



# THE PARTNERSHIP

**E**very day thousands of individuals and families across our community live without the health care they need. Our uninsured and under-served neighbors go without affordable insurance coverage or access to primary, specialty, and preventive health services. All too often their health problems go untreated until they face a crisis and require costly interventions. They live sicker, shorter, less productive lives. That is the reality, but it doesn't have to be.

The **Milwaukee Health Care Partnership** brings together health care providers, government agencies, and community organizations to develop and implement a plan for change. Through advocacy and action we are working together to increase access to quality health care and create a healthier future for Milwaukee residents.

## GOALS

- Ensure adequate and affordable health insurance coverage for all
- Improve access to quality health care providers and services
- Enhance care coordination across the delivery network
- Promote health and wellness, improve outcomes and reduce disparities
- Reduce the total cost of care

## MEMBERS

### Health Systems

- Aurora Health Care
- Children's Hospital & Health System, Inc.
- Columbia St. Mary's
- Froedtert Health
- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

### Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Health Care for the Homeless of Milwaukee
- Milwaukee Health Services, Inc.
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Center
- Westside Healthcare Association

### Academic


- The Medical College of Wisconsin

### Public

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

## COLLABORATING PARTNERS

Medical Society of Milwaukee County  
Milwaukee Free Clinic Collaborative  
Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality  
Wisconsin Health Information Exchange  
Wisconsin Hospital Association  
Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association



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

## STRATEGIES

- Implement a community wide plan and policy agenda
- Serve as a clearing house for existing and new initiatives
- Facilitate communication among stakeholders
- Secure public and private funding for high leverage initiatives
- Measure progress and overall community performance
- Improve effectiveness and reduce cost and duplication

## PRIORITIES

### COVERAGE

- Expand government funded insurance coverage for low income individuals
- Reach out and enroll those who are eligible
- Support sustainable funding for the State Medicaid programs
- Support the development of affordable, private insurance options

### ACCESS

- Expand the primary care capacity and capabilities of Community Health Centers
- Increase access to specialty tests and procedures
- Increase access to affordable medications
- Enhance access to behavioral health services
- Expand access to dental health

### CARE COORDINATION

- Enhance care coordination between emergency departments and primary care medical homes
- Provide navigation support within and across the delivery system
- Improve care management for individuals with chronic health conditions