Bridging for Health: Improving Community Health Through Innovations in Financing

Focusing on Three Main Areas to Improve Population Health:

Collaboration & Collective Impact

Innovations in Financing

Health & Health Equity

SITES

- Allegheny County Health Department
- Caledonia - So. Essex Accountable Health Community
- The Health Collaborative in Bexar County
- Inland Empire
- Michigan Health Improvement Alliance
- Way to Wellville Spartanburg
- Yamhill Community Care Organization

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ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Foundations in the Pittsburgh area have created a fund dedicated to the public health department infrastructure.

COLLABORATIVE
The Allegheny Health Department is leading partners that include foundations, government, businesses, hospitals and health systems, nonprofits and community-based organizations, and universities.

INNOVATION
Foundations funded a community health assessment and an information technology assessment. The Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative and the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, through a grant from RWJF, sponsored a Payment Reform Summit in 2014.

HEALTH
Allegheny County ranks 34 of 67 counties in Pennsylvania in overall health outcomes.

CALEDONIA–SO. ESSEX ACCOUNTABLE HEALTH COMMUNITY

This Accountable Health Community is committed to the shared goal of improving health and well-being in the region, with an emphasis on reducing poverty.

COLLABORATIVE
The Caledonia–So, Essex Accountable Health Community is a network of community partners, established in 2013, working together via collective impact to improve the health and well-being of the people in Caledonia and southern Essex counties.

INNOVATION
Capture and reinvest was tested by the group in the past. There is now a focus on the state payment reform process, with a proposal to streamline costs associated with health care and social services in both counties served. The goal is to reduce duplication and increase information sharing across systems serving similar populations.

HEALTH
Caledonia County ranks 5 and Essex County ranks 11 of 14 counties in Vermont in overall health outcomes.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts.
* Education rate is the percentage of adults over 25 years with a high school diploma.
THE HEALTH COLLABORATIVE IN BEXAR COUNTY

The San Antonio region is leveraging current Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP) funding.

COLLABORATIVE
The Health Collaborative in Bexar County is a nonprofit organization working with the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, hospitals, community organizations, and businesses.

INNOVATION
The DSRIP program operates through 22 different multicontry regions throughout the state, and there are more than 100 projects already being implemented in the San Antonio region. RWJF has engaged the Public Health Foundation and the New York Academy of Medicine Center for Health Innovation to assist the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District with implementation strategies and evaluation.

HEALTH
Bexar County ranks 74 out of the 237 Texas counties in overall health outcomes.

INLAND EMPIRE

There is initial discussion and exploration about initiatives targeting prediabetes and obesity in a developing collaborative to improve health in the Inland Empire.

COLLABORATIVE
The area is a fertile ground for financing innovations and transitioning from traditional funding to global payment with a focus on population health. A variety of stakeholders are involved in current discussions.

INNOVATION
Both counties are exploring options to redesign the way they fund health and social services, entertaining restructuring and other financing streams including social impact investing and an Accountable Communities of Health model.

HEALTH
San Bernardino County ranks 37 and Riverside County ranks 24 of 57 counties in California in overall health outcomes.
MICHIGAN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ALLIANCE (MiHIA)

This collaborative is building a health ecosystem where consumers, providers, and payers make decisions based on the value and quality of care.

MiHIA consists of a diverse group of more than 80 stakeholders collaborating together to improve health and health delivery in central Michigan.

MiHIA is targeting root causes of poor health outcomes, including those tied to low economic growth.

Central Michigan counties rank between 7 and 80 out of 83 counties in Michigan.

SPARTANBURG'S WAY TO WELLVILLE

The Spartanburg community is exploring a Pay for Success model to support an early education initiative.

The Mary Black Foundation is leading a collaborative that includes foundations, government, hospitals, public health, the health system, community-based organizations, and universities.

The Institute for Child Success in Greenville, SC, is mentoring the site to use the Pay for Success model to improve outcomes for young children. The site is also involved with Purpose Built Communities and is a Way to Wellville community.

Spartanburg County ranks 12 of 46 counties in South Carolina in overall health outcomes.
About Bridging for Health

Bridging for Health: Improving Community Health Through Innovations in Financing, supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, takes a systemic approach to improving population health. It fosters connections among diverse stakeholders to align investments targeting upstream drivers of health that will ultimately improve population health outcomes. To accomplish this, Bridging for Health focuses on the linkages between three key areas: innovations in financing, collaboration, and health equity.

The Georgia Health Policy Center (GHPC) is the national coordinating center for Bridging for Health. GHPC has assembled a team of experts — internally, through an external advisory panel, and additional subject matter experts. The Bridging for Health team brings expertise in health care financing, health equity, community coalition building, leadership development, collective impact, economic development, social determinants of health, and population health.

GHPC technical assistance liaisons serve as thought partners with site leaders helping to guide the innovation process; provide in-depth learning opportunities in the areas of stewardship, health equity, and strategy; identify, translate, and disseminate local innovations; and oversee evaluation of site-level evaluations and cross-site findings.
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