Housing and services strategies *that work for people*.

HOUSING AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES LEARNING NETWORK 2020

With the support of the Melville Charitable Trust, TAC is launching its second round of the ***Housing and Healthy Communities Learning Network*** to facilitate peer-to-peer learning for health care leaders about the opportunities and challenges of supporting and sustaining affordable housing in their communities. TAC is inviting hospital systems in the following locations to participate in this no-cost Learning Network:

➢ District of Columbia
➢ Delaware
➢ Kentucky
➢ Maryland
➢ North Carolina
➢ Virginia
➢ West Virginia

Housing is a Determinant of Health

Access to safe, decent affordable housing, among other determinants of health, is known to contribute to positive health outcomes. Yet, individuals and families with extremely low-, low- and moderate-incomes struggle to afford housing in their communities, jeopardizing their health. Recognizing the link between health and housing, hospital systems from across the country are considering their role in increasing access to affordable housing in their communities.

Housing and Healthy Communities Learning Network

We are seeking five to eight hospital systems to participate in a six-month peer-to-peer virtual learning network. Hospitals will learn about their potential roles in expanding affordable housing in their communities and the benefits of such initiatives to both the hospital and the community.

Originally, TAC planned to facilitate monthly calls from May to October 2020. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we have postponed the start date, most likely to July or August. Calls will use an interactive web-based format with a presentation by subject matter experts and the opportunity for discussion with the experts and your peers. Once participants are selected for the learning network, we will identify the specific topic areas to be covered based on their needs and interests.

Possible topic areas:

➢ What we know: Evidence and examples from the field
➢ Affordable housing 101

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- ➢ Building collaborations with the housing sector
  - o Identifying potential housing partners in your community
  - o Developing cross-sector partnerships
- ➢ Leveraging hospital resources for housing partnerships
  - o Direct capital investment such as grants and loans
  - o Housing tax credit investment
  - o Surplus land or property
- ➢ Deeper dive on housing investment challenges
  - o Co-locating services or providing supports
  - o Fair housing issues
  - o Health equity issues
  - o Using an RFP process – or not?
- ➢ Identifying priority populations and evaluating short- and long-term outcomes
  - o Data sources, data use agreements, and data analyses
  - o Using the tools at hand for performance measurement

Participation Requirements

TAC is seeking hospital systems interested in learning about opportunities and challenges to support and sustain affordable housing in their communities. Participating hospitals may have up to three staff on the calls, but the hospital must have a primary point of contact designated to participate. Participants should be actively considering affordable housing development or partnerships with the housing sector in their community. The expectation is that hospital leadership is either directly participating or is supportive of participation in this learning network.

Application Requirements

Responses are due by April 16, 2020. Eligible hospitals located in the states listed above should submit a brief letter of interest on hospital letterhead stating the following:

- ➢ Hospital name and address
- ➢ Designated point of contact including name, title, email, and phone number
- ➢ Other participating staff, title(s), and current role(s)
- ➢ Current activities, planning or investments in housing and housing supports
- ➢ Primary goal in participating in this learning network

Please email your letter of interest to Rachel Post, Senior Associate at rpost@tacinc.org.