

AEQUITAS HEALTH NEW MEMBER GUIDE





WELCOME

Congratulations on becoming a member of Aequitas Health, the medical honors society dedicated to advancing health equity and addressing health disparities.

This guide will provide you with essential information about the valuable resources and opportunities available to you as a member. Plus, as Aequitas Health grows and develops, more opportunities to engage will be available!



MEET YOUR NATIONAL TEAM



Benson Hsu, MD, MBA, FAAP, FCCM

President, Founder, Chair of the Board

Benson is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine and practices at Avera Children's Hospital in South Dakota, serving a predominately rural population encompassing several Native American communities. He is an NIH-funded researcher with over 70 peer-reviewed publications and abstracts. As a pediatric critical care leader, he has authored several national clinical guidelines for inpatient pediatric care at the American Academy of Pediatrics and Society of Critical Care Medicine. Benson previously served on the corporate leadership team of a large rural integrated delivery system, where he led the data analytics infrastructure and developed strategies for population health. He is a Bush Fellow, an Aspen Health Innovators Fellow (HIF), and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN). Benson spends the majority of his free time building a world of Legos with his son.



Eleanor Turner, MA

Director of Operations

Originally from the United Kingdom, Eleanor now lives and works in Sioux Falls, SD. She is the President and Co-Founder of The Legacy Foundation South Dakota, in addition to working for the Office of the Dean at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. Eleanor completed her MA in nonprofit management and child & adult advocacy studies at the University of South Dakota, and her undergraduate degree at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth where she was the recipient of the Howell Daniels Award. As well as being the published author of two-dozen books on the topic of baby names, she is a LEND parent & family trainee graduate and committed advocate for special needs families. Eleanor's free time is taken up by her four children and two fluffy cats, but when she has a spare moment she can be found indulging her passion for cinema.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Joining a Select Community

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- By becoming a member of Aequitas Health, you have joined a highly selective community of like-minded individuals who are dedicated to making a positive impact on healthcare access and reducing disparities.
- Our membership is composed of medical students, residents, fellows, and medical school faculty who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to addressing health disparities and promoting equitable healthcare access.

Aequitas Health Journal

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- As a member, you have the unique opportunity to contribute to the Aequitas Health Journal, an online medical humanities and scientific journal that provides a platform for you to share a wide range of submissions, such as scholarly non-fiction work, scholarly fiction, poetry, and health services research targeted at health equity and disparities.
- By sharing your work through the journal, you can make a significant impact by raising awareness and advancing knowledge in the pursuit of health equity.

Grants for Fellows and Chapters

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- Aequitas Health is planning on offering selective grants to support both individual fellows and (in the future) local chapters for local health equity projects and initiatives.
- Fellows can apply for grants to fund their innovative projects aimed at addressing health disparities and improving healthcare access. These grants provide support to turn ideas into actionable initiatives, making a tangible difference in underserved populations.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Exciting news: plans are underway for an annual Aequitas Health conference! This virtual, asynchronous symposium will serve as your best opportunity for learning, sharing, and networking.

The conference hopes to be an inspiring and transformative experience, equipping you with the knowledge and connections necessary to drive meaningful change throughout your career. More to come!



Virtual

We recognize that travel is expensive and time-consuming, so we're leveling the playing field by offering our conference in a virtual format.



Asynchronous

Worried you'll miss those must-see presentations from a fully-packed conference schedule? Not this time! Our events are asynchronous, so you can catch everything you want and not miss a single thing.



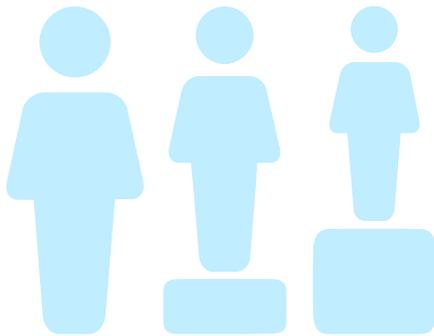
Experts and Advocates

Enjoy the privilege of participating in enriching discussions, learning from distinguished speakers, and networking with fellow leaders in the field. Come prepared to engage with others and broaden your understanding of this work.



LET'S GET TO WORK

We are thrilled to have you as a member of Aequitas Health. Your dedication to health equity and addressing health disparities is commendable, and we believe that your contributions will make a significant impact.



As a member, you are part of a community that strives to create positive change in healthcare for all individuals, regardless of their background or circumstances.



Our goal is to provide you with the support and guidance needed to excel in your journey toward health equity.

Stay connected with Aequitas Health for updates, opportunities, and resources.

Together, let us continue to make a difference and transform the landscape of healthcare toward a more equitable future.



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*We're glad
you're here!*

