



Dear Colleagues:

Students come to our campuses with varied life experiences and backgrounds. ACHA acknowledges that these differences, along with varying systems and processes, are often correlated to disparities in health outcomes. In the college health setting, we must build health and well-being related programs and services that include medical, mental health, and health promotion services that acknowledge the social locations, lived experiences, and systems that influence student health outcomes. As college health professionals, it is our responsibility to identify and address the contextual factors that contribute to health disparities, thereby ensuring all populations have the opportunity to achieve the same health outcomes.

One of the strengths of ACHA is our ability to bring together various perspectives, helping us to effectively meet the needs of college and university communities. As such, when developing your program for the Annual Meeting, consider the contextual factors that have contributed to differences in health outcomes across college health. These factors may include policies, processes, and practices that address health disparities, thereby helping to advance health and well-being on our campuses. Examining the ways in which college health professionals may be intentionally or unintentionally contributing to disparate health outcomes is a key step in aligning with ACHA's values.

We thank you for your dedication to advancing the field of college health and look forward to reviewing your proposal.