

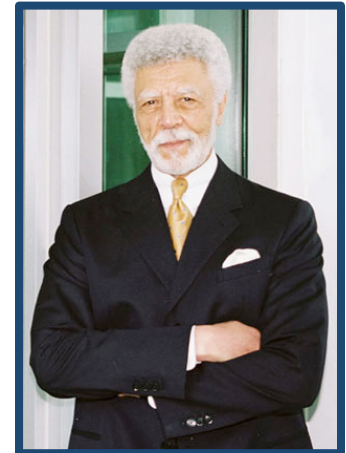


Dellums Commission

Relative to their white peers, boys and men of color face a host of historic and contemporary factors that contribute to pervasive negative stereotypes, shortened life expectancy and inequitable life opportunities. To address these inequities, the National Collaborative has re-convened the Dellums Commission (first convened by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in 2005) with the goal of bringing attention to pervasive negative stereotypes of boys and men of color, and providing new tools, leadership, support, and vision to communities struggling to address the needs of this population.

The Dellums Commission is a blue-ribbon panel of elected officials, scholars, activists, and community leaders that aim to catalyze effective policy change by building coalitions that will unite labor, industry, science, public health, religious leaders, philanthropists, foundations, and elected officials in a consortium to improve life opportunities for boys and men of color. Chaired by former Congressman and Oakland mayor Ronald V. Dellums, the Commission is charged with assessing the impact of public policies on the physical, emotional, and social health of minority youth, and to identify strategies that can improve their life circumstances.

Building on the success of the first Dellums Commission, we seek to increase stakeholder awareness of the multiple barriers to opportunity experienced by many boys and men of color (BMoC), build support for comprehensive policy strategies that tackle these barriers and elevate the voices of BMoC in policy debates and civic discourse.



Ronald V. Dellums
Former Congressman and
Former Mayor of Oakland

The National Collaborative for Health Equity is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to catalyze the partnerships necessary among a range of health equity stakeholders – including communities and community-based organizations, researchers, business leaders, faith organizations, and many others – to advance a health equity movement.

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