- Conducts and supports research, training, information dissemination, and other programs including centers of excellence, loan repayment, research endowment and community-based participatory research initiatives, with respect to minority health conditions and other populations with health disparities;
- Plans, coordinates, reviews, and evaluates research and other activities on minority health and health disparities conducted or supported by the NIH Institutes and Centers, consistent with the NIMHD’s authorizing statute;
- In collaboration with the NIH Director and other IC directors, and in consultation with the NIMHD advisory council, develops a comprehensive strategic plan and budget that identifies and establishes priorities, objectives, budgets, and policy statements for the conduct and support of all NIH minority health and health disparities research activities; and ensures that all amounts appropriated for such activities are expended in accordance with the strategic plan and budget;
- In collaboration with the NIH Director and other IC directors, and in consultation with the NIMHD advisory council, promotes coordination and collaboration among ICs conducting or supporting minority health or other health disparities research;
- Provides leadership for a national and international program on minority health and health disparities research;
- Represents the NIH minority health and health disparities research program at all relevant Executive branch task forces, committees and planning activities;
- Develops and maintains a Health Disparities Information (HDI) database to facilitate the collection of data, translation of research, education, dissemination, and communication of information to various audiences, including PHS and other Federal agencies, on minority health and health disparities research, advances, and other activities including those planned, conducted, or supported by the NIH;
- Establishes projects to promote cooperation among Federal agencies, State, local, tribal, and regional public health agencies and private entities in health disparities research;
- Develops and revise as necessary, the national definition for health disparity population in consultation with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; and
- Provides leadership for the implementation of the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act (P.L. 106-525) and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148) and other relevant public laws as they relate to the NIMHD mission and the NIH minority health and health disparities research and activities.