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Re: National Academy of Medicine, Preliminary Framework for Equitable Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine

[submitted electronically through the National Academies website] –

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/a-framework-for-equitable-allocation-of-vaccine-for-the-novel-coronavirus/announcement/public-comment-opportunities>

The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation write to support the September 4 submitted comments by the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), Task Forces on Health, Long-Term Services and Supports, and Rights co-chairs.

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) (www.aahd.us) is a national non-profit organization of public health professionals, both practitioners and academics, with a primary concern for persons with disabilities. The AAHD mission is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for persons with disabilities.

The Lakeshore Foundation (www.lakeshore.org) mission is to enable people with physical disability and chronic health conditions to lead healthy, active, and independent lifestyles through physical activity, sport, recreation and research. Lakeshore is a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site; the UAB/Lakeshore Research Collaborative is a world-class research program in physical activity, health promotion and disability linking Lakeshore's programs with the University of Alabama, Birmingham's research expertise.

We affirm the importance, as included in the CCD September 4 comments, of:

1. People who live or work in congregate settings
2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related non-discrimination and civil rights protections for persons with disabilities
3. Recognition of and addressing health disparities faced by persons with disabilities
4. Such recognition and action must include COVID-19 data collection, analysis, and public reporting precisely of “disability status.”
5. COVID-19 data collection, analysis, and public reporting of precise “disability status” must also be cross-walked with other targeted population categories facing health disparities and histories of discrimination

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Clarke Ross at clarkross10@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



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