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LEADERSHIP PEER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Call for Applications:

ACH will be accepting applications starting in June 2023 from staff of our member health centers who are interested in joining one of the two learning collaboratives below:

1. Value-based Care Learning Collaborative
2. Health Center Operations Learning Collaborative

Next steps for health centers interested in participating:

1. Complete the online [Application of Interest](#) by **Friday, July 28, 2023**.
2. Commit to engage in all learning collaborative sessions and exercises with the goal of incorporating new knowledge to their community health centers.

The Why:

Creating a space for peer-to-peer discussion and engagement to work toward solving the complex health and social challenges underserved communities face requires bold leadership, agility, and deep understanding of the local context. Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), which serve one in five Medicaid beneficiaries and are rooted in local communities, have a long history of harnessing innovation and advocacy to take on pressing challenges. However, recent challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic, economic and workforce strain, and limited resources across key federal programs have put significant strain on FQHCs and their leaders. To strengthen the momentum to drive change, the activities described below will invest in FQHC leaders and their vision, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit.

About the Peer Learning Collaborative:

Learning collaboratives (LC) are a great way to gain a more complete understanding of a given topic as a group. In a learning collaborative, participants will work together as a group in a learning session to understand the concepts being presented to them. They will engage in peer-to-peer learning by sharing ideas, asking questions, debating, and listening to other viewpoints. Participants may also develop or pilot tools and resources that are shared in a learning session to help them reach their identified goal.

Over the course of five months, senior staff of ACH member organizations will meet in-person in Washington, DC and via virtual learning sessions. In addition, a virtual community will be created where participants can engage with each other.



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- **Face-to-Face and Virtual Workshops:** The LCs will meet in person and through virtual workshops (via Zoom) between October 2023 and March 2024. The first learning session – a 1.5-day workshop – and final meeting will be in-person events that will take place in Washington, DC. Each subsequent virtual workshop will be one- to one-and-a-half hours in length and provide a deep-dive presentation on a topic specifically relevant to the peer groups' topic of interest. Faculty will include ACH and UnitedHealthcare leaders, subject matter experts, and other FQHCs peers who will share best practices.
- **Virtual Community:** A virtual community will be created where participants can engage with each other - with reflections, questions, advice, and best practices - on a monthly basis after each workshop.
- **Wrap-up Session:** The final learning session will take place in March 2023 as a pre-meeting event during ACH's annual member meeting. This session could be in the form of either individual or group presentations of projects or brief reports on lessons-learned and case studies as appropriate (summative assessment).

Target Audience:

Each collaborative will be composed of a maximum of seven members.

- **Value-Based Care (VBC):** Learning collaborative members, alongside experts in the field, will work in concert and share best practices to devise tools for FQHCs to use in implementing VBC in their health centers. In addition, the collaborative will also continue to develop the VBC Working Group's draft VBC definitions by audience and revise and refine the current VBC priorities to underscore the importance of data integration in VBC execution.
- **Health Center Operations:** This learning collaborative will delve into the biggest operational challenges and opportunities health centers face and how health centers can leverage their resources to maximize mission and optimize output. Participants will learn more about Accountable Care Organizations and Alternative Payment Models, which are game changers for professional clinic operators and discuss operational efficiencies and how to prioritize trying to do it all. An additional focus will be on the use of technology in health center operations where it makes sense to support and improve patient care. Lastly, this learning collaborative will harness the wisdom, vision and needs of participants to drive continued education and programming throughout the collaborative, creating an opportunity for content and programming to be driven



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and designed by the group.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe and share practical solutions and best practices, tools, and strategies to address needs;
- Interact with peers via a safe virtual space to discuss a specific topic; and
- Identify other areas and issues that require further policy, training, and technical assistance support.

Participant Commitment & Expectations:

Participants are expected to attend and actively engage in all virtual sessions, in-person sessions, and submit reporting requirements. They must:

- Attend and commit to all learning sessions;
- Participate in individualized study (individual and small group exercises);
- Respond to workshop and LC evaluations; and
- Engage monthly in the virtual community.

Note: Participants are required to pay for their own travel, including but not limited to, airfare, hotel, and meals during the in-person sessions in Washington, DC.

Schedule:

If selected, participants are required to attend all of the following sessions.

Value-based Care Leadership Peer Learning Collaborative	Health Center Operations Leadership Peer Learning Collaborative
<u>Learning Session #1: ACH Learning Collaborative Kick-off (In-person) – 1.5-day session</u> Monday, October 2 - Tuesday, October 3, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm● Tuesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	<u>Learning Session #1: ACH Learning Collaborative Kick-off (In-person) – 1.5-day session</u> Monday, October 9 - Tuesday, October 10, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm● Tuesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
<i>October: Monthly Discussion via ACH's Virtual Community</i>	



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<u>Learning Session #2 (Virtual):</u> Monday, November 13, 2023 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET	<u>Learning Session #2 (Virtual):</u> Tuesday, November 14, 2023 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET
<i>December: Monthly Discussion via ACH's Virtual Community</i>	
<u>Learning Session #3 (Virtual):</u> Monday, January 22, 2024 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET	<u>Learning Session #3 (Virtual):</u> Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET
<u>FINAL MEETING: Wrap-up (In-Person)</u> March 2024 at the ACH Annual Member Meeting <i>*pre-meeting event – 2-3 hours</i>	<u>FINAL MEETING: Wrap-up (In-Person)</u> March 2024 at the ACH Annual Member Meeting <i>*pre-meeting event – 2-3 hours</i>

Please indicate your desire to participate by completing the [online application](#). The deadline for applications is **Friday, July 28, 2023**.