

Affordable and Sustainable Health Care Project

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Assembly 3 – June 9, 2006



Dr. Marc Parnes gives the context

On June 9, 2006, 110 people of different ages and representing different stakeholders in our community gathered at the Fawcett Center to continue the journey of discovering Affordable and Sustainable Health Care for all in Franklin County.

The challenge was presented as “Healthcare, as we know it, is not sustainable and is becoming unaffordable for more than just a few of us. This is a complex and stuck problem and we have no center to fix this. What could this community be economically, socially, personally if we could figure this out?”

Any new substantial change must be built on a solid foundation of common purpose and understanding. These current assemblies are engaged in building a foundation for our community.

The invitation is to participate and to walk this journey together.



Dr. Stephen Loeb shares how this journey has helped him reevaluate his approach to solving this challenge

The journey so far....

- **March 2005:** Shared need emerged for Affordable & Sustainable Health Care for all in Franklin County during a leadership retreat.
- **August 2005:** Tested the readiness of the community in embarking on this project by conducting 58 individual interviews with a wide range of stakeholders.
- **December 2005:** Shared results with a community forum.
- **February 2006:** Met to define the vision and explore how to organize the project.



Interviews at the café table

The next steps in our journey are...

- **June 2006:** Take our dreams, sharpen them and create a framework.
- **July 2006:** Take the framework and shift to scenarios.
- **September 2006:** Shift the scenarios into options.



Sharing insights from interviews

People checked into the day around the question:

“Why is it important for me to be here today and to help shift the health care in Columbus to its next level?”

- Leaving better system for our children and grandchildren
- Improving access and navigation
- Unmet needs
- Interest, professionally, personally, socially
- Cost
- Unsustainable system

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Reporting back from our next conversation about the purpose of the Health Care System



Sharing our insights about what Basic Health Care means



We create a collective mind-map of present opportunities and challenges

We then answered the question, “**What is the purpose of the Health Care System?**”

Sampling of Responses

- “Create wellness that’s affordable to everyone.”
- “We want a health care system that keeps people healthy and treats illnesses thru a system that is affordable, seamless, user-friendly, easily accessible, uni-laterally available to all and uses the best practices available.”
- “To provide health care to all people and to establish a wellness foundation as a method to reducing illness.”

At our February Assembly, we explored our dreams of what was possible for affordable and sustainable health care in Franklin County. Our dreams included basic health care for all. Today, we asked the question,

“What does basic health care mean for me?”

- Focused on health & wellness
- More personal responsibility
- Patient centered
- Holistic approach
- Having a medical home

How does it differ when we add, “for all”?”

- What is the floor?
- Who is responsible? Community? Government?
- Cost of bad behaviors?
- How to deal with end of life?

We then shifted from the future back to the present to answer the question,

“What are the challenges and opportunities of our current system?”

- Education
- IT
- Change Process
- Communication
- Affordability of Access

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**FRIDAY, JULY 21
9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 PM.**

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At Assembly 4, we will create a shared basic understanding of the future possible scenarios of affordable and sustainable Health Care for Franklin County based on our agreed common purpose and using the opportunities and challenges as levers for how we make this fundamental shift.

Go to www.ashcproject.net for a copy of the full June Assembly report and to register for the July Assembly.