



# THE PARTNERSHIP

## Mission

Established in 2007, the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership (MHCP) is a public/private consortium dedicated to improving health care for low income, underserved populations in Milwaukee County with the aim of improving health outcomes, reducing disparities and lowering the total cost of care.

## Goals

- Secure adequate and affordable health insurance coverage for all
- Increase the availability and accessibility of health care programs and services
- Enhance care coordination and navigation across social and health care delivery systems
- Improve community health through cross-sector collaboration

## Milwaukee's Vulnerable Population

The Partnership's primary focus is improving care for low-income, medically underserved Milwaukee County residents who are uninsured, or covered by public insurance programs.

*Nearly 20% of Milwaukee County residents live at or below the federal poverty level.*



of residents are enrolled in Medicaid/BadgerCare programs



of children are covered by Medicaid



approximately 6 – 10% of the population is uninsured at any point in time

## Members

### Health Systems

- Ascension Wisconsin
- Aurora Health Care
- Children's Hospital & Health System, Inc.
- Froedtert Health

### Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center
- Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.
- Outreach Community Health Centers
- Progressive Community Health Centers
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers

### Academic

- Medical College of Wisconsin

### Public

- City of Milwaukee Health Department
- Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services

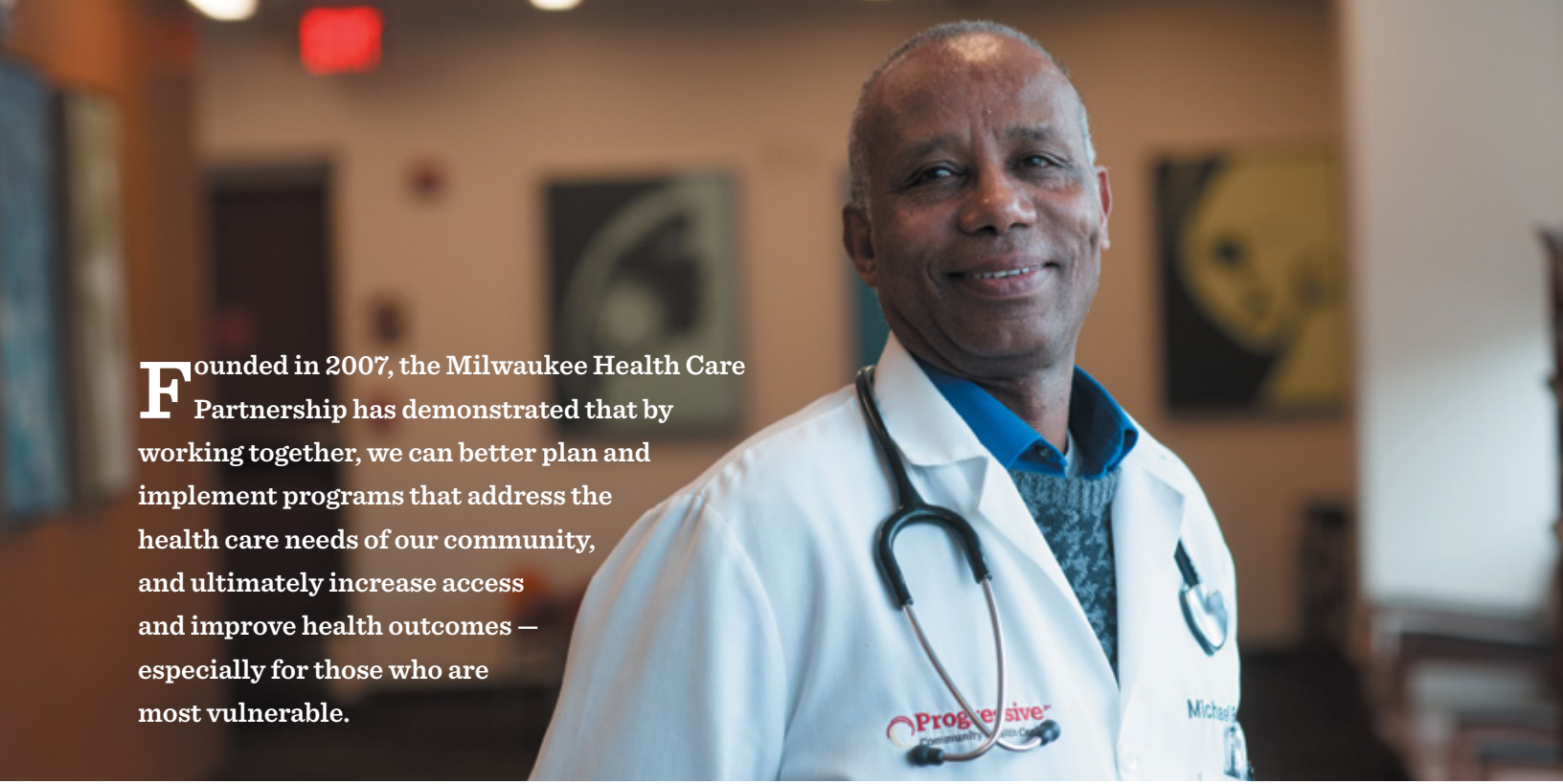
## Collaborating Partners

Milwaukee Free and Community Clinic Collaborative (FC3)

Wisconsin Hospital Association

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association

Wisconsin Statewide Health Information Network



**F**ounded in 2007, the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership has demonstrated that by working together, we can better plan and implement programs that address the health care needs of our community, and ultimately increase access and improve health outcomes — especially for those who are most vulnerable.

## CORE FUNCTIONS

- Assess and build awareness of community health needs
- Implement a community wide plan and policy agenda
- Align resources/activities to reduce duplication and fragmentation of efforts
- Secure public and private funding for high leverage initiatives
- Facilitate communication among stakeholders
- Measure community health improvement and outcomes
- Serve as a clearing house for existing and new initiatives

## LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT

The Milwaukee Health Care Partnership's annual plan advances its mission through:

- initiatives that it directly **sponsors** and leads
- programs led by other organizations in which it **participates**, and may provide financial or in-kind support
- activities led by others that it **monitors** and may influence, for improved health outcomes and policy advancement

## PLAN PRIORITIES

### Coverage

- Retain and expand government funded insurance coverage for low-income individuals
- Reach out and enroll those who are eligible in public or private health insurance
- Support sustainable funding and adequate reimbursement policy for state Medicaid programs

### Access

- Expand primary care capacity for low-income and uninsured individuals
- Ensure access to specialty care
- Enhance access to behavioral health programs and services
- Expand access to dental care
- Increase access to affordable medications

### Care Coordination

- Improve care management capacity and capabilities within primary care health homes
- Enhance transition care management within and between health care programs and settings
- Enhance patient navigation within and across social service and health care delivery systems with a focus on the social determinants of health
- Support the exchange of health information

### Community Health

- Sponsor the Milwaukee county community health needs assessment, and facilitate community health planning
- Participate in select multi-sector initiatives that address targeted community health needs