Turning Momentum into Action

Health Equity Trends Summit 2026

Health Equity Compact

Massachusetts has the opportunity and responsibility to lead the nation on advancing health equity. As federal instability, resource constraints, and persistent inequities harm our communities, we must act with both urgency and vision — protecting our residents today while building a more equitable future for the long-term. Meeting this moment will require persistence, partnership, and collective action — and everyone across sectors has a role to play.

KEY AREAS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION

Protect Access: Ensuring Care for Immigrant Communities

Federal policy changes threaten health coverage for hundreds of thousands of Bay Staters, and many immigrant communities have already lost coverage, threatening access to care and widening health inequities across the state.

Invest in a Community-Centered Safety Net: Community Health Workers at the Core

As healthcare access and social services face growing cuts and strain, Massachusetts must invest in solutions that align resources with community needs. CHWS are essential to connecting residents to care and services and reducing racial and social inequities.

Transform Primary Care: Building a More Equitable System

Primary care is the front door to the healthcare system and a key driver of health equity. MA's primary care crisis means many face barriers to accessing affordable, high-quality care, compounding disparities across health outcomes.

Advance Statewide Health Equity Goals

To close persistent health inequities, Massachusetts needs shared goals, clear accountability, and coordinated action. Statewide health equity goals, across the public and private sectors, can help align investment, measure progress, and drive lasting systems change.

HOW WILL YOU CONTINUE TO ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY?

In the next 90 days, I will:

- ☐ Advocate for budget action and policies that advance health equity, including *An Act to Advance Health Equity (H.1416/S.901)*
- ☐ Align my organization's priorities and resources to support this work
- ☐ Build partnerships and coalitions within and across sectors to advance this work
- ☐ Amplify the call for change in public forums, media, and within my organization

One commitment I'm leaving today with:

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The work ahead will require all of us to stay engaged, organized, and action-oriented. Stay connected with the Health Equity Compact, share your commitments, and turn today's urgency into lasting change.