

AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the *Interest Networks Leadership Manual* for the purpose of the Interest Networks.

Interest Network:	Health & Wellness
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Next Scheduled Election & Leadership Position(s) that will be Open for Nomination: June 2025;	
2023-2024 Report For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used. In addition, please note if/how any activities enhanced diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice. Activity 1: Scholarship Sponsorship: We funded 1 scholarship for doctoral student Lauren Peterson from the University of Chicago, who presented on “State Variation in Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Policy Design for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,” which addressed equity issues. Activity 2: Pre-con Session: Preparing our Students for Inclusive Professional Practice: Navigating the Gap Between the Ideal and the Real. The session included a focus on health-care professionals and directly addressed diversity, equity, and inclusion. Activity 3: Inquired with AAIDD office contacts on a HWIN discussion thread to connect members. Limitations on this format were shared by AAIDD, which is why the tool was originally turned off. During the 2024 annual conference, we instead elected a social media officer, to address this revised goal for 2024-2025 using a more accessible social media platform. No webinars were sponsored this year. Email updates were sent related to the conference and an IN meeting was held during the annual conference. We elected a Co-Chair, Melissa Levin (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute), and a social media officer, Jennifer Kendrick (University of Louisville).	

2024-2025 Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies

For the **coming year** (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds. In addition, please note if/how any activities will address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice.

Goal 1: Disseminate practical information and skills via 2-3 webinars during the next year to HWIN and AAIDD members, as well as students and experienced professionals (see Goals 2-3) on health and wellness issues (diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice) for persons with IDD.

Goal 2: Promote and support student involvement in AAIDD, prioritizing involvement in activities (e.g., HWIN meetings) and events (e.g., HWIN webinars, AAIDD webinars, annual conference) that address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice in health and wellness issues for persons with IDD.

Goal 3: Promote experienced professional involvement in AAIDD, prioritizing involvement in events (e.g., HWIN webinars, AAIDD webinars, annual conference) that address diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice in health and wellness issues for persons with IDD.

Goal 4: Connect HWIN members, as well as prospective student and experienced professional contacts, to identify potential collaborations and to share information, including policy issues, advocacy opportunities, research, and projects.

Activity 1: Hold 2-3 HWIN webinars on innovations in healthcare provision to better support individuals with IDD. **Goal 1.**

Activity 2: Sponsor 1 student scholarship to 2025 AAIDD Conference who has an accepted presentation on a health/wellness topic that addresses diversity, equity, inclusion, or justice. HWIN members will review abstracts and select awardee. **Goal 2.**

Activity 3: Sponsor \$10 student scholarships to attend HWIN webinars. **Goals 1 & 2.**

Activity 4: Share information on HWIN webinars with outlets that communicate to experienced professionals. **Goals 1 & 3.**

Activity 5: The HWIN will utilize a social media platform(s) that is/are accessible to members to promote connection and information sharing across the year. **Goal 4.**