

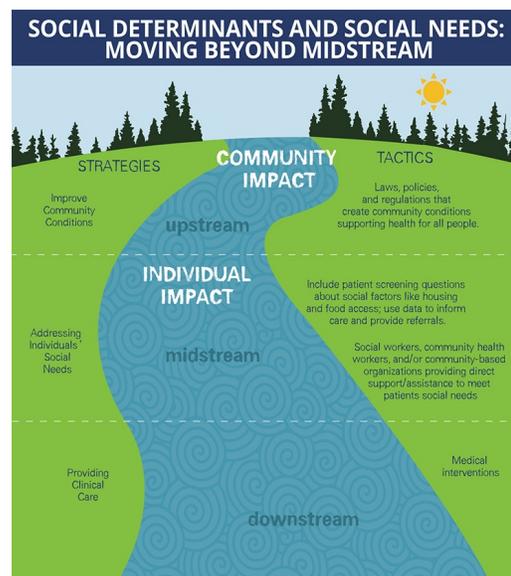
News from the COLLABORATIVE

Featured Article

Meeting Individual Social Needs Falls Short Of Addressing Social Determinants Of Health

Until recently, efforts to improve the health of Americans have focused on expanding access to quality medical care. Yet there is a growing recognition that medical care alone cannot address what actually makes us sick. Increasing health care costs and worsening life expectancy are the results of a frayed social safety net, economic and housing instability, racism and other forms of discrimination, educational disparities, inadequate nutrition, and risks within the physical environment. These factors affect our health long before the health care system ever gets involved.

Hospitals and health care systems have started to address these social determinants of health through initiatives that buy food, offer temporary housing, or cover transportation costs for high-risk patients... But when you take a closer look, these articles aren't about improving the underlying social and economic conditions in communities to foster improved health for all – they're about mediating patients' individual social needs. If this is what addressing the social determinants of health has come to mean, not only has the definition changed, but it has changed in ways that may impede efforts to address those conditions that impact the overall health of our country.



April Regional Learning Session

Regional Learning Session: Population Health

April 18
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Franklin University,
Main Campus

Join us for our next Regional Learning Session, where we will discuss efforts to improve population health right here in the Columbus region. Hear from several regional partners who deliver care to diverse populations in central Ohio:

- **Pathways to Population Health** - Jessica Little and Jolie Ritzo from the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NHRI) will guide attendees through a process for making practical, meaningful and sustainable advances in population health.
- **HUB Panel Discussion** - Central Ohio Pathways HUB Executive Director, Jenelle Hoseus, will provide an update and moderate a discussion among recently trained Care Coordination Agencies and Community Health Workers about services being provided through the HUB, which was recently acquired by HCGC.



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Insights from the HCGC Blog

Collecting and Sharing Quality Data to Improve Regional Health

By: Krista Stock, HCGC Vice President, Quality & Transformation



Earlier this month, HCGC hosted a webinar focused on exploring price and quality transparency. Jeffrey Geppert of Battelle Memorial Institute and Dominic Lorusso and Lewis Baez of FAIR Health presented about how price and quality transparency have evolved and where there is opportunity for improvement. If you missed it, you can review slides and resources by [clicking here](#).

HCGC continues to ask ourselves and the community, “Does higher quality equate to lower costs in healthcare?” Related, we have been pondering questions like, “Is there more we can be doing as a community with cost and quality transparency efforts?” And, “What data are most useful for consumers, employers, providers, enrollees, and others?” We believe these strategic questions will help guide HCGC improvement efforts in partnership with the community.

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Upcoming Events from Our Partners

Ohio Cardiovascular Health Collaborative (Cardi-OH) Presents: *Getting to the Heart of the Matter*

Featuring a keynote presentation by Dr. LaPrincess Brewer, MD, MPH, a leading Mayo Clinic cardiologist and community-based research expert.

[Details & Registration](#)

CPP Buying Group *Vaccine Management Summit*

Featuring a keynote presentation by Dr. Kristen Feemster, Director of Research for the Vaccine Education Center at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Medical Director of the Immunization Program and Acute Communicable Diseases at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health.

[Details & Registration](#)

Articles of Interest

[NRHI Announces Partnership with AcademyHealth](#)

[Lawsuit exposes how unnerved major insurers are by the Big Three’s new venture into health care benefits](#)



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