



reform through community collaboration

Overview (10/16/09)

BHI Vision 2020: An Indiana health system that prioritizes prevention and health promotion; assures quality, well-coordinated, affordable care for all citizens; and supports sustainable fiscal viability for employers and government.

BHI Mission: Organize and support a network of sustainable, citizen-driven community leadership councils that accelerate medical system and cultural change to improve population health and healthier lifestyles, promote transparency and better clinical outcomes, and slow the growth in medical spending.

Community Health Improvement Council Roles:

- **Stewardship:** Track local health system performance; evaluate the success of local improvement initiatives and policies; report regularly to the public as well as healthcare stakeholders to break down their silos and tackle the tough systemic issues as “owners and stewards” of the community’s health and healthcare assets.
- **Education:** Educate the public about how to navigate through the constantly changing system and take personal responsibility for their health; bring community leaders together with local healthcare experts to learn how to improve system performance; and facilitate learning across regions, as well as two-way dialogue with state and federal government agencies.
- **Catalyst for change:** Recommend systemic improvements to healthcare stakeholders, especially on issues subject to local control and requiring extensive collaboration (e.g. rightsizing the manpower mix, accelerating clinical information exchange; integrating primary care with public health; creating accountable care organizations; improving the quality of end-of-life care; reducing health disparities; and educating consumers regarding health-promoting lifestyles and prudent health plan purchasing).

BHI Core Beliefs:

- Outside-of-healthcare consumer, business, government, education, philanthropic, and civic leaders must play an influential role if local healthcare challenges are to be met; federal government regulation (e.g. insurance exchanges) and market competition (with or without “public plans”) are necessary, but not sufficient.
- The effort must be adaptable to a dynamic period of healthcare transformation and be sustainable over a minimum of 10-15 years.

BHI Guiding Principles:

- Non-partisan, non-ideological, and collaborative.
- Independent from government and healthcare stakeholders.
- Values- and fact-based.