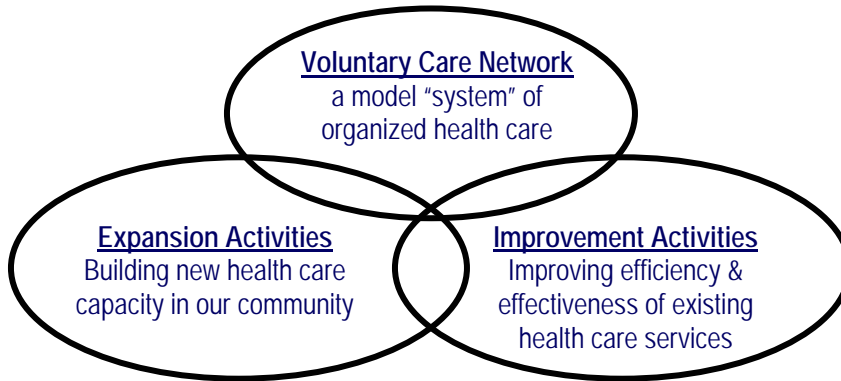


Progress Update



AUGUST 2005 NEWSLETTER

BY STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH CARE SAFETY-NET, ACCESS HEALTHCOLUMBUS IS HELPING OVER 8,500 LOW-INCOME PEOPLE ACCESS HEALTH CARE



RESULTS TO DATE

[January 1, 2004 through August 15, 2005]

Voluntary Care Network	▪ Low-income uninsured people served:	3,301
	▪ Doctors participating:	666
	▪ Hospitals participating:	12
	▪ Prescription drugs coordinated:	18,730
	▪ Transportation services coordinated:	3,931
	▪ Medical interpreter services coordinated:	239
	▪ Clients (patients) who acquired insurance coverage:	189
	▪ Client (patient) reported no-show rate:	6.6%
	▪ Value of transportation services coordinated:	\$107,811
	▪ Value of medical interpreter services coordinated:	\$7,539
Expansion Activities	▪ Primary care/medical homes:	5,500
	▪ Vision care:	2,400
	▪ Dental care:	600
	▪ Prenatal care:	180
	▪ Value of prescription drugs coordinated:	\$686,439
Improvement Activities	▪ Value of voluntary medical care coordinated:	\$6,480,174
	▪ Total value of services coordinated:	\$7,281,963
	▪ Additional primary care capacity available:	1,100
	▪ Amount of Medicare reimbursements recovered:	\$242,083
	▪ Prescription for Good Health (helping people use medication assistance programs)	
○ Low-income uninsured people served:	728	
○ Average savings per patient per month:	\$210	

Return on Community Investment

For every \$1 invested by our public-private partners, over \$5 in coordinated health care services are provided. A return on community investment of 500%

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Access HealthColumbus Update

- Access HealthColumbus received a \$110,000 grant from the **Alice and Robert Estrich and Robert B. Hurst funds of The Columbus Foundation.**

"The Columbus Foundation views a grant to Access HealthColumbus and its Voluntary Care Network as an investment in identifying long-term sustainable solutions to the health care needs of Franklin County's low-income, uninsured residents," said Lisa S. Courtice, Ph.D., vice president of community research and grants management for The Columbus Foundation.

The Voluntary Care Network is a collaborative effort that matches low-income, uninsured adults with a medical home (primary care) and coordinates access to specialty, diagnostic, and hospital services. Access to low/no-cost trained medical interpreters, transportation assistance and prescription drugs are also coordinated. Doctors and hospitals pledge voluntary care and care coordinators assist enrolled clients in navigating the health care network.

Access HealthColumbus appreciates the efforts of the 666 doctors, 12 hospitals, and staff participating in the Voluntary Care Network. Working together, we are improving access to health care for low-income uninsured people in Franklin County.

- Working with Community Research Partners, Access HealthColumbus has designed an evaluation plan to measure the effectiveness and efficiency of the Voluntary Care Network – a model health care system. Over the next three years, we will be reflecting on what we are learning and sharing this information to explore our vision of sustainable health care in Franklin County.

OUR MISSION: To assure access to health care for vulnerable people in Franklin County

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES – WE WILL:

- Be a catalyst for health care access programs for low-income uninsured people
- Be an advocate for vulnerable people on policy issues that affect access to health care
- Create change related to health care access focusing on sustainable solutions
- Provide a forum for community organizations who promote access to health care
- Work jointly with others to achieve our mission, as appropriate

VALUE OF ACCESS HEALTHCOLUMBUS' PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- With no major national policy intervention to expand insurance coverage and strengthen the health care safety net on the short-term horizon, the ability of communities to address this growing crisis is critical.
- Public-Private Partnerships are by no means a substitute for state or national reform. But they can help make health care services available to low-income people, improve health outcomes and thereby reduce costs in the long run, as well as restructure and shore up the delivery system.
- Public-Private Partnerships also serve as the testing ground for broad-based reform until coverage initiatives are implemented.

OUR SHARED VISION: Health care for all people in Franklin County that is affordable for individuals and sustainable for our community

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