Healthy Communities, Healthy People

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The People We Serve

• Nearly 19 million patients are served through HRSA-funded health centers, including 1 in 3 people with incomes below the poverty level.

• Over 500,000 people living with HIV/AIDS receive HRSA’s Ryan White services. Two-thirds are members of minority groups.

• 34 million women, infants, children, and adolescents benefit from HRSA’s maternal and child health programs.

• About 14,000 safety net providers participate in HRSA’s 340B program that provides access to discount drug purchases.

• Currently more than 6,700 National Health Service Corps clinicians are (or will be) working in underserved areas in exchange for loan repayment or scholarships.
Health Resources and Services Agency

• The Health Resources and Services Agency is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable

• Goal IV of the HRSA Strategic Plan: **Improve health equity**

  Sub-goals
  
  – Reduce disparities in quality of care across populations and communities.
  – Monitor, identify and advance evidence-based and promising practices to achieve health equity.
  – Leverage our programs and policies to further integrate services and address the social determinants of health.
  – Partner with diverse communities to create, develop, and disseminate innovative community-based health equity solutions, with a particular focus on populations with the greatest health disparities.
Health Resources and Services Agency

• Office Of Minority Health Background
  – Established in 1990 as the Office of Minority Health
  – Renamed the Office of Health Equity (OHE) in 2009
  – OHE serves as principal advisor and coordinator on issues and activities related to minority and disadvantaged populations health including: AI/AN, AA/NH/PI, Hispanics, LGBT, etc.
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Office of Health Equity
Office of Health Information Technology and Quality
Office of Strategic Priorities

OHE is composed of two teams: Data and Information Team and the Collaboration and Coordination Team; Liaisons to each of the Bureaus and Offices
Selected HRSA/OHE Initiatives

- HBCU Program – grants from ~20 HRSA programs $32M
- In FY 2010 in collaboration with HHS/OMH and the Morehouse School of Medicine to develop strategies through their National Center for Primary Care to retain NHSC clinicians in underserved areas after fulfillment of their obligation
- NHSC and the Nursing Scholarship programs award scholarships to students attending HBCUs -- >$2.3M
- OHE is working with BHPPr and the NHSC to increase diversity in the workforce
- OHE is developing new grants policies on cultural and linguistic competency and literacy
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