



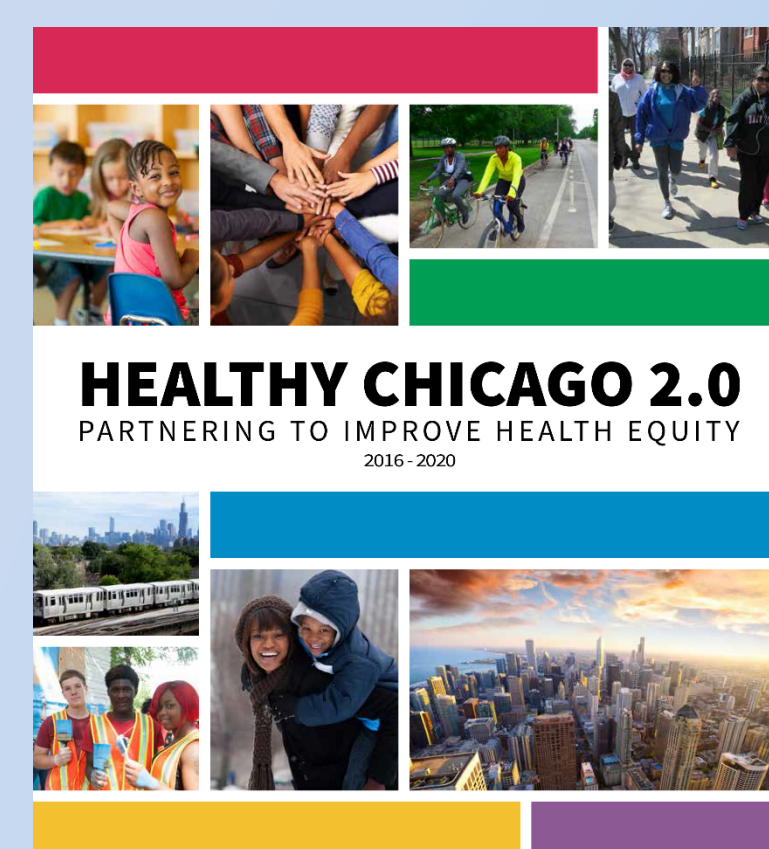
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## Healthy Chicago 2.0

In 2016, **Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)** released **Healthy Chicago 2.0 (HC2.0)**, 4-year strategic plan for city's public health system.

- Developed collaboratively with diverse community organizations & city residents
- Emphasis on health equity, root causes of health
- Priorities driven by community assessment process
- Promote community-engaged research
- Call for better partnership between academia and public health stakeholders



## Chicago Consortium for Community Engagement (C3)

Established in 2009, **Chicago Consortium for Community Engagement (C3)** is a network of academic research institutions & community stakeholders that connects & leverages resources of community engagement programs of Chicago's three Clinical & Translational Science Institutes (CTSIs)- Northwestern University, University of Chicago/Rush University, & University of Illinois at Chicago.

## C3/CDPH Collaboration

- In 2015, CDPH became a full member of the C3.
- Led to the establishment of the first ever CDPH Office of Research and creation of a new CDPH staff position, collaboratively funded by the Chicago CTSIs in 2017
- Priorities outlined in the HC2.0 plan define the goals for the C3/CDPH collaboration.

## Current Activities

- CTSIs incorporated HC2.0 priorities as criteria for seed grants
- Aligning citywide public health research goals with HC2.0 priorities (CDPH involvement in university grant review)
- Encourage communities to develop their own research questions (e.g. HC2.0 seed grant to Telpochcalli Community Education Project to build community research capacity)
- Facilitate dissemination of research findings to community
- CDPH representation at key stakeholder meetings on community-engaged research
- Facilitating partnerships between community & public health stakeholders and research/evaluation partners

### Process in place to create partnerships



## Goals

- Increase multi-stakeholder collaboration in community-engaged research and align local research with community-identified priorities in HC2.0
- Create synergies to increase stakeholder (universities, CDPH, community organizations) benefit from research
- Increase evidence-informed practice and practice-informed research
- Influence policy & practice to improve population health & health equity for the residents of Chicago

## Next Steps

- Joint media training to help researchers better disseminate findings to media and other audiences
- Workshops to integrate Chicago Health Atlas and other data tools with universities and community partner projects
- Work with Chicago Public Library to increase community awareness and participation in clinical trials
- Engage educational programs (masters/medical/doctoral students & trainees) at CTSI institutions to provide content on HC2.0 and community-engaged research

## Challenges

- Aligning community engagement & HC2.0 priorities with broader goals of CTSIs (e.g. public health vs clinical research, engagement of communities vs recruitment of individuals)
- Low level of dedicated support/funding for this collaboration/C3
- Engaging fuller set of community stakeholders to participate in C3 and C3 related initiatives
- Identifying a platform for broader dissemination of research findings and creating value for communities

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