

Harris County Healthcare Alliance – 2007 Report on Strategic Initiatives

Goal	2007 Accomplishments
Increase and enhance coordination and collaboration among public and private healthcare providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 97% retention of existing Members and four new members ✓ Proposal for consolidated nurse triage operation between HFD/HCHD/GTC developed and making its way through various approval processes ✓ Alliance website and newsletter initiated, as well as numerous presentations made to business, advocacy and community groups re: Alliance ✓ Initiated discussions regarding the establishment of a community-wide Health Information Exchange ✓ Quad Agencies selection of common eligibility system vendor
Reduce unmet health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Secured funding and engaged consultant to conduct strategic assessment of primary care safety net capacity ✓ Engaged in development of a funders' collaborative for funding of community health centers ✓ Coordinated community request for reversal of CMS Medicaid managed care inpatient psychiatric payment waiver
Increase access to appropriate care for uninsured and underinsured population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Memorandum of Understanding approved for direct Federally Qualified Health Center referral of patients for Harris County Hospital District specialty care ✓ Developing grant request to support FQHC access to HCHD electronic medical record for referred patients ✓ Formal support of Gateway to Care's Core Navigation Services and Provider Health Network programs ✓ Provided grant-writing support to numerous Member organizations for expanding access to care
Increase the proportion of the population which is insured	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supported Mayor's Pay or Play program and developing repository for "pay" funds ✓ Developed and field tested small employer benefit packages ✓ Secured enabling legislation for the creation and operation of 3-share programs at a local or regional level ✓ Actively participating in the Sunset review process for the Texas Department of Insurance ✓ Formalized the Texas Communities Healthcare Coalition
Monitor and report on community health status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Published 2007 State of Health for Houston/Harris County report ✓ Behavioral Health Project Manager hired and work begun on collecting and reporting on identified performance system indicators
Expand resources to support these goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 10 grants submitted; 3 awarded for \$1.4 million; 4 pending ✓ Secured bridge funding for Gateway to Care