



The Office of Minority Health

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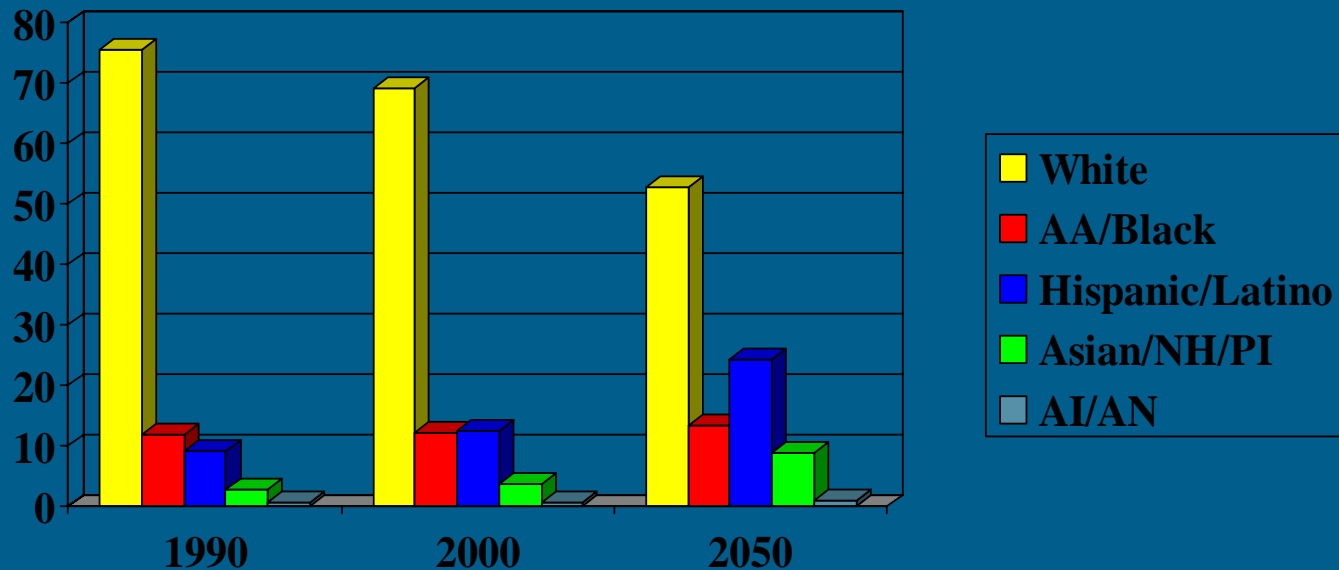
AAHI Conference

**National & State Leadership in Addressing
Health Disparities among Asian Americans**

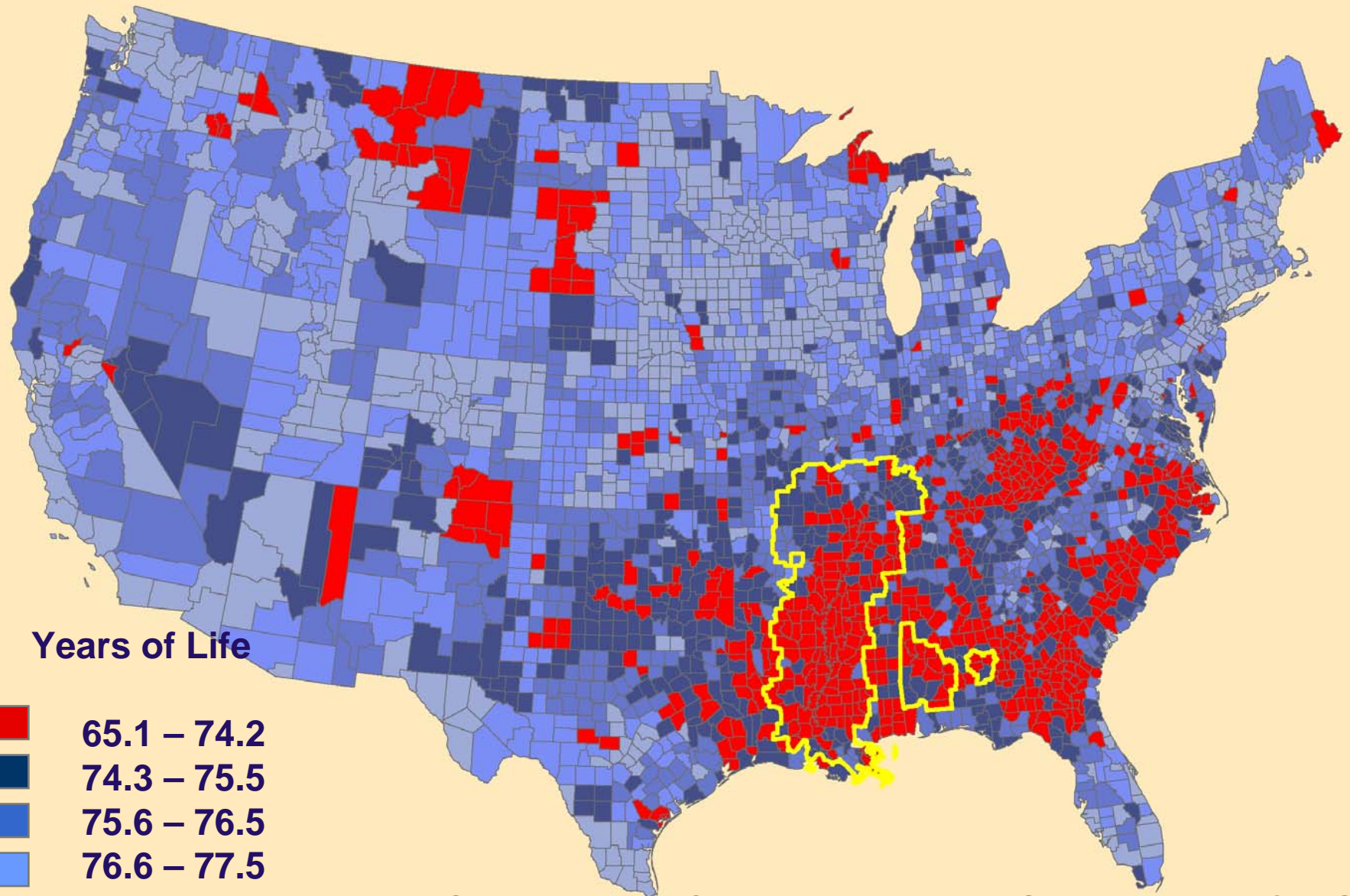
OMH's Mission

To improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.

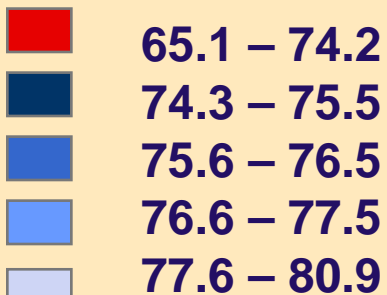
Increasingly Diverse U.S. Population



2000 Average Life Expectancy



Years of Life



Source: 2000 Community Health Status Report (HRSA)

Priority Diseases and Health Conditions

- Heart Disease and Stroke
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- HIV/AIDS
- Infant Mortality
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases

HHS National Leadership Summit on Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities

- increase awareness;
- enhance leadership & partnership across sectors;
- improve patient-provider communication; promote a diverse health workforce; and
- expand research data and evaluation efforts to better respond to patient needs and improve care.

Multiple Partners

- HHS Agencies
- Other Federal Departments
- State and Local Public Health Entities
- Community-based Organizations
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Business and Industry

Crosscutting Issues

- Health Care Access and Quality
- Racial/Ethnic Data Collection and Use
- Workforce Diversity
- Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services
- Trust/Trustworthiness in Health Care and Clinical Research

[Medicare RX]

- Publications in Asian languages:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Partnerships/downloads/multilanguage.pdf>
- Free printed materials:
<http://pubordering.cms.hhs.gov/mailinglist>

OMH's Role

OMH advises the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary for Health on public health policies and programs that impact on racial/ethnic minorities and address health disparities.

Grant and Cooperative Agreement Programs

■ 5 Grant Programs

- **Focus includes** technical assistance and capacity development for community HIV/AIDS providers, bilingual/bicultural services, and community level programs to improve minority health

■ 6 Cooperative Agreement Programs

- Focus includes community violence prevention, stroke elimination, HIV/AIDS health promotion and education, and minority male health

Closing the Gap Initiatives

Phase I

- Community Initiatives to Eliminate Stroke- AL, NC, and SC awarded ~\$8M over 4 years to reduce hypertension
- Closing the Gap on Infant Mortality- \$8.6M for pilots and national campaign
- Hepatitis B Initiative- thru faith-based church, screened and vaccinated 800 AAPIs
- African American Obesity Project- partnership with 3 national organizations

Closing the Gap Initiatives Phase II

- Expansion of Hepatitis B Initiative
- Development of Mental Health and Primary Care Initiative
- Development of American Indian/Alaska Native Disparities Agenda
- Implementation of Trust/Trustworthiness in Healthcare and Research Initiative

FY 2006 Priorities

- Population-Specific Initiatives
- Workforce Development
- Enhanced Racial/Ethnic Data Collection
- Improved Quality through Health Information Technology
- Cultural and Linguistic Competency
- Dissemination

Population-Specific Initiatives

- To improve and focus future policy and programmatic activity, OMH will continue to develop and test community-based approaches in select health issue areas
 - Includes OMH-supported grant programs
 - Includes working with other HHS agencies on “Closing the Gap” Initiatives

Workforce Development

- OMH will enhance current efforts to increase the diversity of the public health and healthcare workforce through HHS pipeline and other programs

Enhanced Racial/Ethnic Data Collection

- **Through the HHS Data Council, OMH will improve the collection and reporting of racial/ ethnic data. Specific focus is to:**
 - Explore data release methods that preserve privacy and confidentiality
 - Support data collection for small/subpopulations
 - Support a Pacific Islander communities survey
 - Standardize collection and reporting of racial/ethnic data and terms

Improved Quality through Health Information Technology

- **OMH will coordinate health IT implementation in racial/ethnic and underserved communities to ensure appropriate distribution of new technologies**

Cultural and Linguistic Competency/Health Literacy

- OMH will:
 - Coordinate implementation of cultural competency training programs
 - Implement Strategic Plan for the Center for Cultural and Linguistic Competency in Health Care
 - Partner with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to train Quality Improvement Organizations

Dissemination of Results

- **Build evidence to inform minority health and health disparities approaches**
- **Increase dissemination of information and results/evidence**
- **Facilitate use of evidence-based practices**

Success is a Journey

“To move a mountain, one must first start by moving a single stone”

-- old Chinese proverb

Thank you.

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