



Below, we provide an overview of our plans as we look forward through 2020.

Overall Objectives for 2020

- Maintain the influence of Aligning for Health among policymakers
- Shape discussions in Washington around social determinants of health
- Advance social determinants policy and legislation

2020 Deliverables

- Convene multi-sector broad stakeholder roundtable meetings on social determinants on a quarterly basis;
- Organize periodic salon dinners with notable policymakers and experts working on social determinants initiatives;
- Establish a Social Determinants of Health Congressional Caucus;
- Create an awards program called Congressional Leaders in Social Determinants Awards, hold awards luncheon;
- Pass the Social Determinants Accelerator Act;
- If the Social Determinants Accelerator Act is enacted, act as a convening entity to bring together state and local governments seeking to learn more about the Social Determinants Accelerator program opportunity and to increase their readiness and the quality of their applications; and
- Continue to work with HHS as they develop a Department social determinants strategy, including Innovation Center models.

Key Activities

To achieve the objectives noted above, AFH will take action in the following areas: 1) policy development; 2) congressional and Administration advocacy; 3) thought leadership and policy communications; and 4) strategic partnerships.

- ***Policy Development***
 - Continue to meet with and provide assistance to the Administration as it continues to develop its social determinants strategy and related initiatives.
 - If SDAA is enacted, serve as convener for state and local governments interested in learning more about SDAA, and help provide assistance for them in developing their proposals, applications, and ultimately, their Social Determinants Accelerator Plans. Potentially partner with organizations like NASHP or the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
 - Derive new policy ideas from the white paper drafting process.
- ***Congressional and Administration Advocacy***
 - Continue to advocate for the Social Determinants Accelerator Act in the House and Senate, and help support the advancement of other social determinants legislation, such as the CARING for Social Determinants Act or the UNDERSTAND Act. Leverage state and local leaders as advocates for the legislation, and continue to cultivate examples of ongoing challenges and areas of opportunity.
 - Create a Social Determinants of Health Caucus.



- Establish Awards for Congressional Leaders in Social Determinants, present in a year-end luncheon.
- Plan and hold a Social Determinants Hill Event – Highlighting SDAA and member SDH activities.

- ***Thought Leadership and Policy Communications***
 - Convene multi-sector roundtable forums with individuals working on key initiatives and programs in the federal government, state government, health and human service programs, and community-based organizations. The roundtables would be themed and held on a quarterly basis with goals of (1) sharing best practices and innovative ideas, and (2) elevating barriers and challenges to implementing social determinants strategies.
 - Organize periodic salon dinners with experts and key policymakers working on social determinants initiatives.
 - Provide guidance and blog posts on forthcoming CMMI Model 1 and any future CMS guidance on how to leverage Medicaid flexibilities to address SDH
 - Continue to participate in, and speak on panels at, events, conferences, and other activities focused on social determinants, population health, and Medicaid.

- ***Strategic Partnerships***
 - Maintain and develop new partnerships with key stakeholder groups and regularly seek their input as we seek to advance the Social Determinants Accelerator Act and our other key activities throughout 2020.
 - This includes continued outreach to stakeholders in housing, food assistance, LIHEAP; consumer groups like AARP or minority groups; groups generally focused on poverty/empowerment; groups focused on pay for performance; health care stakeholders, and groups in Washington representing states to speak out, including NGA, NAMD, NASBO, NASHP, APHSA, NACo, and ASTHO.
 - This will be accomplished in part through the Roundtables and salon dinners.