



Challenge

Health disparities exist throughout our region. We have a fractured health system that doesn't always coordinate physical, mental and oral health together with the other things that make us healthy—stable housing, adequate access to healthy foods, jobs and economic security, safe neighborhoods and good social supports.

Solution

Better Health Together is radically improving our seven-county region's health through collaborative and innovative action. BHT is positioned to develop coordinated, multi-stakeholder solutions to achieve the triple aim of better health, better care and reduced costs, through targeted initiatives.

How We Work

ACCOUNTABLE COMMUNITY OF HEALTH: Leading our region's efforts to create a robust and impactful Accountable Community of Health (ACH), engaging with over 150 organizations to develop an actionable plan to improve the health of our region by:

- Dramatically improving whole-person care through the integration of behavioral, physical and oral health systems.
- Expanding oral health access.
- Developing strong community systems that link housing, food, education and income stability.
- Dramatically decrease obesity rates across all populations through prevention.
- Scaling community-based care coordination to improve health.

PATHFINDER COMMUNITY HUB: To demonstrate the value of multi-sector collaboration and integration in improving health and reducing costs, the BHT ACH will pilot the Pathfinder Community Hub, serving as a single point of care coordination in connecting at risk individuals and families to needed services. Based on the Pathways Hub model, our first pilot will connect people transitioning out of Ferry County Jail, and their families, to a Community Care Coordinator who will guide them along an evidence based "pathway" to securing the care they need.

DENTAL EMERGENCIES NEEDING TREATMENT (DENT): DENT Community Health Workers accept referrals from Emergency Rooms for people with emergent dental issues, and schedule them for an appropriate dental appointment. Each patient receives education and behavioral coaching before their appointment, keeping the no show rate of DENT patients below 10%.

NAVIGATOR NETWORK: Coordinating efforts to ensure access to health insurance. Since 2013, BHT has led the Navigator Network that decreased the uninsured rate in our region from 15% to 5%.

80+
organizations
engaged in ACH

2786
Dental Appointments
Scheduled in 2016

18592
clients insured in
Open Enrollment III

