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Key Takeaways:

- Sustainable partnerships for health equity improvement require relationships and commitments among the partners involved; knowledge, capacity, and values generated from partnerships; and funding, staff, programs, and policy change to support partnership.
- Just because a change is effective does not mean that it will be sustained. Sustainability planning starts with measurement, including monitoring process and outcomes metrics for negative signals and planning for how measurement will change over time.
- Sustainable changes require clear ownership. There may be different owners for the daily work associated with a change and the measurement that supports sustainment.
- Our project faculty have developed a *Health Care Facility and Health Department Health Equity Accreditation Resource* that is intended to support health care facilities and health departments in meeting Joint Commission and Public Health Accreditation Board health equity accreditation requirements.

Further Reading:	
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