

2018 CSTE Annual Conference
Roundtable: Using Epidemiology to Address Health Disparities (HD): CSTE HD Subcommittee Activities to Date and Future Direction
Monday, June 11th
1:00 – 1:45 PM

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Discussion Points:

- Brief overview of CSTE Health Disparities Subcommittee activities 2010 – Present
 - Formed in 2010
 - Initial priority: discuss, demonstrate potential usefulness of adopting the recommended Public Health Disparities Geocoding Project area-based SES measure, census tract-level poverty, for routine analysis of surveillance data lacking individual SES
 - CSTE invited member meeting with PHDGP representative
 - Development of instructions for conducting analyses using census tract-level poverty
 - CSTE-supported state and local demonstration projects
 - Conference calls with data presentations
 - CSTE-lead assessment of state capacity and practices for geocoding and linking to census tract
 - Position statement 16-CC-01
 - Interested parties could weigh in on the objectives again this fall
- Priorities for the subcommittee to pursue in the next year (determined by vote):
 1. **Monitor possible emerging health disparities arising from current federal administration policies and rhetoric (e.g., in the areas of decreased access to affordable health care and family planning, immigrant health)**
 2. **Explore additional area-based SES measures compared to area-based poverty (e.g., social vulnerability index, index of concentration of the extremes)**
 - Harvard study
 3. Explore measures of health effects of racism, including encouraging wider use and more varied analyses of the BRFSS Reactions to Race module
 - Did not get enough votes to pursue at this time
 - No states have used since 2013
 - Could potentially pilot in future
 - Some states noted that couldn't pilot because of political attitudes in state