



# Health Industry Groups Release Framework to Increase Health Care and Public Health Collaboration

*Framework to Serve as Guide to Build Cross-sector Partnerships and Help Coordinate Efforts and Resources*

WASHINGTON, USA, June 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Public Health Leadership Forum](#) (PHLF), a diverse group of public health leaders, and [Health Care Transformation Task Force](#) (HCTTF), a group of leading health care payers, providers, purchasers and patient organizations, today released a new framework to catalyze collaboration between the public health and health care sectors to improve community health outcomes.

The framework and accompanying white paper, "[Partnering to Catalyze Comprehensive Community Wellness: An Actionable Framework for Health Care and Public Health Collaboration](#) (insert link)" address the need for more effective partnerships between public and private health care providers and other community stakeholders.

"There is mounting recognition that to truly improve health in the U.S. and curb chronic diseases there must be an interdisciplinary, coordinated, and cross-sector approach to address acute conditions and the upstream social factors that contribute to poor health outcomes," said Jeff Micklos, Executive Director, HCTTF. "Our hope is that this framework will help break down silos and transform the way the health and human service systems traditionally interact. "

The framework outlines five essential elements of collaboration and presents key tactics and strategies for forming or reshaping effective partnerships: governance structure, financing plan, cross-sector prevention models, data-sharing strategy, and performance measurement and evaluation plan. "This framework will be instructive as health care and public health leaders look to partner together to address the social determinants of health," said Georgia Heise, Director of Three Rivers Health Department in Kentucky, and past president of the National Association of County and City Health Officials. "Policymakers as well as health care purchasers and payers can help by removing barriers in the current financing and reimbursement structures that may unintentionally prevent collaboration,"

The framework requires calls for action from key stakeholders to realize the comprehensive community wellness vision:

- Public health and health care leaders can use the framework to convene collaborative groups, commit the time and resources needed to effectively collaborate on a shared vision, and grow a generation of health professionals who view multi-sector collaboration as the norm.
- Local, state, and federal policy makers can learn from the examples of effective cross-sector collaboration that informed development of the framework to advance policies and programs that create the catalysts and conditions in which collaborative wellness approaches thrive.
- Health practitioners can identify opportunities to engage and support community-based organizations in structured partnerships to ensure health interventions can truly take hold.

“As we developed the framework, we wanted to emphasize that health equity, person-centeredness, and sustainability need to be prioritized at every decision point. These three overarching considerations are crucial to forming an effective partnership and making an impact on population health,” said Gerd Clabaugh, Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Following the approach offered in the framework, public health, health care, and social service and community organizations can build high-functioning partnerships to address health needs in their communities, and invest in the time, staff, information platforms, and oversight structures needed to sustain them.

“Effective community partnerships engage a wide range of community members, community-based organizations, social services agencies and faith-based organizations,” said Dr. Mouhanad Hammami, Senior Vice President for Safety Net Transformation, Community Benefit, Health and Well-being at Trinity Health, noting, “Public health and health care leaders are well-positioned to take a leadership role in bringing together all the necessary stakeholders to realize the vision of comprehensive community wellness.”

For more information and to download the framework and white paper, please visit:

<https://hcttf.org/comprehensive-community-wellness-framework>

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