

Equal Health for All Education Committee

Objectives:

1. Advocate for an autonomous Office of Minority Health that will ultimately report to the FL Surgeon General
2. Make legislative appeal to assure optimum funding for the Office of Minority Health and the Closing the Gap Grants
3. Raise awareness to key issues related to health disparities
4. Work collaboratively with the Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Advisory Committee to carry out the aforementioned objectives

Disease Priority Areas:

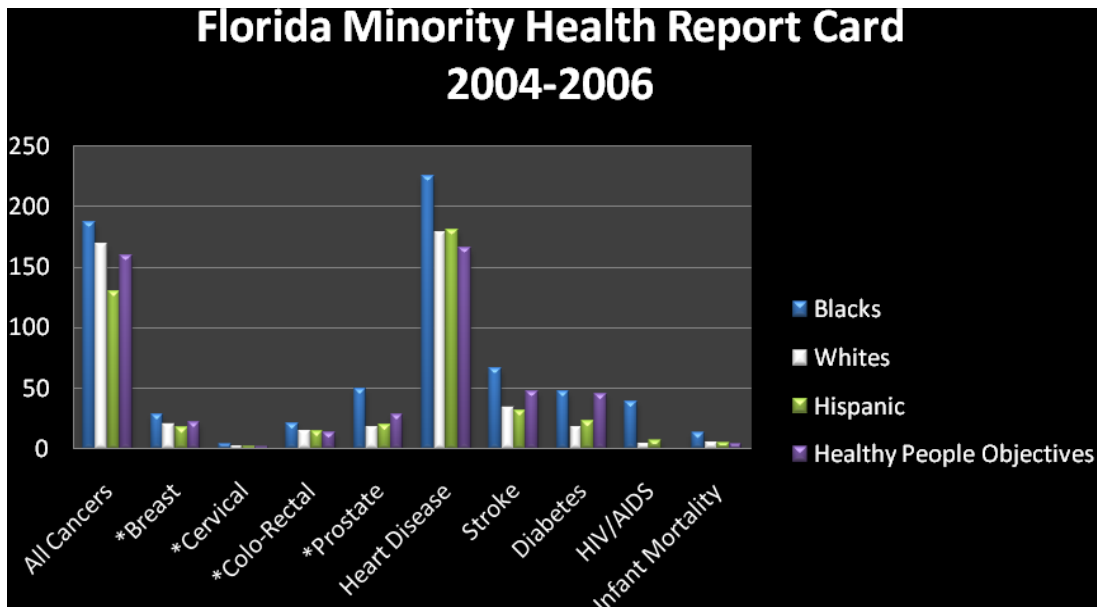
Current: All Cancers- with foci on Breast, Cervical, Colo-rectal, and Prostate; Heart Disease; Stroke; Diabetes; HIV/AIDS; Infant Mortality.

Additional Priority Areas: Behavioral Health and Obesity/Nutrition and Wellness (Data Pending)

Health Impact Areas:

Oncology, Cardiology, Neurology, Maternal and Child Health, Infectious Disease, Preventative Medicine, Behavioral Health and Nutrition

Snap Shot:



Rates are deaths per 100,000 population, except infant mortality which are deaths <1 year per 1,000 live births.
Source: Florida Health Disparities Strategic Plan, 2008-2011, Florida Department of Health.

Suggestions for Committee Development:

1. Establish subcommittees per priority area
2. Determine composition of subcommittees based on areas of interest and expertise of EHAC members

Objectives for Subcommittees:

- ✓ To ensure geographic/regional representation
- ✓ To establish committee composition and ensure representation from:
 - i. Existing organizations with similar areas of focus
 - ii. Faith Based
 - iii. Entrepreneur/Business Community
 - iv. Health Provider
 - v. Politician
 - vi. Consumer of Services or individual impacted by priority area
- ✓ Establish committee action plan that includes goals, objectives and tactics, using data and information from the Florida Department of Health and Closing the Gap: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparity Advisory Committee, August 2007
- ✓ Establish members' roles and responsibilities i.e. Officers (Chair and Secretary at minimum)
- ✓ Establish frequency and schedule for meetings
- ✓ Report to EHAC