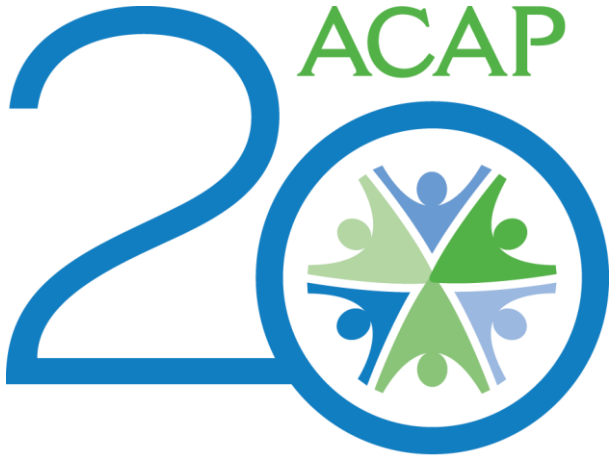

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Age of COVID-19

Friday, June 26

2:00 p.m. ET

Association for Community Affiliated Plans

Strengthening the Safety Net Since 2000

Session Speakers

- Frank Dominguez
  - President & CEO, El Paso Health
- C. Virginia Fields
  - President & CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on Health
  - Board Member, Amida Care

ACAP Work on Racial/Ethnic Disparities: Right Now

- **Commissioned fact sheet on racial/ethnic disparities in COVID-19.**
  - Will explore SNHP approaches to addressing disparities in access, outcomes.
- **ACAP, Quality Interactions:** partnering to provide unconscious bias and cultural competency education for interested ACAP plan staff.
- **Endorsed *IMPACT to Save Moms Act, Maternal Health Quality Improvement Act of 2019*, and *Helping Medicaid Offer Maternity Services Act of 2019,*** which address maternal mortality and racial disparities in maternal health outcomes.

ACAP Work on Racial/Ethnic Disparities: Right Now

- Took part in a **listening session with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH)** to assist them in a five-year project to improve health care quality and to eliminate disparities among CMS beneficiaries.
- Disseminated information about the **Disparities Solution Center's Disparities Leadership Program.**
- **Included questions on ACAP's COVID-19 survey** on how ACAP plans are tracking racial/ethnic disparities and what interventions they are developing.

ACAP Work on Racial/Ethnic Disparities: The Future

- **Integrate a specific focus on racial disparities into ongoing ACAP activities.**
  - **Leadership Academy:** Encourage plans to nominate BIPOC to apply for the 2nd cohort; hold focused sessions on how plans are addressing disparities.
  - **In-person** (or virtual) **meetings:** focus on disparities for specific sessions, or have it as a theme – CMO/Quality natural candidate
  - Conscious effort to focus on disparities at **ACAP roundtables.**
  - Encourage members to **nominate BIPOC for national awards.**
  - Integrate related questions into ACAP operational survey.
- **Possible new activity: Plan collaborative on disparities.**