Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity

This volunteer organization, established in 2017, has a mission of “activating health professionals to work toward health equity.” The organization invites MN physicians to join them in their advocacy and current membership is 184 physicians. A majority of the MDHE Board are MN-ACP members and internists and/or med-peds physicians. These volunteer physicians have taken on advocacy for health policy, health equity, and increasing health care access with the following activities between 2017 and 2019:

- Opposed the Medicaid work requirement in 2018;
- Increased access to Hepatitis medications for Medicaid enrollees in 2019;
- Opposed elimination of the Minnesota Provider tax in 2019;
- Opposed the Title X Gag Rule change that recently went into effect and co-signed on letter to the editor with MN-ACP and MMA;
- Promoted the Immigrant protection Toolkit in conjunction with the Minnesota Immigration Health Alliance;
- Submitted letters to the Editor to advocate for health care policies such as paid medical leave, transparency in developing health care policy, expanding Minnesotacare and many more;
- Authored article published in MN Medicine on Health Equity, presented “Physicians as Advocates: How You Can DO Something.” At the U of M Internal Medicine Grand Rounds, sponsored three workshops for members, and collaborated with other organizations/coalitions.

Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity are donating their award of $1000 to the Simpson Housing of Minneapolis, MN [https://www.simpsonhousing.org/](https://www.simpsonhousing.org/)