

National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council and National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy

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The ACA established the creation of a National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council¹ charged with developing a comprehensive national prevention and public health strategy. The Council is chaired by the Surgeon General and is comprised of cabinet secretaries and other administrators from 17 federal departments, listed below:

National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council Members	
Bureau of Indian Affairs	Department of Labor
Corporation for National & Community Service	Department of Transportation
Department of Agriculture	Department of Veterans Affairs
Department of Defense	Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Education	Federal Trade Commission
Department of Health & Human Services	Office of Management and Budget
Department of Homeland Security	Office of National Drug Control Policy
Department of Housing & Urban Development	White House Domestic Policy Council
Department of Justice	

Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative Public Health

The law also established an Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health to provide advice and recommendations to the Council. In January 2011, the Administration announced the appointment of two county officials to the Advisory Group—NACO Past President and Sonoma County, CA Supervisor Valerie Brown and Dr. Jonathan Fielding, County Health Officer for Los Angeles County. In addition to providing input into the development of a national prevention and health promotion strategy, the Advisory Group will continue to work with the Council to help coordinate federal prevention activities, ensure implementation of the prevention strategy and provide annual status reports to Congress through 2015.

National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy

With input from the Advisory Group, the Council completed the development of the National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy in June 2011. The strategy's identified goal is to increase the number of Americans who are healthy at every stage of life, and the plan offers evidence-based interventions that are designed to engage broad partnerships across of range of sectors.

The strategy highlights four strategic directions of focus to serve as the foundation of national prevention efforts:

- Healthy and safe community environments
- Clinical and community preventive services
- Empowered people
- Elimination of health disparities

The strategy further identifies seven targeted priorities related to the leading causes of preventable death and major illness and offers evidence-based recommendations.

¹ PPACA Section 4001

The strategy also aligns with existing federal health promotion programs, such as Healthy People 2020 and the First Lady's "Let's Move!" campaign, to encourage efficiency and minimize duplication. Additionally, the strategy corresponds with the strategy called for by the ACA, the National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care, which focuses on identifying connections between quality improvement, prevention and wellness.

Additional Information & Resources

For more information about the prevention strategy and Council, see:

www.healthcare.gov/nationalpreventioncouncil

<http://www.healthcare.gov/center/councils/nphpphc/strategy/index.html>

National Prevention and Health Promotion Strategy:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/center/councils/nphpphc/strategy/report.pdf>

Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative Public Health:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/prevention/nphpphc/advisorygrp/index.html>

National Strategy for Quality Improvement in Health Care:

<http://www.healthcare.gov/center/reports/quality03212011a.html>