Community Program Inventory

UIC College of Medicine

Dedicated to the pursuit of health equity, UI Health comprises the seven University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) health sciences colleges, the UI Cancer Center, and a health care delivery enterprise including the Hospital and Clinics and the Mile Square Health Center network.
The poster and dashboard enclosed summarize College of Medicine efforts underway to address the three community health priority areas identified through the 2019 UI-CAN. Programs included were submitted to the SCIP as of December 2020. You may access the 2019 UI-CAN Report at ucaruihealthcare..community.

Community Priority Areas include:

1. Free Skin Cancer Screening
   - {Program} Detect and treat skin cancers through annual free screening event held through the Department of Dermatology. Patients are informed if additional follow up is needed with a dermatologist and they receive counseling on standards of skin care and skin cancer prevention. In addition, an educational initiative is in development for the community to address disparities in the State of Illinois, with a focus on skin health, skin cancer detection and prevention.

2. Argentum
   - {Program} Support older adults to remain in their homes through two core programs: Home Care Services and Senior Connections. Home Care Services provides professional home caregivers at affordable rates. Senior Connections provides volunteer-trained visitors to older adults at no cost. Argentum also sponsors community events, new research and community-outreach field of aging to enrich the lives of older adults and their families.

3. To Back School Health
   - {Program} Provide education and information to connect families to available resources through back-to-school focused community events. UI Health Pediatrics participated in more than 15 events from July - September 2019 and residents and general physicians provided more than 100 free back-to-school physicals at 1 event.

4. Brain Anorexia Walk
   - {Program} Raise awareness of anorexia in the community and UI Health as a location for anorexia treatment and research in treatment through annual solidarity walk in collaboration with the Brain Anorexia Foundation.

5. CHAMPIONS (Changing Health through Advocacy and eMployment In Our Neighborhoods)
   - {Program} A partnership between UI Health and Chicago Public Schools to empower high school students to: 1) identify and help address health priorities of our communities and to 2) volunteer and improve access to healthcare for people who use drugs through primary care services. Services delivered include food and water, wound evaluation and dressing, free medication, preventative health care, and transportation to UI Hospital or Clinics if needed.

6. Chicago Street Medicine at UIC
   - {Program} Deliver care to the streets of Chicago to serve the undomiciled population. Services delivered include food and water, wound evaluation and dressing, free medication, preventative health counseling, and transportation to UI Hospital or Clinics if needed.

7. COVID-19 Drive Through and Walk Up Testing Center
   - {Program} Provide COVID-19 testing to identify people with COVID-19 so they can quarantine or seek appropriate care with the goal of reducing the spread of the virus.

8. COVID-19 Evaluation Clinic, Pilsen
   - {Program} Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, operate a clinic specifically for patients (adults and pediatrics) with COVID-19 symptoms who need medical evaluation to determine if they are safe to self-isolate at home or if they need emergency care.

9. Hispanic Center of Excellence: Medicine Academy Apprentice Program
   - {Program} Provide an educational pathway into medical school by investing in the preparation of Latino high school students that aspire to become physicians. Participants take part in professional development seminars to raise awareness of the medical field and participate in hands-on experiences.

10. Office of Healthy Literacy
    - {Program} Promote health literacy, educate students and healthcare providers, and engage diverse sociocultural communities in conversations surrounding issues related to health literacy and health disparities.

11. Patient-Centered Medicine (PCM) Scholars Program, Service Learning Program (SLP) & Interprofessional Approaches to Stroke Management
    - {Program} Prepare future health professionals to address health disparities across a range of issues and vulnerable populations, including: domestic violence, genitourinary, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, immigrant and refugee health, and incarcerated populations.

12. Pilsen Food Pantry
    - {Program} Provide access to high quality, culturally-appropriate food.

13. Primary Care Expansion for People Who Inject Drugs
    - {Program} Reduce harmful consequences of substance use and improve access to healthcare for people who use drugs through primary care services. Services delivered include prevention and treatment for injection-related skin and soft tissue infections, medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder, mental health and substance use counseling, management of chronic conditions, prevention and treatment for communicable diseases, and coordinated referrals for specialist care or inpatient treatment at UI Hospital.

14. Student Run Free Clinic
    - {Program} Provide access to screening and referrals to UI Health that meets the scheduling, language, and affordability needs of the community.

15. UI Health Volunteer Services
    - {Program} Build meaningful connections, caring relationships, and positive engagement between volunteers, patients and families, and promote the importance of a positive and engaged patient experience.

16. UIC Community Outreach Intervention Projects (COIP)
    - {Program} Address HIV/STI infection, substance use, and other health disparities in marginalized neighborhoods. Conduct research on these health issues, and train UIC students and students from other universities on these issues.

17. UIC COVID-19 Community Engagement Strike Force
    - {Program} In the short term, address our community organization partners’ COVID-19 related needs and align with Mayor Lightfoot’s COVID-19 Rural Equity Rapid Response Working Group and Recovery Taskforce. In the long term, create sustainable UIC structures and norms to do community engaged scholarship grounded in community priorities/food environments, while aiming to address systemic racism and its impact on the health and wellbeing of communities of color, especially among Black communities.

18. UIHCS-R Health Careers Pathway Initiative
    - {Program} Offers programs for high school and college students from northern Illinois that will stimulate an interest in health careers and encourage the pursuit of those careers in northern Illinois.

19. UI Open House
    - {Program} Provide students and families visiting UI an opportunity to speak with selected campus representatives and ask questions, take tours, attend workshops related to fields of study and visit academic, research, and department staff.

20. Urban Medicine Program (UOMP)
    - {Program} Prepare physician leaders to serve urban underserved communities. Medical students participate in student-led longitudinal service learning initiatives based on the needs expressed by community residents in several underserved neighborhoods in Chicago. Topics include health education for homeless residents, community health worker training, pipeline to health careers for AA and Latino students, food insecurity, and others.

Add your program or initiative to our growing inventory of UI Health Community Health Programs. Open the camera of your phone to scan this code to link to the Survey of Community Initiatives and Programs (SCIP).
ADDRESSING THE COMMUNITY PRIORITY AREAS

Over the past three Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) cycles, UI Health primary service area constituents have expressed consistent priorities. The venn diagram below captures how College of Medicine programs map to the community priority areas.

BENCHMARKING TO THE UI HEALTH PORTFOLIO

The bar chart below plots the College of Medicine programs across the seven program type check boxes in the SCIP. The “other” programs include health literacy education, COVID-19 testing and evaluation, service learning, community-engaged research and infrastructure building.

STEWARDING A NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS

Programs take shape and drive impact in the communities served by UI Health through an ecosystem of partnerships. Below we capture the different types of partners supporting and sustaining the program efforts.