

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.

We undertake 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 multisector, community-driven 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 multisector, community-driven partnerships among practitioners, policy makers, and philanthropy.

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MULTISECTOR, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PARTNERSHIPS: Lessons From Accountable Communities for Health (ACHs)

The Forum draws upon its knowledge of the ACH model to advance multisector, community-driven efforts committed to systems change. As of November 2024, there are 185+ ACH and ACH-like sites across the country that 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. Many other multisector health efforts have adopted components of the ACH model to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities, including:



Shared Vision

Collective action to address shared community challenges.



Equity

Dual focus on direct health 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION including examples of how ACHs and other multisector efforts are transforming health in communities, visit our website accountablehealth.gwu.edu or contact us at fundersforum@gwu.edu to learn more, access Forum resources, and [sign up to our mailing list](#).

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