



FUNDERS FORUM on Accountable Health

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ABOUT US

The **Funders Forum on Accountable Health**, established in 2016, is a group of philanthropic funders committed to collaborative national and state/local efforts that advance multisector, health-related partnerships centered in and accountable to communities, with the aim of creating equity-focused, transformed systems that support health, well-being, and thriving communities.

KEY RESOURCES

Forum resources offer lessons for multisector work centered in community and seeking to advance health equity.

- [Assessment Framework](#) that can be incorporated into evaluations.
- [Accountable Communities for Health \(ACH\) Inventory](#) of ACH efforts across the country.
- [“Advancing Value and Equity in the Health System: The Case for ACHs”](#) issue brief describes essential components of ACHs how they create value.
- [“Accountable Communities for Health: What We Are Learning from Recent Evaluations”](#) paper synthesizes results from four ACH model evaluations.
- [“Developing a Framework to Measure the Health Equity Impact of ACHs”](#) offers a health equity assessment framework for ACHs.

FUNDERS FORUM STRATEGIES

The Forum undertakes this work through the following strategies rooted in the elevation of voice and power shifting, and the adoption of approaches that foster inclusion, equity, and impact:

- Advancing federal (and state/local) policy and practice in support of multi-sector, health-related partnerships
- Aligning funders by identifying the potential for shared language/definitions, frameworks, and other strategies
- Coordinating, linking, and networking with other national efforts that advance these partnerships
- Building and disseminating knowledge and practice of health-centered, multisector partnerships among practitioners, policy makers, and philanthropy

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COMMUNITY-DRIVEN MULTISECTOR PARTNERSHIPS:

Lessons from Accountable Communities for Health (ACHs)

The Forum draws upon its extensive knowledge of the ACH model to advance and promote multisector health-related efforts committed to systems change. ACHs bring together health care, public health, social services, other local partners, and residents to address the unmet health and social needs of the individuals and communities they serve.

There are currently 160+ ACH efforts across the country, and many other multisector health efforts that have adopted components of the ACH model to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF THE ACH MODEL:

- **Shared Vision:** Collective action to address shared community challenges.
- **Equity:** Dual focus on direct and upstream drivers of health.
- **Governance:** Shared decision making amongst partners.
- **Community Voice:** Meaningful community partnership in all facets of efforts.
- **Backbone:** Trusted organization to align community with partners, leverage shared resources and skills, and fulfill administrative and coordination functions.
- **Data & Analytics:** Collective, data-informed actions.
- **Portfolio of Interventions:** Focus on alignment, coordination, and mutual reinforcement of collective efforts, rather than specific interventions.
- **Sustainability:** Designed to address ongoing priorities, build community capacity, and strengthen civic assets.

EXAMPLES OF ACH MODELS:



- [California Accountable Communities for Health Initiative \(CACHI\)](#)
- [Texas Accountable Communities for Health Initiative \(TACHI\)](#)
- [Washington State Accountable Communities of Health](#)
- [BUILD Health Challenge Program](#)
- [CMMI Accountable Health Communities Demonstration](#)