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# Aligning Diversity and Inclusion, Community Engagement, Business Operations and Population Health Efforts to Achieve Equity

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## Speakers:

- Rev. Kathie Bender Schwich, Senior Vice President, Mission and Spiritual Care, Advocate Health Care
- Robyn Golden, Associate Vice President, Population Health and Aging, Rush University Medical Center
- Darlene Oliver Hightower, Associate Vice President, Community Engagement, Rush University Medical Center
- Moderator: Jetaun Mallet, AHA's Institute for Diversity

# **Aligning Diversity and Inclusion, Community Engagement, Business Operations and Population Health Efforts to Achieve Equity**

**Rev. Kathie Bender Schwich, FACHE  
Senior Vice President, Mission & Spiritual Care**

# Advocate's main focus in addressing health equity...



## Strategic Pillars

1. Education
2. Cultural Awareness
3. Access
4. Workforce Development
5. Community Partnership



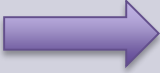



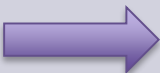
# Education: Culturally Customized Care

- ✓ The goal is care based on continuing, healing relationships in which needs are anticipated and customized according to a patient's needs and values.
- ✓ Ethnic minorities perceive responsiveness and personalization of care as key factors that care providers need to identify, understand and prioritize for their communities and tailor care accordingly.
- ✓ Currently Advocate does not collect patient race/ethnicity and language data at a granular level to ensure the information is meaningful and useful in providing culturally appropriate care.
- ✓ Robust data collection will allow associates and physicians to provide the safest, best possible care and experience for all patients we serve.

# Culturally Customized Care – Target Condition

1. Standard, consistent, meaningful diversity (race, ethnicity, language, religion, etc.) data across enterprise.
2. Data will be used to ensure all patients receive culturally customized care across the continuum.

# Culturally Customized Care –Action Plan

Data subgroup developed		2015
Baseline data and dashboard		January 2016
Granular ethnicity data collection go-live at hospital sites		February 2016
“We Ask Because We Care” campaign		February 2016
Validate and measure data process		Quarterly 2016
Assessment/timeline for data collection at ambulatory locations		April 2016
Determine how data can be used to inform how services are provided across the continuum of care		October 2016

# Diverse Patient Data Collection – 2016 Results

## 2016 Dashboard Improvements

Decline/Unknown down to 4.7% versus 14.8% at start of project

## Drivers of Improvement

- Embedded “We Ask Because We Care” language in all training programs
- Standardized “Unknown” to be equal to “Unable to ask”
- Published Quarterly score cards
- Focused attention on clear variance from baseline
  - Leadership
  - Work norms
  - Workflow
  - Comfort with questions



# Cultural Awareness – Address South Asian Cardiovascular Issues

## Need:

- ❑ One in 10 South Asians suffer from undiagnosed heart disease
- ❑ Cardiac related deaths under age 40



## Solution:

- Advocate created the South Asian Cardiovascular Center, the first of its kind in Midwestern United States
- Program focuses on community outreach, health education and culturally sensitive advanced clinical services and research

## Impact:

- Due to community outreach efforts, we see nearly 20 new patients every month, more than half of which require intensive surgical or medical intervention
- Partnering with local grocery stores
- We've partnered with local restaurants and faith communities to do education and reduce sodium content

**25%**

**HEART ATTACKS**

**50%**

**UNDER AGE 40**

**UNDER AGE 50**

Coronary Artery Disease affects South Asians four times as often as the general population.

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# The SACC Model





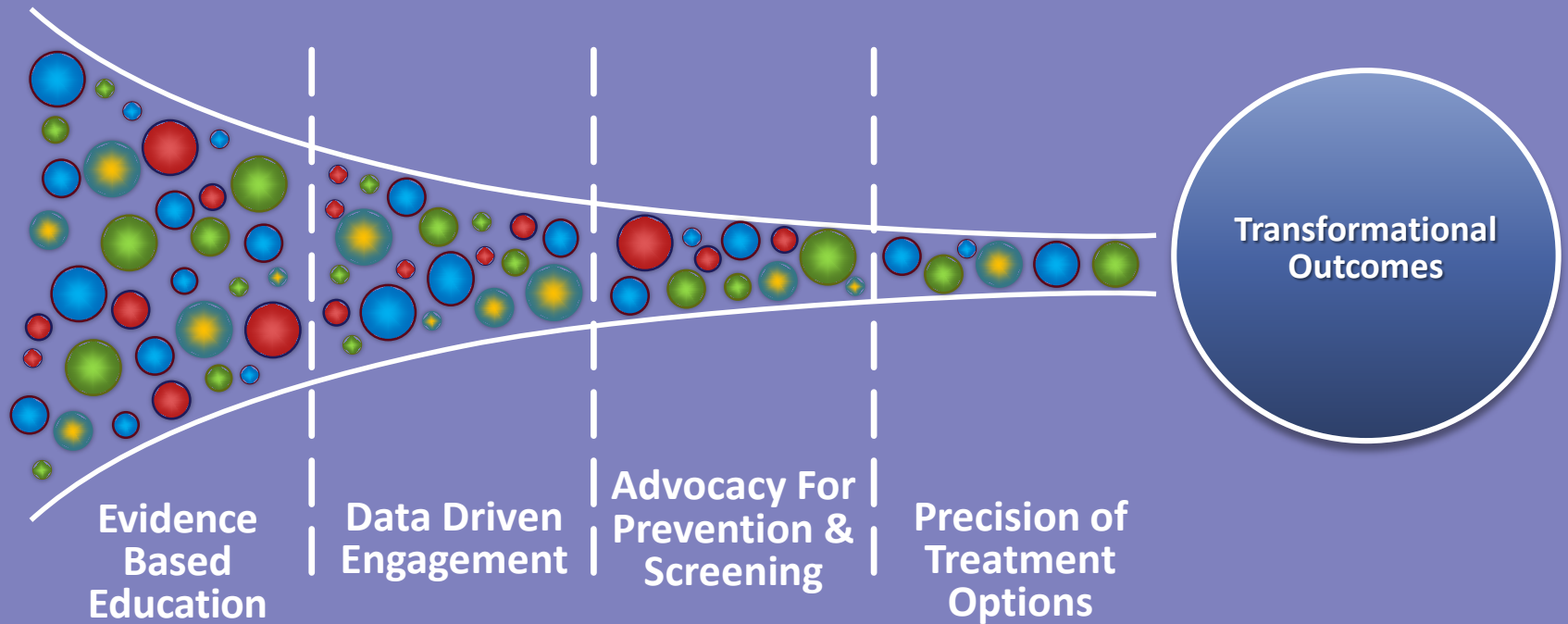
Transformative  
Community  
Outreach

Council of Advisors  
Social Media  
Retail/Business Partnerships  
Faith Based Collaborations  
Consumer Education  
Red Sari Advocacy



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# A Path Forward



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# Project H.E.A.L.T.H.

Healing Effectively After Leaving the Hospital:  
A Shift to Community-Based Outreach

# H.E.A.L.T.H Program Goal

Develop a supportive community health worker outreach program that bridges hospital based care to care across the continuum from hospital-to-home



# What is a Community Health Worker (CHW) ?

- A frontline public health worker who is a trusted member of and/or has a close understanding of the community served
- Has health training that is shorter than that of a professional health care worker
- Often more impactful than clinical personnel in influencing behavior change, esp. for populations that experience disparities



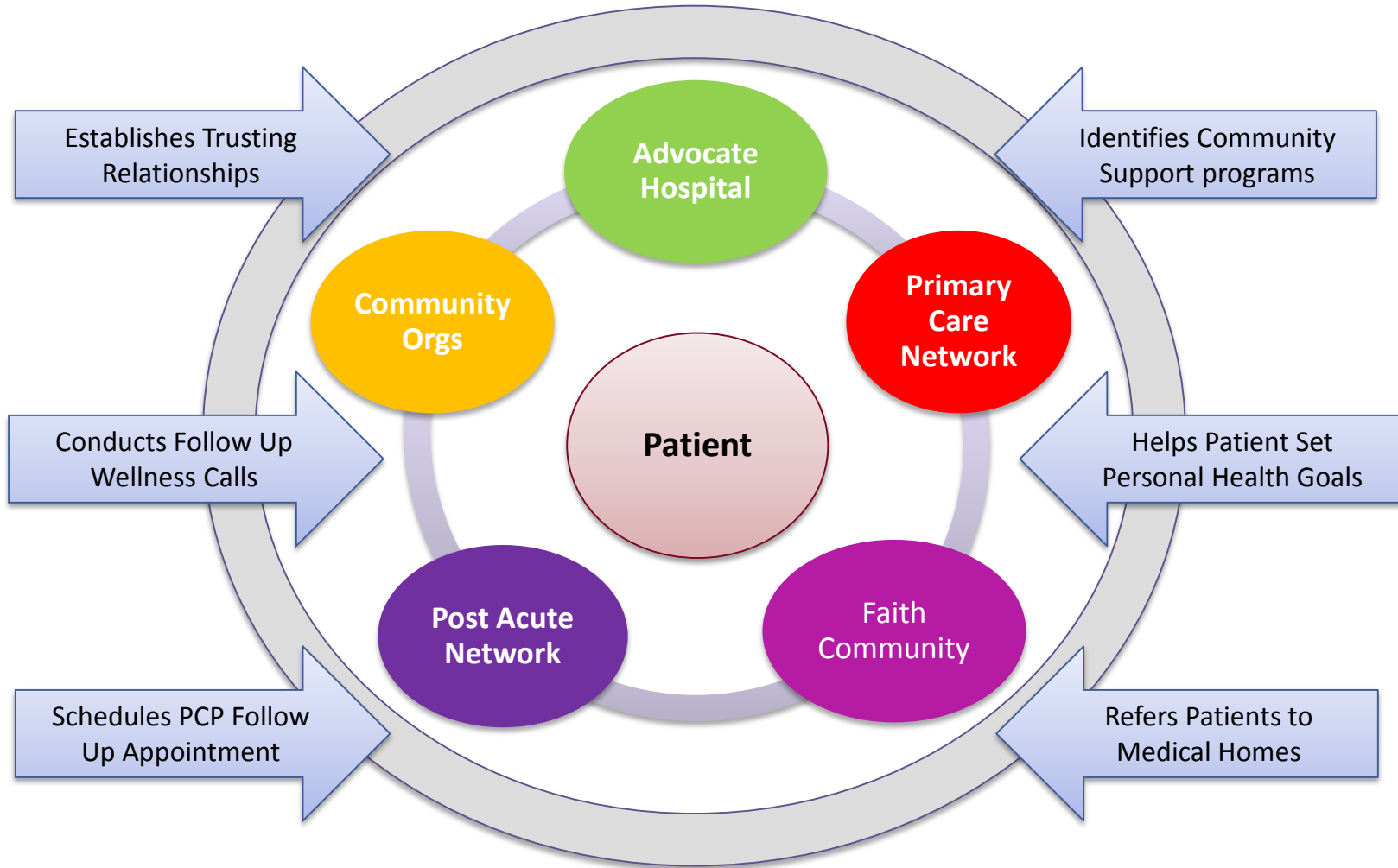
# What does a Community Health Worker Do?

- Establishes relationships with patients as they enter the hospital
- Continues relationship with patients beyond hospital walls
- Educate patient on warning signs of disease progression
- Provide chronic disease management services
- Make follow-up and well call checks
- Encourage completion of Follow-up PCP visit
- Identify care needs and post discharge
- Development of appointments and care coordination outside of hospital with community partners

# Outcomes

- Building lifelong relationships with our patients
- Reducing readmission rates
- Establishing and/or solidifying relationships with community care providers
- Reducing Emergency Room visits

# Transitional Care Model



Project H.E.A.L.T.H. Community Health Workers

# About the Advocate Workforce Initiative

- \$3 million commitment from JP Morgan Chase

- New Skills at Work
- Five-year workforce development initiative 2015-2020

## An employer-led, demand driven Workforce Development Program

- Align training curriculum to current and emerging trends (needs)
- Connect job seekers to employment opportunities with Advocate
- Encourages diverse candidates into our talent pipeline
- Establish 'best practices' creating a regional/national model

## An opportunity to provide industry training to job seekers

- Focused on middle-skill positions (entry-level, skilled)
- Supportive Services (identifying and removing barriers to employment)
- Clinical Education at Advocate Sites of Care
- Incumbent Worker Strategy (NAVIGATE)

# Program Goals

- **ALIGN** the skills of job seekers through industry training to fill available healthcare jobs in the greater Chicagoland area
- Increase **DIVERSITY** within the healthcare sector (Advocate), focused on middle-skill (but, not limited to)
- Provide a **CAREER PATHWAY** to individuals seeking advanced training/or career opportunities with the healthcare sector
- Support the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** through workforce and health education within the communities that we serve



# NAVIGATE



## Career Pathway Map

- Clinical & Non-clinical tracks
- Associate & Leader levels



## Tools & Resources

At your fingertips:

- Employee Assistance Program
- Education Assistance
  - Ex: Certifications and Degrees
- Tuition Discounts
- City school partnerships
  - Ex: Grants



## Soft Skills Development

- 10 sessions in 6 months
- Blended learning approach
- Build network

# Outcomes/Trends

- Over **115** placements in Healthcare related roles
- Over **95%** retention rate for graduates hired with Advocate Health Care
- **15** Healthcare Employers/Consortiums have participated in the Chicagoland Healthcare Workforce Collaborative
- Engaged **7** Community Based Organizations and **2** Community Colleges as training partners



# **AHA Equity of Care Webinar: Rush's Mission to Improve the Health of Chicago's West Side**

**Darlene Oliver Hightower, JD, Associate Vice President, Community  
Engagement**

**Robyn L. Golden, MA, LCSW, Associate Vice President, Population  
Health and Aging**



Rush is a not-for-profit health care, education and research enterprise comprising Rush University Medical Center, Rush University, Rush Oak Park Hospital and Rush Health.



# Agenda

- I. Introduction to Rush and Chicago's West Side**
- II. Collaborative Approaches to Improve Health Equity**
- III. Discussion/Questions**

# About Rush

## Our mission

The mission of Rush is to **improve the health of the individuals and diverse communities we serve** through the integration of outstanding patient care, education, research and community partnership

## Our vision

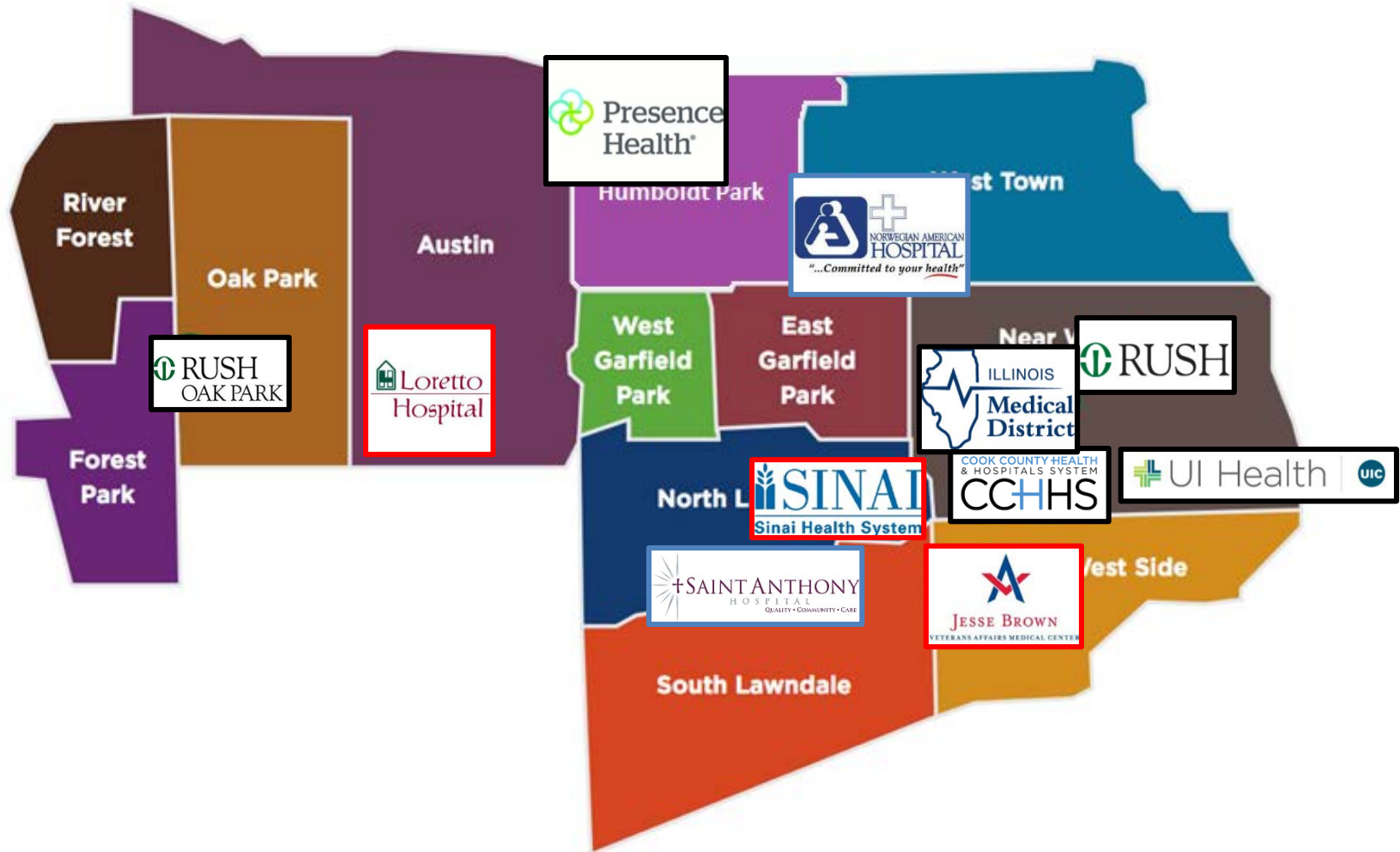
Rush will be the leading academic health system in the region and nationally recognized for transforming health care.

## Our values

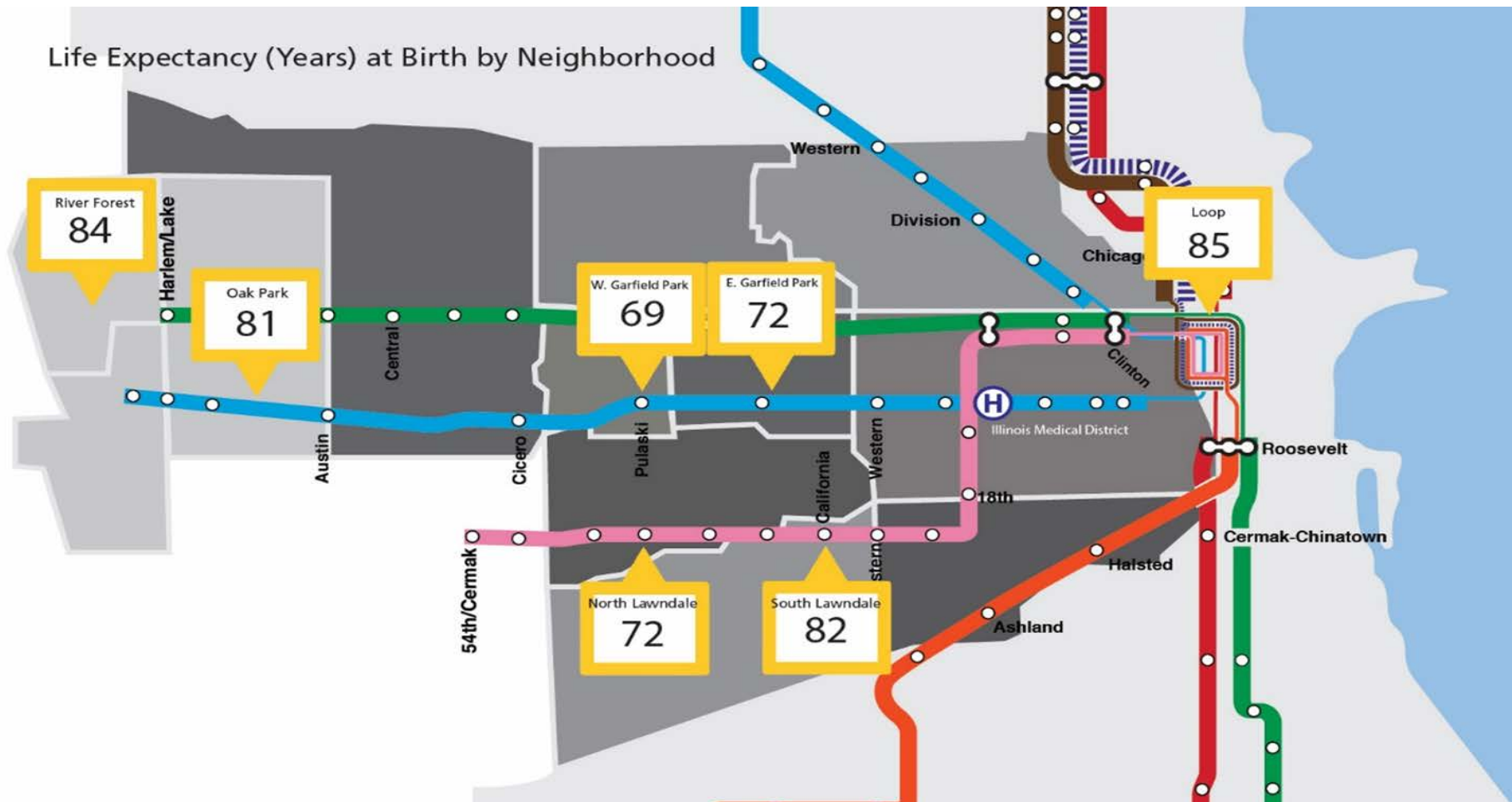
Rush University Medical Center's core values — innovation, collaboration, accountability, respect and excellence — are the roadmap to our mission and vision.



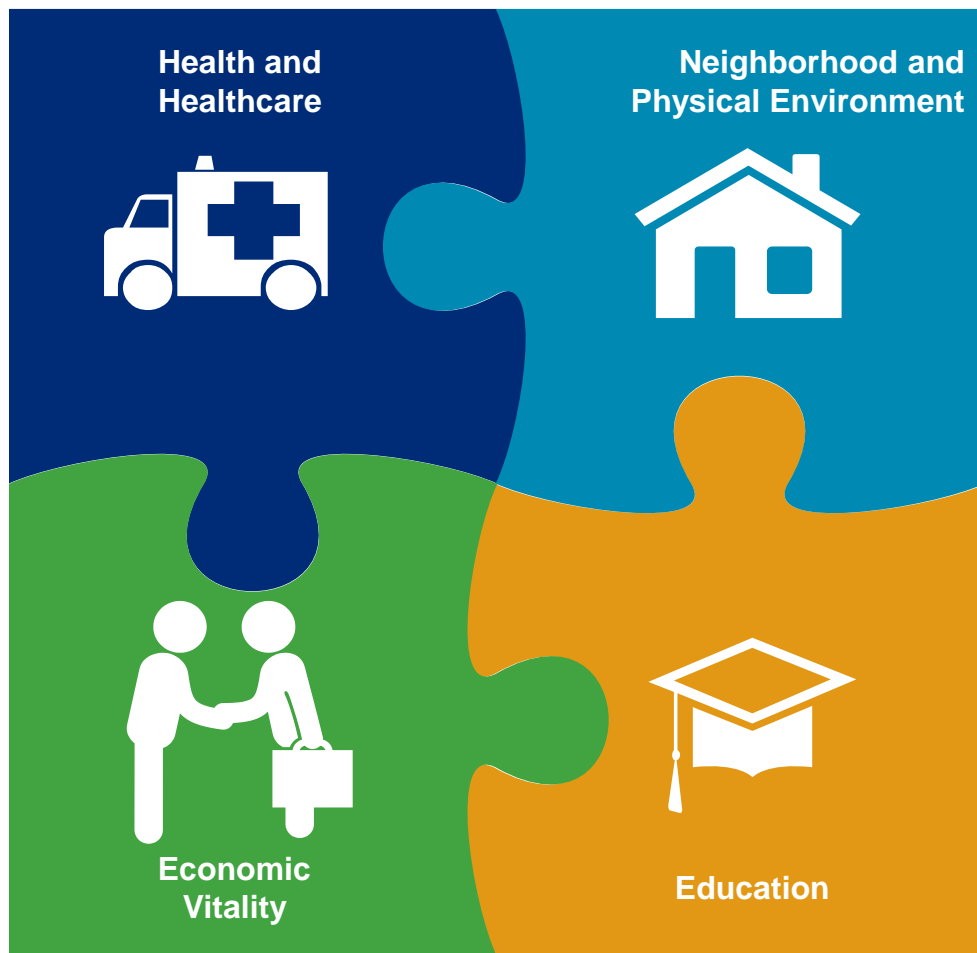
# The West Side is Rich with Health Institutions and Clinics



# Disparity Exists on the West Side of Chicago

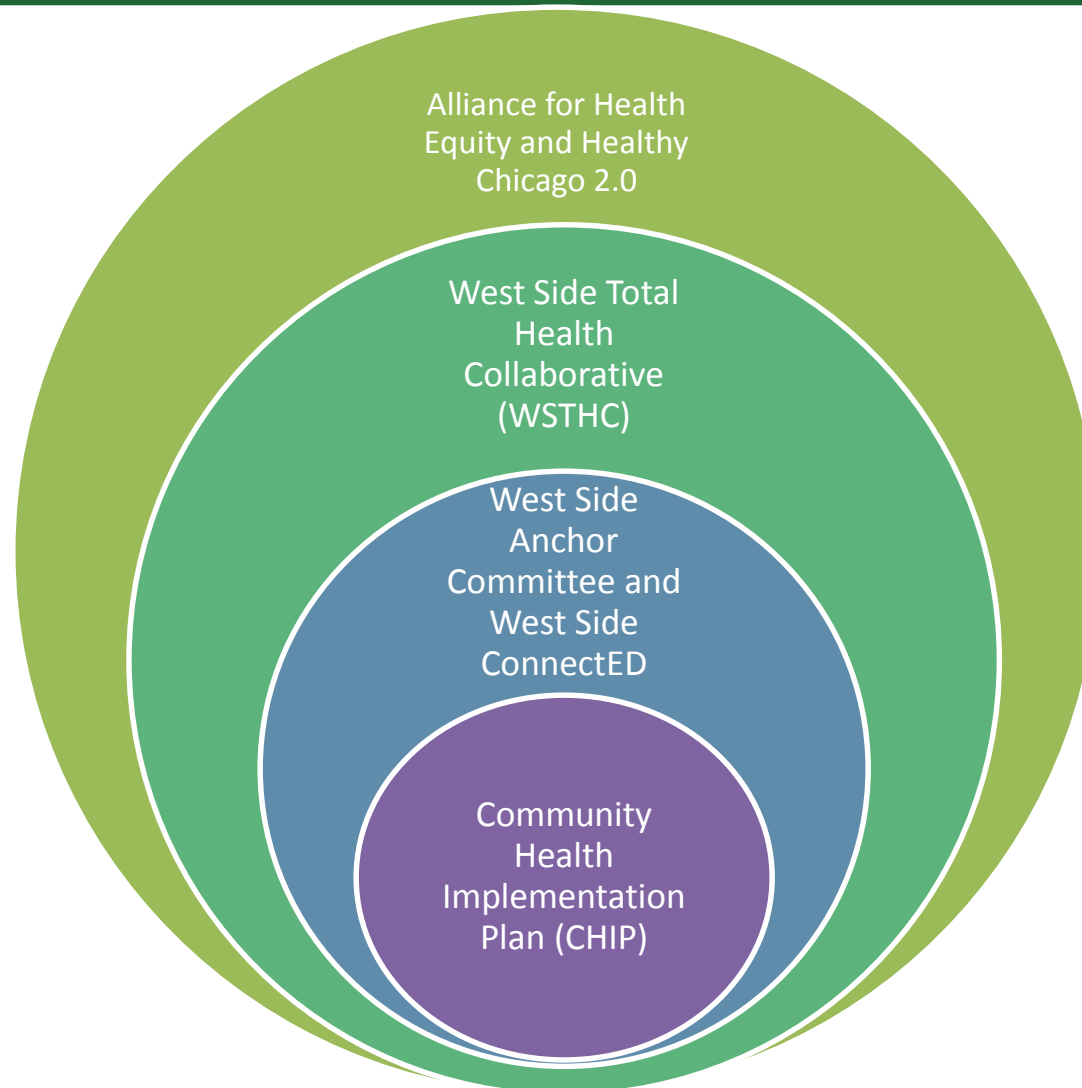


## An Intentional, Collaborative Place-Based Approach Is Needed



- Holistically address the **social and structural determinants** of health
- Have a **unified “West Side Voice”** to outside audiences
- Create **opportunities to scale programs** that work at the community level
- Identify and create **new high-value connections** between organizations
- Create **common measures of success**
- Increase the **visibility of existing efforts**

# Collaborative Efforts to Improve Health



# Alliance for Health Equity – Collaborative CHNA

Advocate Children's Hospital	Norwegian American Hospital
Advocate Christ Medical Center	Presence Holy Family Medical Center
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center	Presence Resurrection Medical Center
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital	Presence Saint Francis Hospital
Advocate South Suburban Medical Center	Presence Saint Joseph Hospital
Advocate Trinity Hospital	Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center
AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center La Grange	Provident Hospital
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital	RML Specialty Hospitals
Cook County Health and Hospital System	Rush Oak Park
Gottlieb Memorial Hospital	Rush University Medical Center
Loyola University Medical Center	Stroger Hospital of Cook County
Mercy Hospital & Medical Center	Swedish Covenant Hospital
Northwestern Memorial Hospital	University of Chicago Medicine



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Oak Park Health Department

Skokie Public Health District

Stickney Health Department

## West Side Total Health Collaborative: Place Based Focus

### ***Mission***

To build **community health and economic wellness** on Chicago's West Side and build **healthy, vibrant neighborhoods**

### ***Vision***

To **improve neighborhood health by addressing inequities** in healthcare, education, economic vitality and the physical environment using a cross-sector, place-based strategy.

**Partners** will include other healthcare providers, education providers, the faith community, business, government and RESIDENTS that **work together to coordinate investments and share outcomes.**



## Who Is At The Table?



By working together, we can magnify the impact of existing initiatives, develop new programs and provide coordinated resources to existing collaboratives

**Examples of Potential Collaborations on the West Side**

**Business Units**



Work together to hire local, buy local, invest local and engage in the community

**Patient Care**



Collaborate on meeting community health needs

**Community Engagement**



Support neighborhood collaboratives



Lend expert advice and training to community based organizations



Help advocate for systems change

# Over a six-month term, the Planning Committee will determine the vision, goals, and governance of the West Side Total Health Collaborative







In addition to the 16 Planning Committee members, sub-committees will be open to community advisors and subject matter experts.

# West Side Anchor Committee



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	Buy and Source Locally 	Hire Inclusively and Develop Talent 	Invest Locally 	Volunteer and Support Community Building 
<b>Current initiatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Share capital projects, contract language, and target labor hiring</li> <li>Develop joint plan for laundry services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene HR leads with the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative (HWC) to share build plans for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish job specifications for entry level jobs</li> <li>Career pathway maps</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review current CDFI initiatives and work towards a joint investment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map volunteer programs and share best practices</li> </ul>
<b>Theories of change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large-scale, collaborative purchasing contracts will mitigate risk, allowing local businesses to make larger capital investments in the community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborative career development and training programs will produce better qualified candidates for hospital jobs</li> <li>Better employment prospects in West Side neighborhoods will spur further investment and human capital development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Larger investments can generate better rates of financial and social return</li> <li>A directed investment in a distressed community (to improve housing quality, e.g.) can directly improve health outcomes in the near term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint volunteering programs will build denser social networks among hospital employees and community members, building community trust, and increasing chances to build social capital</li> </ul>

# West Side ConnectED



## CMMI Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Grant

Recognizing an opportunity to collaborate on the CMMI grant, the West Side Accountable Health Communities Collaborative was formed.

Partners included three health systems, multiple community based service providers, FQHC's and an advisory board made up of representation from the areas of criminal justice, city government, Medicaid health plans and others.

While the Collaborative's application was not awarded, all of the partners remained committed to the goal of creating a standardized screening tool and moved forward to conduct systematic health-related social needs screenings in geographically targeted area to improve the health of our patients and community.

This effort was re-branded as the **Westside ConnectED**.

# Screening for Social Determinants

Rush's brief screening tool asks patients about:

- Housing
- Transportation
- Food Security
- Utilities
- Primary Care / Insurance





# Screening for Social Determinants

Utilizing various disciplines to conduct screenings:

- Patient Care Navigators,
- Certified Medical Assistants
- Students
- Social Workers (patients with complex health needs or needs that require more follow up such as housing)

Evaluating the impact:

- PDSA (Plan, Do, Study, Act) screening in Emergency Department, Primary Care Settings, Community Based Settings
- *Preliminary PDSA results (to date): 24 responses (12 ED, 12 PCP)*

# Social Referral Platform to Improve Population Health

The screenshot shows the Epic EMR interface for a patient named Hadda, Stroke, 70 years old, male, born 05/10/1947. The interface includes a top navigation bar with 'Epic' and various tools. The left sidebar, 'ED Navigator', lists various clinical areas, with a red arrow pointing to 'Screening Questions'. The main content area is titled 'Screening Questions - Social Determinant Screener Questions' and shows a form with the following sections:

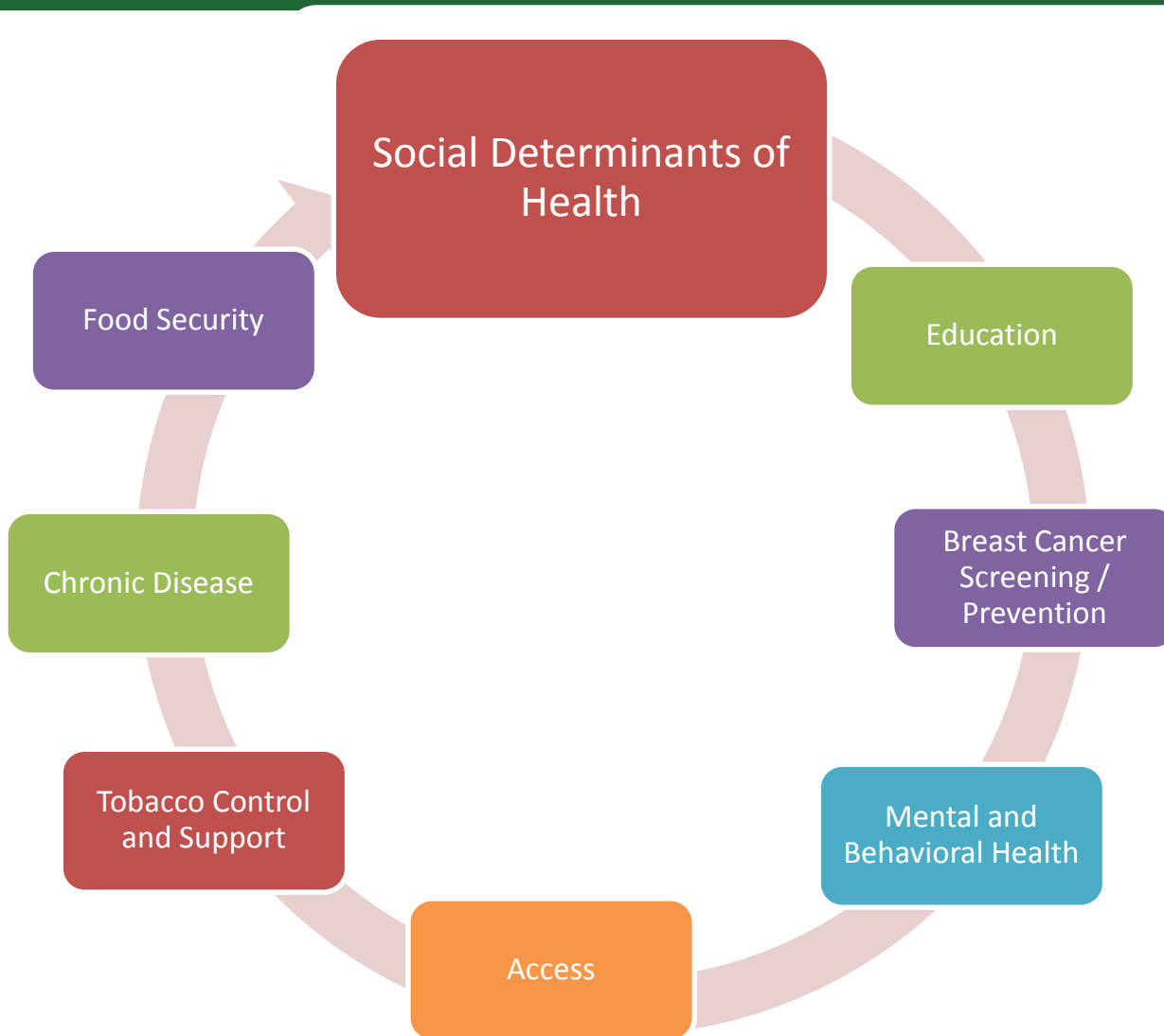
- Food Insecurity:**
  - Within the last 2 months has the food you bought run out and you didn't have money to get more:
  - Have you been worried whether your food would run out before you got money to buy more:
  - Connect with food assistance resources:  Yes  No
- Utilities:**
  - Have you ever had difficulties in paying your utilities/home energy bills (i.e. gas, electric, etc.):  Yes  No  Comments
  - Has your safety or health been affected by potential interruptions of utility services:  Yes  No  Comments
  - Connect with utilities resources:  Yes  No

## NOWPOW

Rush has partnered with NowPow to provide social referrals to our patients. Rush was the first hospital to integrate NowPow into Epic, our Electronic Health Record, to ensure better continuity of care.

We have officially recorded **8 closed-loop referrals** via NowPow to our free-clinic partner, CommunityHealth

# Interprofessional Approach – Cross Disciplinary



## SDOH Group Membership

**Social Work and Community Health**  
 Robyn Golden (Lead); Rachel Smith (Lead); Danielle Wolf; Ethan Powe

**Community Engagement** Christopher Nolan (Lead); Robin Pratts

**Care Management**  
 Kathleen Egan; Carli McInerney

**Population Health**  
 Adam Claus; Elizabeth Valvo

**Primary Care**  
 Steven Rothschild

**Center for Community Health Equity**  
 Brittney Lange-Maia

**ROPH**  
 Rachel Start

**UI Health**  
 Stephen Brown

**GCFD**  
 Emily Daniels

**PIC**  
 Dawn Gay

**West Side ConnectED Leadership**

# Institutionalizing and Aligning Our Efforts

## Population Health Leadership Committee

- Overseeing the social determinant efforts including the SDOH screener and improving clinical and social care

## Diversity Leadership Council

- New strategic goals around health equity and community partnerships

## Aligning with Quality Goals

- Institutionalizing our data to align with existing metrics for buy-in

# Institutionalizing and Aligning Our Efforts

Connecting to our evidence-based, interprofessional, care coordination models

- AIMS
- Bridge
- Medical Home Network Interprofessional Triads

Elevating our efforts

- Center for Health and Social Care Integration (CHaSCI)

## Elevating Our Efforts

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### **Creating a “Center for Health and Social Care Integration”**

A platform to house and elevate the non-direct services that we work on

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Various local and national partners

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### **Center activities**

Continue developing and evaluating care models and innovative practices

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Spread care models to health systems, managed care, accountable care and community-based organizations across country

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Educate and train interprofessional trainees, educators, and practitioners on best and promising practices

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Influence policy and reimbursement mechanisms

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## Concluding Thoughts

In order to achieve health equity and mitigate health disparities, we must partner in a collaborative approach - including community residents/leaders, “competing” healthcare institutions, community based organizations, local government, and the business community.



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# Q & A



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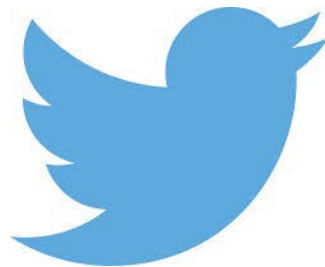
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