



THE MILWAUKEE HEALTH CARE 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, advancing health equity and lowering the total cost of care.

Goals:

- Secure and retain adequate and affordable health insurance for all
- Increase the availability, accessibility and acceptability of health care services
- Enhance care coordination/navigation within and across the delivery system
- Identify and address targeted community health needs

Who We Serve: Milwaukee’s Vulnerable Populations

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

Nearly 25% of Milwaukee County residents live in poverty



of residents are enrolled in Medicaid/BadgerCare programs



of children are covered by Medicaid



approximately 6-8% of the population is uninsured at any point in time

Members

Health Systems

- Aurora Health Care
- Ascension Wisconsin
- Children’s Wisconsin
- 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 Health Agencies

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

Affiliates

- Wisconsin Hospital Association
- Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association

Nearly **100 health care leaders and providers participate in more than 25 committees and workgroups** that are focused on improving health care for underserved populations in Milwaukee County.

FY22-23 PLAN PRIORITIES

Coverage

- Increase and maintain enrollment in Medicaid, Marketplace and other insurance options and improve health insurance literacy
- Support implementation of Medicaid eligibility and enrollment reforms
- Inform Medicaid policy, program and payment reforms

Access

- Support implementation of the FQHC capacity building plan including HIT, workforce development and shared program/service expansion
- Continuously improve the Specialty Access for Uninsured Program
- Improve access and navigation to behavioral health services for adults and youth
- Support implementation of the psychiatric crisis services redesign, including the Mental Health Emergency Center

Care Coordination

- Continuously improve programs to connect patients to primary care to improve health outcomes and reduce avoidable ED and IP utilization
- Continuously improve and expand housing navigation via the Housing is Health Program
- Enhance social needs screening and navigation processes and tools to address other determinants of health
- Optimize HIT and HIE capabilities to improve access, create efficiencies and enhance care coordination

Community Health

- Facilitate cross-organizational and inter-sector health improvement planning informed by the shared Community Health Needs Assessment
- Promote and continuously improve the utilization and value of Health Compass Milwaukee
- Continuously improve the Shared Community Investment Fund and the Health Improvement Fund alignment and impact
- Implement and measure the impact of health care sector violence prevention and intervention initiatives

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 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

COMMUNITY IMPACT EXAMPLES

Access to Primary Care

Since 2009, the **Emergency Department to Medical Home Program** has scheduled more than **60,000 appointments at primary care clinics** for pregnant women, people with chronic conditions, and frequent ER users.

Access to Specialty Care

Through the **Specialty Access for Uninsured Program (SAUP)**, over **21,000 uninsured patients have received critical specialty care** at Milwaukee health systems since 2012.

Access to Mental Health Care

In 2022, doors opened to the **Mental Health Emergency Center**—a joint venture between Milwaukee County and the four Milwaukee health systems.

Addressing Determinants of Health

In the first three years of the **Housing is Health Program**, **242 patients** from ER and primary care settings have secured temporary housing and **120 have secured permanent housing**.

Other Community Investments

Since 2017, more than **\$35,000,000** in contributions from the four Milwaukee health systems to the **Shared Community Investment Fund (SCIF)** has been reinvested into the community to support aligned goals.