



Working Together for a Healthier Milwaukee



MILWAUKEE HEALTH CARE PARTNERSHIP

Members

Health Systems

Ascension Wisconsin
Advocate Aurora Health
Children's Wisconsin
Froedtert Health

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc.
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

Mission:

Established in 2007, the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership is a public/private consortium dedicated to improving health care for low-income and 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 **coverage** for all
- Increase **availability, accessibility and acceptability** of health care services (including medical, behavioral health, specialty and dental)
- Enhance **care coordination** and navigation within and across the health care delivery system
- Identify and address targeted **community health needs**



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The Milwaukee Health Care Partnership (MHCP) is a forum for collaboration; serving as a convener, catalyst, clearinghouse, broker and advocate for improving health care for vulnerable populations. Each year, more than 100 health care leaders and providers participate in MHCP programs and initiatives that are improving access, reducing fragmentation, increasing accountability and transparency — and creating a healthier and more equitable future for Milwaukee.

Doors to the new **Mental Health Emergency Center** open in September. A joint venture between Milwaukee County and the area's four health systems, the center will provide 24/7 emergency services and connections to continuing care for adults and youth experiencing a mental health crisis

2022

Created **Racial and Health Equity Council** to facilitate and promote shared learning and accountability among members and imbue health equity policies and practices in MHCP activities that promote diversity, inclusion and equity

2021

Strategic partner in the **Milwaukee County COVID-19 Response**, including participation in the Milwaukee County Unified Emergency Operations Center (UEOC) and leadership of collaborative work across health systems and health centers; ensuring access to treatment, testing and vaccinations

2020

Implemented **Housing is Health Program** to connect homeless or vulnerably housed patients with temporary housing, provide case management and aid in an ultimate transition to permanent housing

2019

Launched **Health Compass Milwaukee** (healthcompassmilwaukee.org), a comprehensive source of real-time, health-related data about Milwaukee County residents and communities

2018

The **Shared Community Investment Fund** exceeds \$25 million in aligned funding toward a community-wide health improvement plan since 2007

2017

Recognized by the White House as the top performing metro area in the nation for **health insurance enrollment**, MKEN members helped fuel a 6% increase in coverage the following enrollment period

2016

Community Health added to the MHCP's goals to reflect the intersection of health care with broader community concerns such as housing, violence prevention and behavioral health

2015

Expanded the work of the **Milwaukee Enrollment Network (MKEN)** — a collaboration of nearly 100 organizations working to improve health insurance literacy, enroll residents in Medicaid and Marketplace coverage and reduce the uninsured rate

2014

Milwaukee health systems published the first shared **Community Health Needs Assessment** in partnership with local health departments in Milwaukee County — now completed every three years

2013

Organized the **Milwaukee Oral Health Coalition** in collaboration with Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin to increase access to oral health services for adults and youth

2012

Launched the **Specialty Access for the Uninsured Program** to create barrier-free access for uninsured patients served at Federally Qualified Health Centers and safety-net clinics

2011

Partnered with the Wisconsin Policy Forum and other partners for the first of four community-wide studies aimed at **redesigning the behavioral health care delivery system** and improving access to behavioral health care

2010

Implemented the **Emergency Department Care Coordination** initiative across multiple emergency departments and safety-net clinics to connect low-income patients to primary care and reduce avoidable ED visits, which later demonstrated a 44% reduction in subsequent ED visits

2009

Developed a **Federally Qualified Health Center** capacity building plan informed by an access study, which revealed a 54% gap in access to health care in Milwaukee's 10 high poverty zip codes

2008

Milwaukee health care providers and government health agencies **launch the MHCP consortium**, and health systems pool resources to create a Shared Community Investment Fund

2007