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Show Notes

Episode 3: Health System Associations Supporting Member Response to Health Equity Part 1 and 2

Our Guests:

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Show Summary: Duane Reynolds and Maria Hernandez interview Philip Albert and Priya Bathija about the ways the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) are supporting their members in their efforts to advance health equity. Part 1 of the show highlights a focus on how data collection on patient demographics, social determinants of health and other systemic factors that drive inequities are a focus for the respective associations. This effort represents important and necessary steps in advancing health equity and both Philip and Priya recognize the inherent concerns organizations must address. They also recognize that the “ecosystem” for healthcare has radically changed--the range of patterns, initiatives, and community partnerships needed to support the well-being of communities is driving important efforts to align services with patient needs. In Part 2 we learn more about how the competitive nature of health systems may create an agreed upon set of metrics for health equity and the national rankings on health equity which must be meaningful to the communities served. We conclude with their personal thoughts on coping with the pandemic while their unique roles at AHA and AAMC takes center stage in the national spotlight on health equity.

Information Referenced on the Show:

- “Starving for a Solution: Hunger as a Health Issue” Read about Promedica Health System’s approach to Food Insecurity here: <https://www.promedica.org/newsroom/our-stories/starving-for-a-solution-hunger-as-a-health-issue>
- The Health Equity Research and Policy page of the AAMC has resources and tool kits available here: <https://www.aamc.org/what-we-do/mission-areas/medical-research/health-equity>
- AAMC’s 10 Part Strategic Plan <https://www.aamc.org/news-insights/aamc-releases-strategic-plan-respond-rapidly-changing-health-care-landscape>
- The American Hospital Associations Disparities/Equity of Care strategic alliances are forging a path toward health equity: <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2021-02-22-blog-how-ahas-strategic-alliances-are-cutting-path-toward-health-equity>

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