

Healthcare Anchor Network

Health Systems Collaborating to Build Inclusive, Local Economies

Overview and History

The Healthcare Anchor Network (HAN) is a national collaboration of U.S. health systems that are committed to leveraging their institutional resources—like hiring, purchasing, and investing—to improve the economic and social conditions in the communities they serve. Through collaborative action, we're maximizing the positive impact healthcare institutions can have as economic anchors in their communities.

HAN supports and empowers health systems to deploy their substantial resources—hiring practices, purchasing power, investment portfolios, and more—to address the fundamental causes of health disparities and create economically stable communities.

By harnessing the collective strength of the healthcare sector—representing over \$588 billion in purchasing power, \$400 billion in invested assets, and nearly 6 million employees—we can substantially impact the drivers of health while building stronger and more sustainable local economies.

Founding members and seed funders of the Healthcare Anchor Network include Advocate Health, CommonSpirit Health, Henry Ford Health, Intermountain Health, Kaiser Permanente, ProMedica, Providence, Rush University System for Health, RWJBarnabas Health, SSM Health, Trinity Health, and UMass Memorial Health.

Activities of the Network

HAN provides strategic support, curates deep dive peer conversations and facilitates initiative workgroups for members as they develop, launch, grow, and institutionalize anchor mission strategies at their institutions. These structured learning opportunities help members develop the necessary tools, frameworks, and relationships, and address common challenges needed to accelerate anchor strategies. HAN convenes health systems twice annually. HAN also administers an annual data collection process around core anchor strategies and supports a member-only online community platform that provides tools and resources to help meet specific needs.

“As Henry Ford Health continues to focus on uplifting healthy communities in the regions we serve, we lean on our relationship with the Healthcare Anchor Network for guidance, support, and sharing of critical information. It is vital that the entire healthcare sector explore and commit to investments in the social needs and determinants of health, and the HAN is leading the way to promote this activity and collaboration among its members.”

Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom, senior vice president of community health & equity, Henry Ford Health System

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Initiative groups

- Place-based Investing
- Impact Purchasing
- Impact Workforce
- Advancing the Organizational Imperative
- Aligning to Advance Policy
- Building the Evidence Base
- Collaborating with Community Stakeholders
- Leveraging Anchor Philanthropy

High Impact, Time Limited Cohorts

- National Partnership for Women & Families
- Undue Medical Debt
- Building Resiliency through Employee Ownership (BREO)
- Center for Community Investment (CCI)
- Anchor Collaborative Learning

Ad-hoc Peer affinity list

- Academic Medical Centers
- Multi-State Systems
- Rural Areas
- Safety Net

Leadership commitments

- Impact Purchasing Commitment
- Place-based Investment Commitment
- Impact Workforce Commitment

Principles Sign On Documents

- Healthy & Affordable Housing
- Workforce Development & Inclusive, Local Hiring

Membership

Healthcare leaders are uniquely positioned and incentivized to play a more active role in supporting local economies. The time is now for an expansion and deepening of this work in our communities, and leaders in the field are rising to the occasion. Membership in the Healthcare Anchor Network is open to representatives of all health systems that can bring their energy, insight, and innovation to the collective work. Join us in advancing the anchor mission of healthcare.

LEADERSHIP



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CHRISTUS Health
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CommonSpirit Health
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El Camino Health
Endeavor Health
Fairview Health Services
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Grady Health System
Hackensack Meridian Health
Hartford HealthCare
Hawaii Pacific Health
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IU Health
Inova Health System
Intermountain Health
Jackson Health System
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The Johns Hopkins Health System Corporation
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Keck Medicine of USC
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Maimonides Medical Center
Mass General Brigham
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The MetroHealth System
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