



# Public Health Impact Task Force

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# Today's Conversation

- For the past 10-15 years have focused on working in chronic disease
  - Implementing standards of care-best practices
- Using appropriate technology
- Several years ago starting trying to link with local health and community services
- We will not win the battle with chronic disease without strengthening the ties between primary care and community prevention
- Where do we want to go?





Stakeholders are important




# APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ Technology is only as useful as the skills of user
- ▶ Electronic Health Records-a tool or an obstacle
- ▶ But data is very important
  - ▶ Helps us measure how we are doing
  - ▶ Can help with accountability



# Working with community health centers

- Focusing on improving care for patients with chronic diseases
    - Mostly Diabetes, HTN, and Asthma
    - Using EHRs to help providers do what they want to do
    - But EHRs are not often easy to work with
    - We generally need to extract data from EHRs so we have more power to analyze the data
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# So what can we do to help providers

- First we ask what they would like to do
- Some examples
  - We helped a clinic identify patients that were using lots of resources
    - They now have weekly meets to reviews these patients cases
  - We helped another clinic identify patients with A1C's > 9
  - Patients with uncontrolled HTN
  - In other sites we identified patients at risk for diabetes or HTN
    - In partnership with LHD we established referral system for providers to refer these patients to community interventions
    - Primary care and LHD worked together to manage these patients



# Where do we want to go or what would I like to see

- We've all seen our health indicators
  - Can we win this battle
  - Role for local health
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- "The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right"-Atul Gawande
  - "World's Apart: Poverty and Politics in Rural America"-Cynthia M. Ducan



Map of community with each pregnant woman listed





