

# National Vaccine Advisory Committee Immunization Equity Subgroup (IES)

## Update for NVAC Meeting September 2019

Melody Butler and Melissa Martinez, IES Co-Chairs

September 17, 2019

# Subgroup Members

## Co-Chairs:

- Melody Butler
- Melissa Martinez

## Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy:

- Ann Aikin
- Ilka Chavez
- Tommy Acciani

## NVAC Public Members:

- Bob Hopkins
- Len Friedland
- Mary Ann Jackson
- Geeta Swamy

## NVAC Liaison Members:

- Kelli Goode (APhA)
- Troy Knigton (VA)

## NVAC Ex-Officio Members:

- Justin Mills (AHRQ)
- Ram Koppaka (CDC)
- Cindy Weinbaum (CDC)
- Mary Beth Hance (CMS)
- Judith Steinberg (HRSA)
- Jeffrey McCollum (IHS)
- Nathalie El Omeiri (PAHO)

## Equity Experts:

- Alan Hinman (Center for Vaccine Equity)
- Alana Knudson (Walsh Center)

# Immunization Equity Charge

1. Review and summarize the complex and interrelated factors that contribute to vaccination disparities such as access, affordability, awareness, acceptance, and activation.
2. Deliver a set of system-wide recommendations for overcoming drivers of immunization disparities and reducing gaps in coverage that will provide the foundation for development of a collaborative immunization equity strategy.
3. Report findings for a vote during the **September 2020 meeting**.

# Previous Work

- Participated in several planning meetings
- Reviewed previous NVAC recommendations related to reducing disparities
- Examined data from CDC on immunization disparities in adults
- Heard from experts in vaccine confidence about disparities in a variety of populations

# Future Topics

- Literature review of immunization disparities and how to encourage equity
- Health literacy and other issues related to vaccine acceptance, like needle phobias, and access or financing issues
- Factors contributing to disparities in
  - racial and ethnic groups,
  - rural, urban, religious and cultural groups,
  - different genders and ages,
- Review more data, effective policy actions, and identify gaps in research
- **Are there other topics or research the subgroup should identify?**

# Brief Timeline

- Brief NVAC on subgroup activities: Today
- Continue reviewing research and hearing from experts in bi-monthly meetings
- Co-Chairs present draft report to NVAC for input: June, 2020 Meeting
- Review input from public comment and NVAC input and revise draft
- Vote on revised report at September 2020 meeting
- Report to be published in Public Health Reports

# Report Deliverable

- **Due September 2020**
- Length: 10 pages:
  - Introduction: 1 page
  - Research Overview: 1 page
  - Recommendations: 5-6 pages
    - (1/2- 1 page per focus area)
  - Conclusion: 1 page
  - References: 1 page

# Committee Discussion



Please ask for ideas from the committee about other topics or speakers we should include in this work.