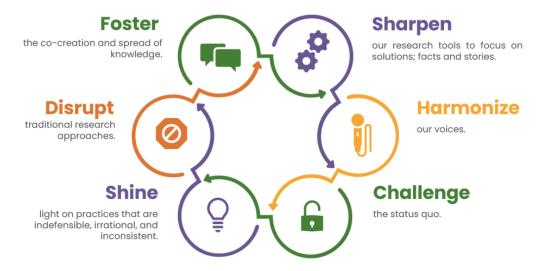


The Partners for Advancing Health Equity Collaborative hosted its inaugural webinar, *Many Voices, One Goal: Next Steps in Advancing Health Equity*, on March 8, 2022. Panelists engaged in compelling discussions concerning the challenges related to pushing health equity forward and the need for collaborative, community-centered approaches to create space where everyone can live their healthiest lives.

This report provides a synthesis of key takeaways, solutions, and action steps identified from the webinar.

P4HE Objectives



Webinar Voices

The webinar featured panelists representing a variety of organizations that touch the health equity space. Panel discussion centered around the following key questions:

- Why does inequity exist?
- What works for whom and under what conditions?
- How do we make change?
- What does power mean in this moment and how can we leverage it?
- How do we collectively organize and lift community voices?







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"There has been a lot of research on the problems and not on the solutions... it was necessary... to document the inequities, but i think that in doing so, we have almost over-relied on looking at the pain and not appreciating the power of these communities that have been harmed by these systems and structures of oppression. We have also not recognized the ways in which communities who have been most harmed have come up with solutions – pretty powerful ones – in the face of this great harm." sharrelle Barber, The Ubuntu Center on Racism, Global Movements, and Population Health Equity

Identified Barriers

Panelists stressed that rather than continuing to focus on the "what" (i.e., what challenges or barriers exist), dialogue should center on why inequities exist and how they perpetuate. They cited discrimination, inequitable power structures, and ongoing oppression and injustice as some of the root causes for these challenges. Health equity research & practice need to better study the mechanisms of the root causes.



In health equity work, it is time to move beyond the **what.**

Dialogue should focus on:

Why inequities exist and how they perpetuate?

The **why** results from numerous root causes:



Solutions

Panelists discussed the value in shifting the health equity conversation from an overreliance on research (which has historically been paternalistic) to one of leveraged community power and future impact. Panelists shared that health equity is not just a moral goal, it is what is best for communities, including businesses, the private sector, and places of higher education.

Solutions for the future of health equity work center on **community power.**

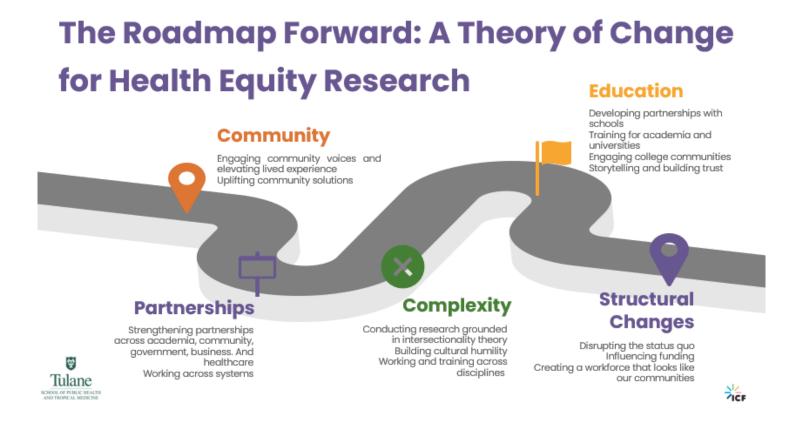




Future Action

To shift research agendas and health equity practice for the future, panelists pointed to communities (which are already developing solutions). Partnerships – across systems and sectors – are critical to the future of health equity. Community members with lived experience and local educational institutions can help identify solutions and build trust within and across communities. Incorporating intersectionality into analyses and practice is an important part of the roadmap forward. This complexity requires culture humility and the need for cross-disciplinary analyses. All of these factors will lead to structural changes that disrupt the status quo. Approaches to disrupt the status quo include research and policy development; asking the right questions to interrogate the structures; and going to the experts – those with lived experience.

The graphic below represents a living theory of change that will be reviewed and adapted over the course of the Collaborative's engagement and work.





Advancing the Health Equity Field

In summary, key tips from the inaugural webinar are included below.

Next steps for advancing the field of health equity:











