

# 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.

## 2019-2020 PRIORITIES



### **MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF MASSHEALTH ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS (ACOs)**

MassHealth has made a commitment to address health-related social needs in their ACO program through screenings, referrals, and services. We will promote strong relationships between ACOs and community-based organizations; and we will promote data transparency regarding 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 and other health sector leaders 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	Homes for Families
AIDS Action Committee	Jane Doe, Inc.
Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs	Latino Health Insurance Program
Boston Alliance for Community Health	Massachusetts Association for Community Action
Boston Public Health Commission	Massachusetts Association of Community
Center for Community Health Education Research and Service	Development Corporations
Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation	Massachusetts Association of Community Health Workers
Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health	Massachusetts Communities Action Network
Children's HealthWatch	Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance
Citizens Housing and Planning Association	Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
Community Teamwork, Inc.	Massachusetts Public Health Association
Disability Policy Consortium	MLPB
Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath)	National Association of Social Workers - Massachusetts Chapter
Greater Boston Food Bank	Project Bread
Greater Boston Interfaith Organization	Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts
Health Care For All	Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts
Health Care Without Harm	Western Massachusetts Health Equity Network
Health Leads	
Health Resources in Action	