

RESOLUTION FOR ORGANIZATIONS JOINING THE BETTER HEALTH INITIATIVE

Whereas, leadership by healthcare professionals is critical for the improvement of our health care delivery system; and

Whereas, intentional collaboration and cooperation among healthcare professionals is required; and

Whereas, the _____ endorses the Purpose, Guiding Principles for Healthcare, and Evidence-Based System Design of the Better Health Initiative included herein;

Therefore, be it resolved that the _____ will work in concert with other signatory organizations in the Better Health Initiative to assume stewardship and provide leadership to build a coordinated, comprehensive and effective delivery system that will improve health.

Name

Title

Organization

Date

Signature

Better Health Initiative

Purpose

We are healthcare professionals building a coordinated, comprehensive and effective health delivery system.

We are doing so by renewing our collective stewardship for health and healthcare in our communities through direct discussion among ourselves and others, and through action toward an improved health system. We will actively work for the wise allocation of resources and system design that delivers improved health and healthcare outcomes and lower costs across our society.

Guiding Principles for Healthcare

The following Guiding Principles serve as a common foundation for our work. A set of standardized guiding principles is necessary to give consistent direction to our collective efforts. They also serve as an expression of our beliefs about health and healthcare in our community.

1. The objective of our health system is to deliver health as measured at the individual, family, and community levels.
2. Individual and community health are public assets. Universal access to basic health services is essential to the well-being of our workforce and our communities.
3. Public resources should be allocated in a way that maximizes health across the population.
4. Decision-making about the expenditure of public resources should be evidence-based and transparent.
5. Health services should be organized to provide comprehensive, coordinated, longitudinal mental and physical health care.

Evidence-Based Health System Design

We acknowledge that optimal health and healthcare in a community are dependent upon both public health and healthcare systems. This model focuses on the healthcare delivery system and its interactions with the public health system. The design of optimal public health systems is not explicitly addressed here.



Action Steps

The Better Health Initiative is a nationally coordinated, locally led effort. It provides a common platform (the Better Health Initiative Platform) that includes the above noted Purpose, Guiding Principles, and Evidence-Based System Design. To be successful, we must actively participate in the following activities:

1. We will actively engage healthcare professionals in reflection and dialogue around the Better Health Initiative Platform – the Purpose, Guiding Principles, and Evidence-Based System Design.
2. We will lead the organized testing and spread of process changes within and between practices and other healthcare organizations in our community. Our goal is intentional and participatory action toward the establishment of coordinated, comprehensive and effective health delivery systems.
3. We will involve a wide range of stakeholders in our communities to support this work.

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