

An Exploration of How Disaggregation of Data by Race and Ethnicity Can Advance a Culture of Health

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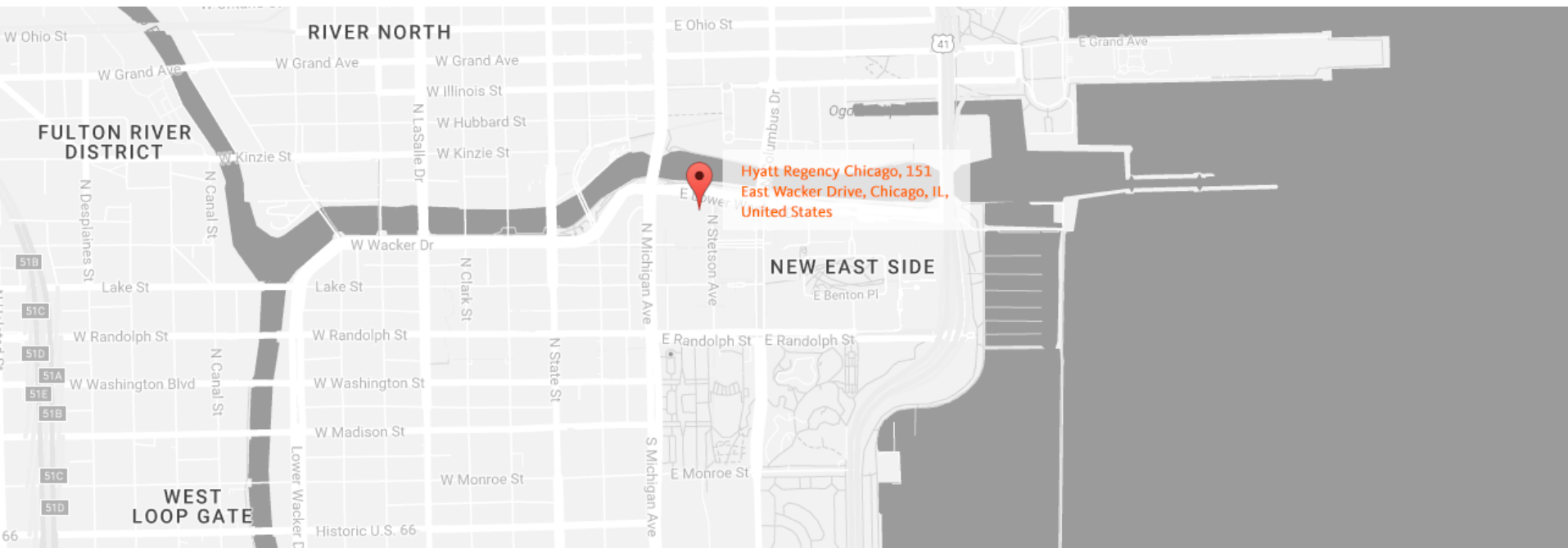


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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Recommendations (description + q&a for each section)
 - Methods
 - Survey Environments
 - Case Making
 - Federal Policies
- Summary of Survey Results
- Closing

PolicyLink, which is carrying out this project, is a national research and action institute advancing racial and economic equity by Lifting Up What Works.®

Our work is grounded in the conviction that equity – just and fair inclusion – must drive all policy decisions.



Recommendations

19 recommendations were compiled from nearly 400 suggestions. These 19 fall into four categories. On today's webinar, we'll talk about each category for 10 minutes.

- Methods
- Survey Environments
- Case Making
- Federal Policies

Discussion Prompts

- Which ideas are most critically significant in order for the field to improve?
- Which recommendations are most ready for immediate, feasible action?
- What is missing that should be included?

Methods

- 1. Determine the relative costs of sample size expansion vs. adding and modifying existing survey questions to capture small and hard-to-reach populations.**
- 2. Invest in research methods that address small populations and small sample sizes.**
3. Better capture the fluidity and factors affecting racial and ethnic self-identity over the life course.
- 4. Add additional variables to health surveys to more effectively understand within-group differences.**
5. Collect data on biomarkers for population health disparities research associated with sociocultural and environmental stress.

Survey Environments

- 1. Develop protocols for the collection and use of disaggregated data of racial and ethnic subgroups for health equity.**
- 2. Design research based on the assets, strengths, resilience, and positive outcomes of racial and ethnic subgroups.**
3. Provide funding and technical support to health care providers and social service agencies to update data collection methods to align with disaggregation efforts.
- 4. Link and cross-reference administrative data and survey data to reduce misclassification issues.**
- 5. Leverage existing data and address data access challenges.**

Case Making

1. Collect data about nativity to capture access and eligibility for government social safety net programs while maintaining data security and confidentiality.
2. **Foster community buy-in for data disaggregation with the appropriate case-making and media avenues for racial and ethnic subgroups.**
3. **Build and articulate a strong economic argument for the data disaggregation of racial and ethnic subgroups, and the cost of not disaggregating at the state and local levels.**
4. **Develop policies at the local, state, and federal level that bolster standardization and enforcement of data disaggregation in alignment with the OMB.**
5. Anticipate challenges and build shared understanding of how specific single race or multiracial combination data are used to inform policy and funding formulas.
6. **Fund and design a nationally representative, longitudinal panel study on the role of race and building a Culture of Health.**

Federal Policies

1. **Improve documentation of race and ethnicity in the 2020 Census.**
2. Develop policies with the Office of Management and Budget and the U.S. Census Bureau that are supportive of the American Indian/Alaska Native Community.
3. Adequately fund the U.S. Census Bureau's budget.

Recommendations Prioritized for Both Importance and Feasibility

- Add additional variables to health surveys to more effectively understand within-group differences.
- Develop protocols for the collection and use of disaggregated data of racial and ethnic subgroups for health equity.
- Design research based on the assets, strengths, resilience, and positive outcomes of racial and ethnic subgroups.
- Leverage existing data and address data access challenges.
- Build and articulate a strong economic argument for the data disaggregation of racial and ethnic subgroups, and the cost of not disaggregating at the state and local levels.
- Improve documentation of race and ethnicity in the 2020 Census.

What's Next for the Project?

- **End of October** – finish the first draft
- **November** – review and revisions
- **December** – produce and disseminate

Thank you!

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