

# **GREATER FLINT HEALTH COALITION**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **GROUP VISIT PROJECT WORKGROUP (2013)**

#### **MISSION:**

In the area of chronic conditions, to support the mission of the Greater Flint Health Coalition:

- Improve the health status of residents of Genesee County.
- To improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the health care system in our community.

#### **VISION OF THE COALITION:**

A healthy Genesee County community practicing healthy lifestyles with access to the best and most cost effective health and medical care.

#### **CORE VALUES:**

Consensus  
Collaboration  
Fairness  
Integrity  
Continuous Improvement  
Innovation  
Public Participation

#### **VISION OF THE WORKGROUP:**

To reduce the morbidity and mortality related to diabetes and other chronic conditions by improving the quality of life of individuals with these conditions. Special emphasis will be placed on patient/support system interaction, adherence to drug therapies, patient education, and improved self-management and understanding of the disease and its long-term complications.

#### **OUTCOME OPTIONS, 2012-2020:**

1. To support the continuation/expansion of the group visit model of care to treat chronic diseases within McLaren Flint Family Medicine Residency Program.

2. Develop strategies for the expanded utilization of the clinical group visit model of care to other physician practices and healthcare provider organizations within Genesee County, including Genesys Regional Medical Center, Hurley Medical Center, Hamilton Community Health Network, and any other potential Genesee County organizations exhibiting significant capabilities/interest.
3. Promote patient education related to self-management of chronic conditions to those affected by their disease and their support systems.
4. Improve patient outcomes and lower overall costs of care associated with diabetes and other chronic conditions including congestive heart failure, asthma, obesity/overweight, and chronic pain.
5. Improve patient access to high quality treatment of chronic diseases and increase physician productivity.

**MEASURABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES:**

Collectively, this initiative's approach to care will seek to reduce mortality and morbidity related to chronic diseases, with considerable focus on both diabetes and the racial disparities that are present across disease states. The five year goal for the project is shown in the right column.

Current Mortality Rates (2009)			GFHC FIVE YEAR GOAL (2016)	
Overall Genesee County rate	Genesee County African American rate	Genesee County White rate		
<b>Diabetes:</b>	35.7	51.4	32.5	<b>30.0</b>
<b>Heart Disease:</b>	240.0	270.0	231.1	<b>171.1</b>

*Rates per 100,000 population / Rate Source: GCHD & MDCH  
Goal Source: Healthy People 2020*

Current Hospitalization Rates (2007-2009)			GFHC FIVE YEAR GOAL (2016)	
Overall Genesee County rate	Genesee County African American rate	Genesee County White rate		
<b>Asthma:</b>	17.3	37.1	12.2	<b>7.7</b>

*Rates per 10,000 population / Rate Source: MDCH  
Goal Source: Healthy People 2020*

**WORKGROUP MEMBERSHIP:**

All individuals will either be appointed by their organizations' chief executive officer/director or the president of the coalition. **The individuals should be**

**senior enough to be able to influence and represent their organization's policies on the subject matter.**

**Commitments:** The Workgroup will meet monthly for one and a half hours at GFHC offices.

The membership will be categorized by the Coalition's "sectors":

Providers (6)	Genesee County Medical Society Genesee County Osteopathic Society Genesys Health System Hamilton Community Health Network Hurley Medical Center McLaren Regional Medical Center
Insurers (3)	Blue Care Network/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan HealthPlus of Michigan Genesee Health Plan
Consumers (1)	UAW/GM Community Health Initiatives
Ex-officio Members (2)	President, Greater Flint Health Coalition Chair, Greater Flint Health Coalition
Invited Guests (TBD)	Genesee County Physicians performing Group Visits for a Chronic Disease

### **REPORTING:**

The Workgroup will report to the Cost & Resource Planning Committee.

### **STAFFING:**

The staffing of the workgroup will be handled by the Greater Flint Health Coalition.

### **BUDGET:**

The Group Visit Project activities are currently supported by grant funding. Additional grant funding will also be pursued to continue support for project activities.

## **RECOGNITION OF RACIAL DISPARITIES:**

On October 18, 1999 the board approved the REACH Task Force Terms of Reference. In doing so, the board recommended the vision and outcome option of REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) become part of the operational terms of reference of every committee/task force of the Coalition.

### THE REACH TASK FORCE

#### Vision:

- To keep before the Coalition the issue of ethnic & racial disparities in health care.

#### Outcome Options:

- To assist a broad base of community leaders in health care in understanding the multifaceted challenges of race relations and its impact on individual community member's health.
- To keep front and center the issue of ethnic and racial disparities in the work of the Coalition.

### Revised Terms of Reference

Approved by the Diabetes Group Visit Project Workgroup on January 23, 2013.

### Original Terms of Reference

Approved by the Cost & Resource Planning Committee on September 16, 2011

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 15, 2008.