

MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

The Health Working Group (HWG) is committed to improving access to health care, strengthening prevention programs, eliminating disparities in health outcomes, and working with non-health funders to address the social and economic determinants of health in the National Capital Region. Core members of the HWG have contributed over \$10 million to the region's non-profit organizations.

The Working Group realizes this commitment by helping inform individual grantmaking, working with national and federal funders to increase understanding of the National Capital Region's health issues, convening community stakeholders to build public and private sector awareness of important issues, and helping local communities build on each other's experience through special briefings, site visits, and networking.

Areas of interest include:

- Developing coordinated systems of community-based health services throughout the region that better meet the needs of low income consumers
- Integrating primary care, oral and behavioral health, and pharmaceutical access
- Promoting prevention and wellness
- Encouraging consumer advocacy
- Growing the healthcare workforce, particularly among the under-employed and new immigrants
- Eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities
- Collaborating with non-health funders to address the links between poverty and health

CURRENT AND RECENT ACTIVITY

- Held a far reaching discussion on health care issues facing the area's uninsured and underserved and developed recommendations for addressing them through health care reform.
- Participating in the Greater Washington Workforce Development Collaborative, an initiative of the Community Foundation for the National Capitol Region and funded by national and local foundations, to create opportunities to expand the number of entry-level, low-income persons in allied health positions.
- Developing a member-wide site visit to the Port Towns area of Prince George's County to see the work being done with the community to incorporate health and wellness into neighborhood planning and development.
- Meeting monthly to share information on funding priorities, discuss current issues, and examine the impact of the economy on the work of grantees.
- Developing strategies to work with the Council of Governments and non-health funders on creating a "healthy region".

MEMBERS INCLUDE

The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
The Carter and Melissa Cafritz Charitable Trust
Campbell-Hoffman Foundation
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
Annie E. Casey Foundation
Naomi and Nehemiah Cohen Foundation
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region
Consumer Health Foundation
Fight for Children
Healthcare Initiative Foundation

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Northern Virginia Health Foundation
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Public Welfare Foundation
Alexander & Margaret Stewart Trust
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