



ABOUT US

Founded in 2018 by Governor Mike Leavitt and Dr. Karen DeSalvo, NASDOH is a multi-sector coalition of stakeholders working to advance widespread adoption of effective policies and programs to address health-related social needs as well as the underlying social and economic conditions in which people live—often called social determinants of health (SDOH). NASDOH brings together stakeholders from different geographic regions with expertise in health care, public health, social services, patient and consumer perspectives, information technology, and business to share learnings, develop policy recommendations, and build consensus on solutions to address SDOH. NASDOH’s work focuses on improving regulatory and reimbursement frameworks, supporting funding opportunities, and addressing practical challenges to implementing and sustaining public and private sector efforts to address SDOH as a core component of advancing health equity.



Health is foundational to **economic vitality, business competitiveness, and personal achievement.**



Health care costs are competing and eroding investment in **critical social goods** like education, public safety, and transportation.



Improving health requires more than great medical care because health results from the **environments where we live, learn, work, and play.**

NASDOH Principles

1. By addressing the **broad and interconnected array of factors that influence health** we can effectively help all people and communities to optimize health, achieve well-being, and thrive economically.
2. Strategies that address the social determinants of health should be **developed with people and communities** and reflect their values, assets, needs, and preferences.
3. Meaningfully impacting health and well-being requires **multi-sectoral partnerships** across the private and public sectors.
4. The **private sector**, including employers and businesses, has an integral role to play through private-sector action, policy work, engaging in public-private partnerships, and civic leadership.
5. **Public health departments and human and social services sectors** are essential partners in efforts to address the social determinants of health and will need significant financial and human capital investments.
6. Efforts to address the social determinants of health should **build upon existing gains in the health care system** and advance equitable access to affordable, quality care.
7. Successfully **transforming to a value-based health care system** requires care and payment models that address the social determinants of health.
8. **Digital strategies** should be leveraged to transform and improve health and well-being including promoting bidirectional information flow with appropriate attention to privacy, respectful use, and data security as a priority in data collection, sharing, and use.
9. **Measuring the impact** of social determinants of health interventions should balance the goals and interests of sectors and affected people and communities.
10. The substantial body of successful evidence-based approaches to better integrate social determinants of health approaches into the health system can inform immediate action; however, there is a continuing **need to experiment and build the evidence base**, and for policies that encourage the development of additional evidence.

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