



Healthcare for Housing

Purpose Statement:

Healthcare for Housing convenes healthcare institutions to advance housing stability as the most critical social determinant to achieve health equity.

We Aim To:

- Articulate a more unified voice on policy and practice that advance housing stability to improve health outcomes. (with increased supply).
- Advance actions across sectors and partners that create or preserve pathways to housing stability through coordinated investment and programs.
- Increase the number of healthcare institutions that advocate for and invest in the increase of affordable, quality housing supply.

What is our unique added value?

- Advancing our Mission of Community Health outside our walls while lowering overall healthcare costs.
- Adding the healthcare voice to housing as an unusual suspect, an employer, and economic driver to advance resident outcomes and community health.
- Remaining an Action-Oriented group beyond admiring the problem.
- Promoting the broader use of the health system institutional assets (including investments) to advance community health through housing.

Our Approach:

1. Act on Public Policy & Systems

- Write op-eds, testify on policy, provide written and verbal support of local, state, or federal policy that links housing to improve health equity.
- Access institutional assets to advance targeted policy or practice changes on housing & health equity issues.
- Utilize the collective expertise of healthcare, housing, and community to impact investment, policy, and housing & homelessness solutions through hosting listening and learning opportunities, peer exchange, and drawing upon national expertise.

2. Develop Shared Investments and Programs

- Develop opportunities for multiple health systems to share in community investment opportunities that achieve mission, social, and financial returns.
- Connect members with affordable housing investment opportunities that can be evaluated by the institution or subsets of the coalition.
- Explore cross institutional interest in programmatic work that could achieve greater collective impact.

3. Promote Learning & Data Sharing

- Learn from coalition members and other health systems nationally.
- Identify research and quality improvement opportunities where shared data can provide actionable insights.
- Explore data sharing arrangements and collective evaluation plans that could monitor community health outcomes across plans and institutions.