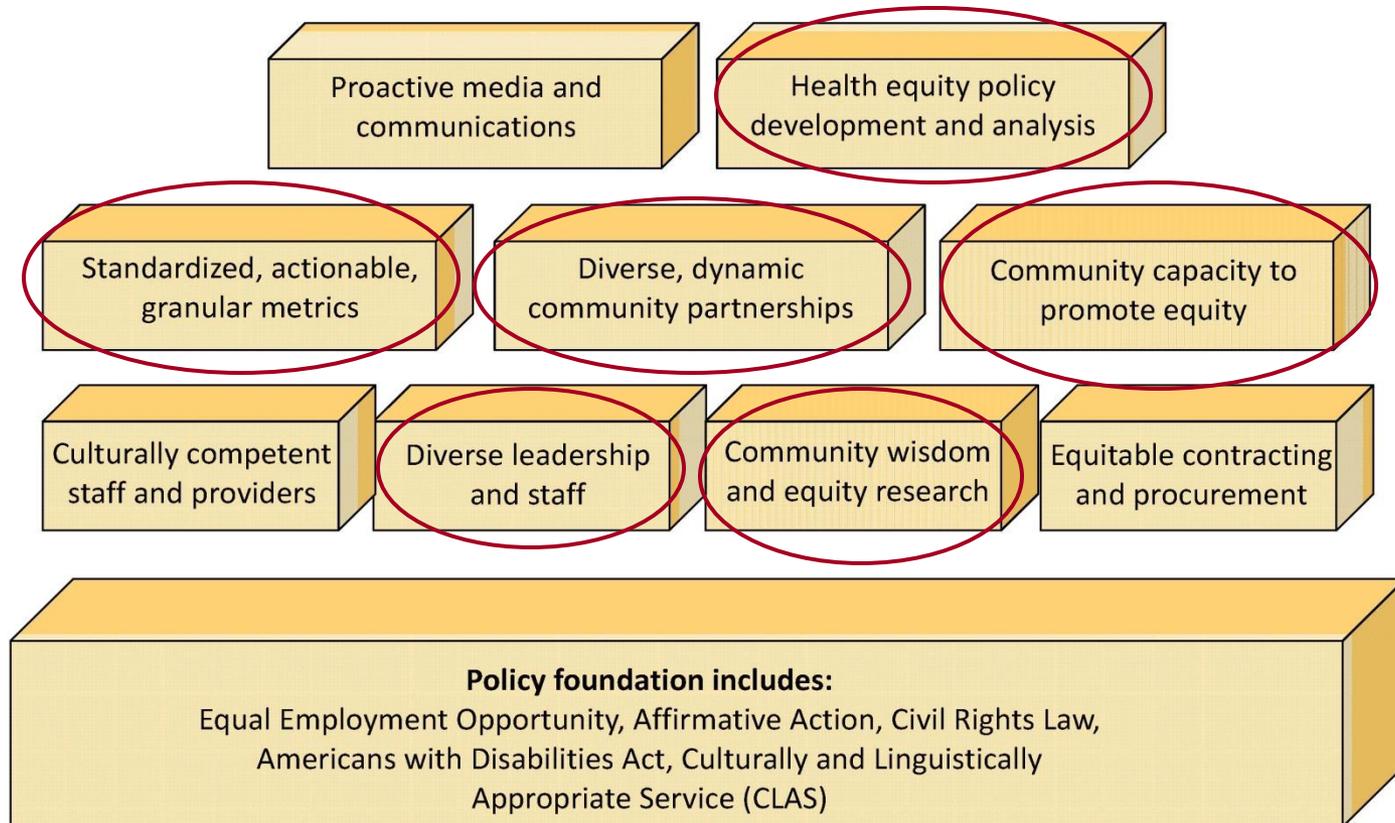
Long Term Outcomes

- Comprehensive structure to end health disparities and achieve health equity across Oregon
- Leadership for health equity across systems
- Increased funding for health equity initiatives
- Diverse and inclusive community engagement
- Improved coordination for health equity initiatives
- Development and utilization of health equity metrics
- Use of promising practices and development of best practices

Healthy People 2010: Eliminate health disparities

Healthy People 2020: Achieve health equity

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Questions?

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