

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF MACDC'S ENGAGEMENT IN THE HEALTH EQUITY SPACE

MACDC Annual Meeting
November 21st, 2024

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH
A HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT TO INFORM THE
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Health Resources in Action

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

September 2014

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What pathways do CDCs use to address health inequities in their communities?

- Housing
- Commercial real estate/mixed use development
- Transportation
- Community open space
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Classes and programs
- Advocacy

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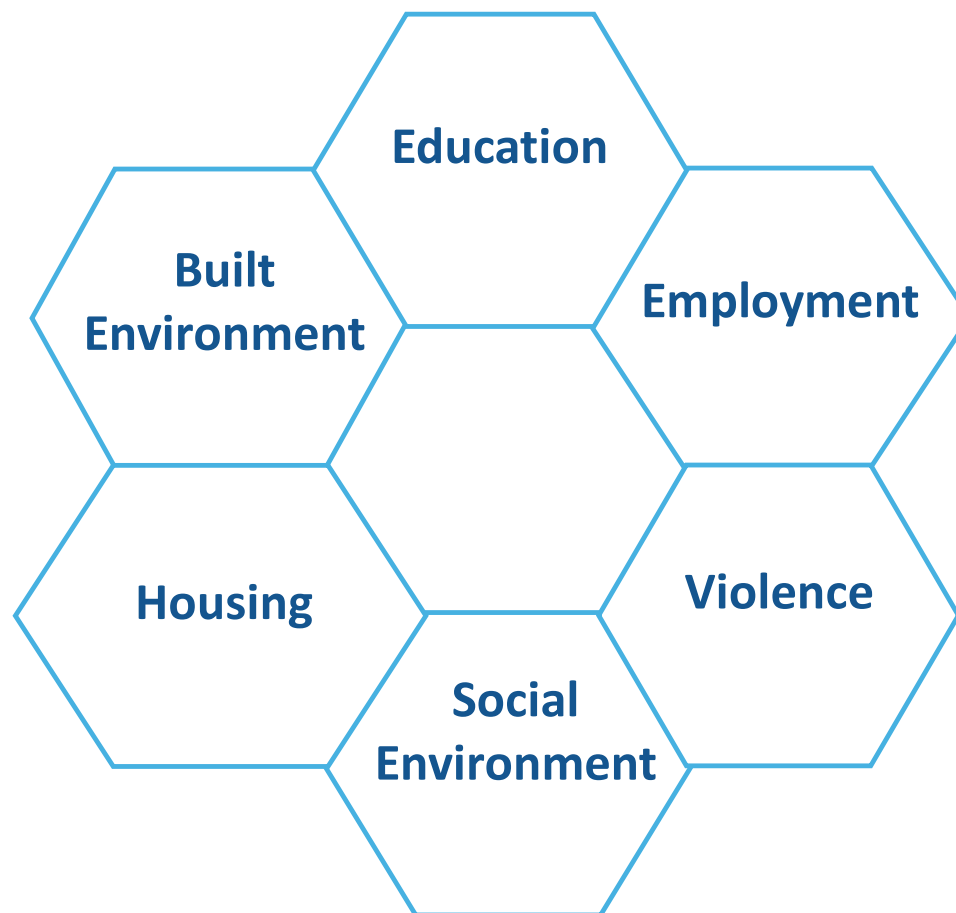
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Health Priorities Identified By MA DPH in 2017



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**Priority 4: Drive the convergence of
community development and
community health.**

We are working to reshape our collective approach to health so that we are investing in the social determinants of health (SDOH) and working to prevent disease as well as working to cure disease. MACDC envisions a future where the health sector and the community development field are working together to implement programs and projects that address the SDOH at the local level by reshaping the built environment, providing safe and stable housing, and ensuring access to the programs and services that people need to thrive.

MACDC is adopting a broad approach to our work on health equity that reflects the many ways that our members are seeking to address the social determinants of health. The diversity of efforts reflects the diversity of our members and the communities in which they work, and the inherently multi-dimensional aspect of health equity. Over the next several years, MACDC will seek to raise the collective voice and power of CDCs within the broader movement for health equity, thereby helping to accelerate the transformation of health policy and practice so that it places greater focus and resources on addressing the SDOH. We also seek to build the capacity of CDCs to forge partnerships with the health sector and to implement projects and programs that explicitly advance health goals.

MACDC envisions a future when a person’s race, income or zip code does not pre- determine their health or their quality of life.

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Member
Services



Research and
Publications



Policy Including
Coalition Work



Training

Member Services

Over twenty individuals
joined MACDC for a
recent Health Equity
Committee Field Trip to
Revitalize CDC
in Springfield where we
learned about local health
equity work



MACDC'S
GUIDE TO READING
HOSPITAL'S
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Research and Publications

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Policy and Coalition Work



Trainings



MACDC's popular "Introduction to the Convergence of Health Equity and Community Development Training"

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Community Engagement

Engage with communities to understand the lived experiences and impact of poor housing quality.

Build up the local community infrastructure to address this need.

Advocacy

Establish new programs and secure resources aimed at improving housing quality.



Building Knowledge

Establish a knowledge base about the extent of housing quality problems.

Create an inventory of existing programs resources and policies that address lead paint and indoor air quality, and gaps.

Advancing Racial Equity

Focus our efforts in supporting households of color, who are disproportionately impacted by lead paint and poor indoor air quality.

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The Future of MACDC's Engagement in the Health Equity Space



2025 and Beyond

What do you see as the **next stage** in MACDC's Housing Quality and Health work?

What are best ways for MACDC to **support** your work in the health space going forward?

What are ways that you can **measure** the work that you currently do in the health space?

In addition to supporting your work and our leadership in the Housing Quality and Health space, where do you think MACDC's Health work should be focused **going forward**?

Should the evolving **federal landscape** change MACDC's focus in the health space?

Questions? Want to Discuss Further?

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