Health Equity – Strategic Plan

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Vision Statement

To create a platform to bring together existing population health research framed within the lens of health equity and translation at the Institute for Health.

Research Priorities

- Establishment of standing workgroup meetings to highlight topics and new initiatives within health equity
- Build capacity and trust between community partners and researchers through relationship-building activities and co- learning programs to identify and align priorities for partnered research, inform research design, implementation, and dissemination approaches, and demonstrate value to community partners through various actions such as compensation and project co-leadership activities
- Create an inventory of existing health equity work and funding opportunities
- Provide a forum for researchers to address high priority themes such as but not limited to:
 - o Addiction and Opioid Abuse
 - o Child and Maternal Health
 - o Environmental Justice
 - Discrimination and Health
 - o Evolution of health equity research models

Survey of Existing Partners

Continue to identify and add new research partners to our current roster/database for collaboration such as:

- NJ Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJACTS) Community Engagement Core
- School of Public Health
- Healthier New Brunswick Collation
- RU Health Equity Academic Researchers
- Office of University Community Partnerships
- Center for Asian Health

Opportunities for Future Collaborations

Reach out to groups or investigators who are potential assets in future initiatives who are not currently involved with IFH or the workgroup.

- RWJBarnabas Diversity and Inclusion partners: Micheline Davis
- NYU Partners in Population Health: Alina Hanson
- Camden PhD Program in Childhood Studies

Next Steps

- Create standing meetings and choose a beginning thematic for the first few meetings
- Expand the work group to include community partners
- Survey existing literature to adapt and measures of trust and engagement with community partners
- Continue developing list of existing resources and funding to send to partners

Metrics for Success

- Number and breath of partners across campuses
- Increased bilateral collaboration and trust between community partners and investigators
- Successful funding for IFH affiliated researchers and CBOs engaged in health equity as a central component