

Regional Primary Care Coalition

Kaiser Permanente Transformation Accelerator
Shared Project

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Building Knowledge, Catalyzing Action



An active collaboration and learning community of local funders, primary care coalitions representing over 50 safety-net providers and community-based organizations serving residents of National Capital Region.

RPCC is committed to advancing regional partnerships, policies and practices that

- Improve health care access and quality.
- Build integrated systems of care.
- Address the underlying determinants of health.
- Reduce health disparities.
- Promote health equity.
- Create healthy, safe and thriving communities for all residents across the National Capital Region.

Transformation Accelerator Shared Project

Purpose

- To build a framework for collaboration among Prince George's County Community Health Centers.
- Educate policy-makers and community leaders about the role and contribution of Community Health Centers.

Participants

- Executive Directors or designated representatives from CCI Health and Wellness, Family and Medical Counseling, Greater Baden, La Clinica del Pueblo and Mary's Center.

Shared Project Goals

- Create a shared impact statement and common “ask” for Prince George’s County policy-makers and elected officials.
- Increase Health Center participation in health planning processes and advocate for policies and programs that will improve the health of County residents.
- Educate County Executive and County Council members about the contributions of the Community Health Centers and advocate for support for health services for the uninsured and policies that improve the health and well-being of all County residents.
- Develop strategies to address key health concerns in Prince George’s County.

Why is this important now?

- Of 24 Maryland Counties, Prince George's County is ranked 14th in health outcomes and 22nd in availability of clinical services.
- There are significant health disparities experienced by the Hispanic community and portions of the African American population.
- There is increased recognition that these disparities are associated with inequities that include: access to care, income, education level, and immigration status.
- Community Health Centers and hospital community benefits have brought significant health resources into the County.
- Collaboration and better coordination promotes more efficient use of resources and enhances efforts to address health needs in under resourced communities.
- Partnerships with state and local health departments, community leaders and other stakeholders are essential to creating a comprehensive approach to improving the health of all Prince George's County residents.

Accomplishments

- Created a briefing paper on the *Prince George's County Health Care Landscape*.
- Developed a consensus advocacy position proposing a program to establish a primary health care program for the uninsured.
- Conducted meetings with Councilmember Danielle Glaros to promote a children's health program.
- All Health Centers participated in Prince George's County's inaugural Health Equity Forum.
- Health Centers met with the Chief Health Officer to request inclusion in health planning and propose a program for providing primary health care services for uninsured County residents.

Next Steps

- Increase opportunities to collaborate with the Health Officer and DOH staff.
- Conduct briefings for current and newly elected County Council members.
- Meet and brief the newly elected County Executive.
- Strengthen the framework for the Prince George's County Community Health Center Collaboration so that it continues forward.

How You Can Help!

- Document progress related to health care access, health screening and quality health care.
- Collect and share patient stories that demonstrate success—improvements in health outcomes, patient engagement, overcoming barriers and engagement with the community.
- Recommend collaborative strategies to improve patient care and maximize our collective impact on the health and well-being of Prince George’s County residents.