



Partnership for Healthy Chicago Charter

The Partnership for Healthy Chicago (formerly known as the Chicago Partnership for Public Health), formed in 1998 as part of the National Turning Point Demonstration Grant funded by the W.K. Kellogg and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations. The Partnership for Healthy Chicago (Partnership) is a public-private partnership of diverse public health stakeholders working to strengthen Chicago's public health system. As part of its efforts, the Partnership works with and through the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to conduct health assessments and develop improvement plans, which serve as part of the required documents for CDPH's public health accreditation and certification as an Illinois local health department (IPLAN: Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need). The Partnership also implements priorities identified in these plans. The Partnership's role has recently expanded to serve as CDPH's Healthy Chicago Advisory Body.

Mission:

The Partnership for Healthy Chicago works to align stakeholders to strengthen Chicago's public health system.

Vision for the Public Health System:

A responsive, sustainable system that actively addresses current and future public health challenges, while protecting and promoting the health, safety, and well-being of Chicago's communities, residents and visitors, particularly the most vulnerable. The system conducts this work through:

- Cooperative efforts of all stakeholders,
- Planning and policy development,
- A broad focus on access to services, information, and empowerment,
- Disease prevention, health promotion, and health protection,
- Shared leadership and accountability for the essential services of public health, and
- Surveillance and assessment

Operations:

Leadership: The Partnership for Healthy Chicago is co-chaired by the Chicago Department of Public Health and one partner organization. CDPH staffs the Partnership.

Members: Membership is open to organizations that share the Partnership's vision and mission with particular focus on improving the public health system.

- **Attendance:** Organizations should be represented by a person who will regularly attend all meetings and an alternate who will attend if the primary representative is unavailable.
- **Participation:** Members are encouraged to actively participate in Partnership meetings and discussions and join committees of the Partnership to implement the priority areas identified in the community health improvement plan.

Committees: The Partnership will utilize standing committees to analyze issues, plan strategy, and develop work plans. The committees will present plans to the full Partnership for adoption. Ad hoc committees will be created to address specific work as needed.

Decision Making: Partnership decisions will be made by consensus of the members attending the Partnership meetings.

Chicago's Public Health System Activities and Values	
<p>The public health system is comprised of the collection of public, private, and voluntary entities, as well as individuals and informal associations that contribute to the public's health. <i>(U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003)</i></p>	
<p><i>Who the System Will Serve:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.8 million individuals who live in Chicago • 1.4 million persons who work in Chicago • Over 45 million visitors annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of...health services. ○ Research for new insights and innovative solutions
<p><i>What the System Will Do:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide services that prevent disease and promote and protect health • Support and facilitate community empowerment to address health concerns • Provide comprehensive and holistic services, which work to reduce the effects of violence, poverty and racial/ethnic/other disparities. • Carry out the Ten Essential Services of Public Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor health status ○ Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards ○ Inform, educate, and empower people ○ Mobilize community partnerships ○ Develop policies and plans ○ Enforce laws and regulations ○ Link people to...health services and assure the provision of health care 	<p><i>System Values/How the System Will Function:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates a highly visible public-private partnership, with shared leadership and public accountability • Includes all stakeholders, groups, and communities, with a special focus on the most vulnerable • Directs resource allocation that reflects commitment to populations most in-need • Facilitates and maintains solid interconnectedness to other public health systems in Illinois, neighboring states, and nationally • Promotes networking and communication among organizations • Is solution-focused and committed to social justice

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