



National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

SUBCOMMITTEE ON POPULATION HEALTH

Charge

The Subcommittee on Population Health maintains awareness of issues concerning the measurement of health of people living in the United States on behalf of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics. The Subcommittee makes recommendations to the full Committee, examining the far-ranging considerations raised in generating health data and ensuring that this information is accurate, timely, and relevant.

Specifically, the Population Health Subcommittee will:

1. Study the issues related to the collection of data and development of standards for indicators of community health and well-being and social determinants of health.
2. Monitor the nation's health data needs and current approaches to meeting those needs for vulnerable populations such as but not limited to those disadvantaged by virtue of their special needs, economic status, race, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, or area of residence.
3. Identify emerging population health data issues, including methodologies and technologies of information systems, databases, and networking that could improve the ability to meet those needs.
4. Identify strategies and opportunities to sustain, secure, and improve the Vital Registration and Statistics System at the Federal, state, and local level.
5. Identify strategies and opportunities to achieve long-term public and researcher access and availability to commonly used, valid, credible, and timely population health information at geographic levels ranging from community to national level.
6. Delineate statistical issues regarding the collection of population-based data such as vital statistics and health surveys of persons living in the United States.
7. Advise the Department on population health data collection needs and strategies, and review and monitor the Department's data and information systems to identify population health data needs, opportunities, and problems.
8. Consider the likely effects of emerging health information technologies on the Department's population health data and systems and the impact of the Department's information policies and systems on the development of emerging technologies.
9. Coordinate with the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Center for Health Statistics regarding health statistics issues.
10. Be mindful of the work plans and activities of parallel NCVHS Subcommittees to explore joint and collaborative projects whenever possible.