



HEALTH EQUITY JOURNEY

+ Culture of Health Equity Vision: One Connecticut where all people enjoy shared resources, optimal health, well-being and a sense of dignity.

Connecticut General Statutes¹

Multicultural Health. (a) There is established, within the Department of Public Health, the office of Multicultural Health. The responsibility of the office is to improve the health of the state by eliminating differences in disease, disability and death rates.

(b) The office may apply for, accept and expend such funds as may be available and may enter into contracts to carry out the responsibilities of the office.



July 1998

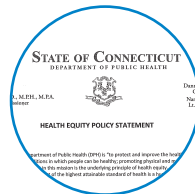
DPH Office of Multicultural Health established by state statute CGA 19a-4j

June 2006

The Connecticut Health Disparities Project (2006 – 2008) established to improve the statewide infrastructure for documenting, reporting, and addressing health disparities through a grant from the Connecticut Health Foundation

July 2008

CT Multicultural Health Partnership established to draw together expertise, resources, and programming to eliminate health disparities in Connecticut

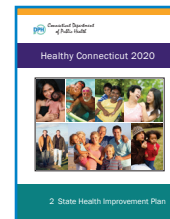


May 2011

DPH Health Equity Policy Statement approved and signed by DPH Commissioner Jewel Mullen on May 11, 2012

September 2013

The DPH CLAS Standards Initiative (2013-2015) established to promote National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care through a grant from US DHHS



March 2014

Connecticut State Health Assessment and State Health Improvement (SHIP) Plan published with health equity and the social determinants of health as cross-cutting priorities

June 2014

DPH Office of Multicultural Health renamed “Office of Health Equity;” name and revised mission statement adopted and signed into law by CT Governor Malloy on June 13, 2014

October 2014

+ DPH Office of Health Equity established on October 1, 2014
+ DPH Strategic Map updated; *Champion a Culture of Health Equity* is the revised cross-cutting priority within CTDPH’s Agency Strategic Plan (2013-2018)

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June 1999

The first Connecticut DPH health disparities report, *Multicultural Health: The Health Status of Minority Groups in Connecticut*, published



October 2007

First Statewide Meeting on Health Disparities – *Monitoring Health Disparities: Concepts and Challenges in State Health Data Collection* held at the CT Legislative Office Building, Hartford on October 19, 2007

January 2009

The 2009 Connecticut Health Disparities Report published



August 2012

Connecticut Department of Public Health’s five year strategic plan for 2013-2018 finalized and published, which identified “champion of health equity” as one of six agency goals

September 2012

DPH Staff Health Equity Workgroups formed as part of the DPH Strategic Planning Initiative in the areas of: Definitions, Data and Surveillance, CLAS Standards, Staff Training Needs, and Partnerships

May 2015

DPH Culture of Health Equity definition and vision created

June 2015

DPH Health Equity Strategic Plan draft completed

October 2015

DPH Health Equity Strategic Plan launched