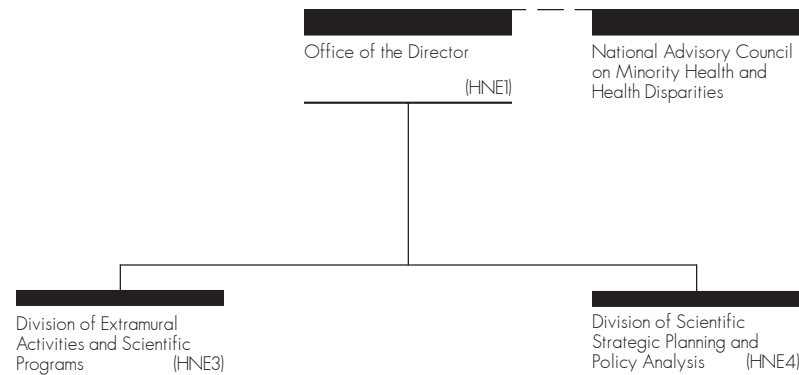


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- Advises the NIH Director and Institute and Center (IC) directors on the development of NIH-wide policy issues related to minority health disparities research, research on other health disparities, and related research training and serves as principal liaison with other agencies of the PHS, DHHS, and Federal Government;
- Develops, in consultation with the NIH Director, IC directors, and the advisory council, a comprehensive strategic plan that identifies and establishes objectives, priorities, budgets, and policy statements governing the conduct and support of all NIH minority health disparities research, research on other health disparities, and related research training activities;
- Evaluates NIH minority health disparities research programs and other health disparities research programs that are carried out by the ICs;
- Administers funds for the support of minority health disparities research and other health disparities research, through grant-making and through leveraging the programs of the ICs;
- Provides staff support to the NCMHD Advisory Council and trans-NIH Coordinating Committee for minority health disparities research and other health disparities research at NIH;
- Develops and maintains a Health Disparities Information (HDI) data base on intramural and extramural activities of relevance to the Center's mission and prepares special or recurring reports as needed;
- Develops culturally appropriate strategies to assure that the public is informed about various diseases and conditions that affect racial and ethnic minorities and other "health disparity populations" and issues and related NIH research activities;
- Informs the scientific and medical communities and other Government agencies of NIH health disparities activities and involves them in efforts to expand and encourage minority health disparities research, research on other health disparities, and related research training programs;
- Promotes the growth and quality of minority health disparities research and research on other health disparities through improved resource allocation at the NIH, expanded collaboration among the NIH ICs and among academic institutions, improving the research infrastructure at minority serving institutions, and through the development of innovative programs such as a Centers of Excellence Program, a research endowment program, an extramural loan repayment program, and programs promoting Federal, State and local cooperation;
- Provides leadership in expanding the pool of experienced investigators in the areas of minority health disparities research and research on other health disparities; and
- In consultation with the NIH Director, implements Title I of the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000, as it relates to the NCMHD.

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