

Alliance for Community Health Integration

Action for a Health Care System that Addresses Social Determinants



The Alliance for Community Health Integration (ACHI) is a coalition of public health, consumer advocacy, social service, and community organizations working to harness health care to address social determinants of health and promote health equity.

We know that social determinants of health—factors such as **lack of affordable housing, transportation barriers, limited access to well-paying jobs, and exposure to violence**—contribute to poor health outcomes, drive up health care costs, and create deep health inequities across race and income.

We have a window of opportunity now to take an aggressive approach to these inequities as part of Massachusetts health care transformation — efforts which seek to reform the way that health care is delivered and paid for to put a greater focus on wellness, prevention, and value-based care.

Through advocacy, organizing, and capacity building, ACHI seeks to build a **stronger, more unified voice** for communities and consumers to advance racial and economic justice through reforms in health care.

2017-2018 PRIORITIES



MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF NEW MASSHEALTH ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS (ACOs)

MassHealth has made a commitment to address social determinants in their new ACO program. We will advocate to ensure that strong training and technical assistance is available to support ACOs. We will also promote data transparency regarding health-related social needs, interventions, and outcomes so we can identify what's working and what needs to be improved.



BETTER ALIGN HOSPITAL INVESTMENTS WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS

We will advocate for changes in how hospitals invest in communities — such as through community benefits— so that these investments have a greater impact on social determinants, are more transparent to the community, and are driven by community-identified needs.



PARTNER WITH HEALTH CARE TO ADVANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

We will partner with hospitals, health centers, and insurers to use our combined political clout to advance state legislation that improves access to healthy, affordable housing options for all Massachusetts residents.

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MEMBERS

Action for Boston Community Development

AIDS Action Committee

Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs

Boston Alliance for Community Health

Boston Public Health Commission

Center for Community Health Education Research and Service

Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation

Children's HealthWatch

Citizens Housing and Planning Association

Disability Policy Consortium

Greater Boston Interfaith Organization

Health Care For All

Health Care Without Harm

Health Leads

Health Resources in Action

Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations

Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers

Massachusetts Communities Action Network

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Massachusetts Public Health Association

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National Association of Social Workers - Massachusetts Chapter

Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts

Western Massachusetts Health Equity Network