Utilizing the HRC Healthcare Equality Index (HEI) Certification Process to Address Health Disparities in LGBTQ+ Student Populations

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ABSTRACT & PURPOSE

For 15 years, HRC’s Healthcare Equality Index has served as the national LGBTQ+ benchmarking tool for promoting equitable, inclusive care in the healthcare setting. However, of the more than 900 facilities that participated in 2022, <5% were student-serving, university health centers. The purpose of this poster is to encourage college health administrators to explore the HRC HEI certification process as an avenue toward reducing healthcare disparities in the LGBTQ+ student population.

WHAT IS HRC HEI?

• HEI participants are given a score based on how many LGBTQ+ inclusive policies and practices they have in place in four different criteria.
• Participants that have earned the LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader designation have received the highest score in each criteria.

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WHY PARTICIPATE?

• ASHE Center Leadership, specifically Amrit Nagra, MPH, Bettina Pedone, NP, & Chaitali Mukherjee, MD, MPH
• UCLA LGBTQIA Campus Resource Center Staff
• HRC HEI Support Team (hrc@hei.org)

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