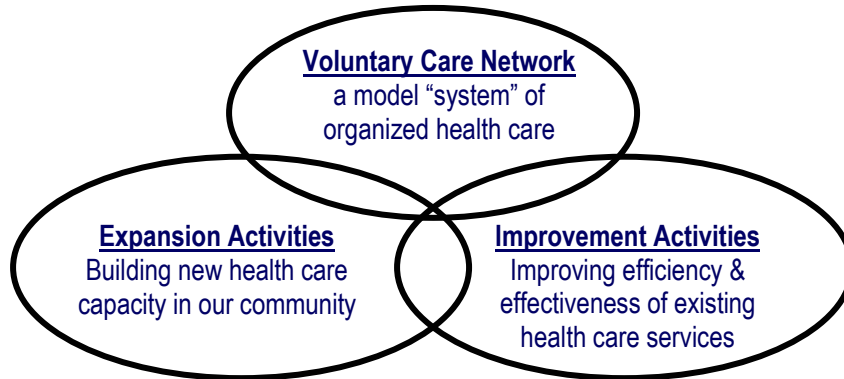


Progress Update

APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER

BY STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH CARE SAFETY-NET, ACCESS HEALTHCOLUMBUS IS HELPING OVER 11,000** LOW-INCOME PEOPLE ACCESS HEALTH CARE



RESULTS TO DATE [January 1,2004 through March 31, 2006]		
Voluntary Care Network	▪ Low-income uninsured people served:	4,042
	▪ Doctors participating:	795
	▪ Hospitals participating:	12
	▪ Prescription drugs coordinated:	35,504
	▪ Transportation services coordinated:	5,499
	▪ Medical interpreter services coordinated:	359
	▪ Clients (patients) who acquired insurance coverage:	259
	▪ Client (patient) reported no-show rate:	6.7%
	▪ Total value of services coordinated:	\$17,189,512
Expansion Activities	▪ People to be served by expanded primary care capacity:	8,000
	▪ Vision care appointments expanded:	3,900
	▪ Dental care appointments expanded:	1,000
	▪ Prenatal care appointments expanded:	770
Improvement Activities	▪ Additional primary care capacity available:	2,157
	▪ Assisted health care safety-net provider recover Medicare reimbursements totaling:	\$242,083
	▪ People served by Prescription for Good Health: (prescriptions via manufacturer assistance programs)	1,411

Return on Community Investment

For every \$1 invested by our public-private partners, over \$5 in coordinated health care services are provided. A return on community investment of 500%

** Total people helped is the result of the number of unduplicated individuals served by the increased capacity of our health care safety-net that resulted from the Voluntary Care Network, our expansion projects and our activities to increase capacity.

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PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP NEWS

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners expanded their partnership with Access HealthColumbus and agreed to a new investment of \$500,000. The funds will provide needed medications for low-income uninsured families and will support the Voluntary Care Network of 795 local doctors and 12 hospitals. In-kind support from Kroger's Pharmacy will help stretch the investment further.

Board President Paula Brooks, "For every \$1 invested, more than \$5 in health care services are provided—that's a return on public investment of 500 percent," she said. "This is a leading example of how people in the community can come together to solve a problem that is supposedly beyond our help. Not only has Access HealthColumbus served and helped save the lives of more than 9,500 people in Franklin County, it is creating a state and national model for health care for the uninsured."

The latest step in the health care initiative is "a remarkable collaboration," said **Commissioner Mary Jo Kilroy**. "It is a testament to the leadership of our medical and health care community and local businesses that they are working together to bind the gaping hole in our safety net. Unfortunately, there are 130,000 people in our community with no health care insurance. There is still much work to be done to make health care affordable for every family."

Commissioner Dewey Stokes said that Access HealthColumbus, which was created in 2000 by the Columbus Medical Association Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, is a great asset to the community. "I look forward to your next bold move," he added.

ACCESS HEALTHCOLUMBUS MISSION:

To assure access to health care for vulnerable people in Franklin County

VALUE OF ACCESS HEALTHCOLUMBUS' PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

- With no major national policy intervention to expand insurance coverage and strengthen the health care safety-net on the short-term horizon, the ability of communities to address this growing crisis is critical.
- Public-Private Partnerships are by no means a substitute for state or national reform. But they can help make health care services available to low-income people, improve health outcomes and thereby reduce costs in the long run, as well as restructure and shore up the delivery system.
- Public-Private Partnerships also serve as the testing ground for broad-based reform until coverage initiatives are implemented.

Access HealthColumbus appreciates the doctors, hospitals, and other partners for their commitment to patient care and community service. Working together, we are improving access to health care for low-income uninsured people and demonstrating what is possible through public-private partnerships.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact Jeff Biehl, Executive Director at (614) 884-2440 or jbiehl@accesshealthcolumbus.org.

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