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The Statewide Community Based Organization (CBO) Consortia can contribute to achieving your goal of individual and community wellness.

Introduction:

Through the advocacy of a small group of CBOs, the New York State Department of Health awarded three one-year grants **to do community strategic planning statewide in three regions of the state** to support CBO participation in DSRIP and beyond. This led to the formation of *Communities Together for Health Equity (CTHE)*, *Health Equity Alliance of Long Island (HEALI)*, *Hudson Valley Collective for Community Wellness*, and the *Rest of State CBO Planning Grant* awarded to *Healthy Community Alliance (HCA)*. Each Consortium is comprised of **locally-rooted, diverse CBOs poised to fill the divide between clinical systems and community needs**.

The existence of these planning grants was unprecedented, representing a radical shift in recognizing that marginalized communities must use their own knowledge and have their own assets to take the lead in building their own health. Through the planning grant, CBOs organized to have a voice in the implementation of the DSRIP Program, serving as true partners to the NYS PPSs and as active participants in the NYS healthcare delivery system. Our work seeks to improve responsiveness to community needs by bringing CBOs together to prepare and strategically plan for their full and robust involvement in health planning and true system transformation.

Three Essential Benefits:

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- The CBO Consortia offer a **gateway** to identify and negotiate with clusters of small non-profit organizations (<\$5 million) to address specific **Social Determinants of Health (SDH)** to achieve **health equity**.

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- The CBOs, both individually and collectively, have solid infrastructures that support sustained and well-established service delivery to diverse, high needs communities. These infrastructures promote client navigation, education, outreach and engagement and continuity of services before, during, and after contact with the health care system. CBOs are dependable, culturally competent brokers that **residents turn to for information and help**.

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- People do not have to be fully connected to the healthcare system to benefit from the comprehensive array of CBO services:
- CBOs have the unique advantage of not only **access to and trust** of diverse populations but also the ability to address human and social needs that act as barriers to accessing and utilizing care.
- CBOs' **adaptability and responsiveness** place them in a dynamic position to connect individuals to the appropriate level of care at the right time.
- Early identification and connection to resources allow **vulnerable populations to lead healthier lives**, thereby easing healthcare system strains due to preventable admissions.

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- The mission of the Healthy Community Alliance Upstate New York CBO Consortium is to identify and engage community-based organizations that are uniquely positioned to address social determinants of health (SDOH) and provide the technical support needed so they may more effectively participate in DSRIP objectives to drive greater value, better outcomes and lower healthcare costs.



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- Equity in community wellness is achieved through the Collective's collaborative and intentionally aligned efforts to support Hudson Valley communities.



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- CTHE's vision is to establish a sustainable model for CBO collaboration, including the processes necessary to facilitate partnerships with PPSs, payors and value-based payment (VBP) readiness to support CBO-led community engagement, needs analysis, and service provision to address the social determinants of health.



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