

# Call For Leadership and Resources to Address the Regional Health Care Safety Net

The health and social safety net in the Chicago metropolitan region\* is tattered and stressed. The economic crisis, structural deficits in government funding at the local, county and state levels, and the profound population shifts within the region all create major challenges for those providing safety net services.

Our traditional approaches, bricks and mortar and institutional structures have not been flexible enough to respond quickly and across artificial geographic boundaries to these new challenges.

This gathering recognizes that approaches which consider the entire region in determining priorities, influencing resource allocation, and strengthening existing health systems are critical if the safety net is to survive and evolve to meet the needs of our people.

For these reasons, we urge elected officials, health care leaders, and civic and community organizations to create the political will and resources to identify and support regional approaches to address the problems of our population.

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\*The region refers to Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties