



Challenging Inequities for Transformational Change

Annual Report 2022

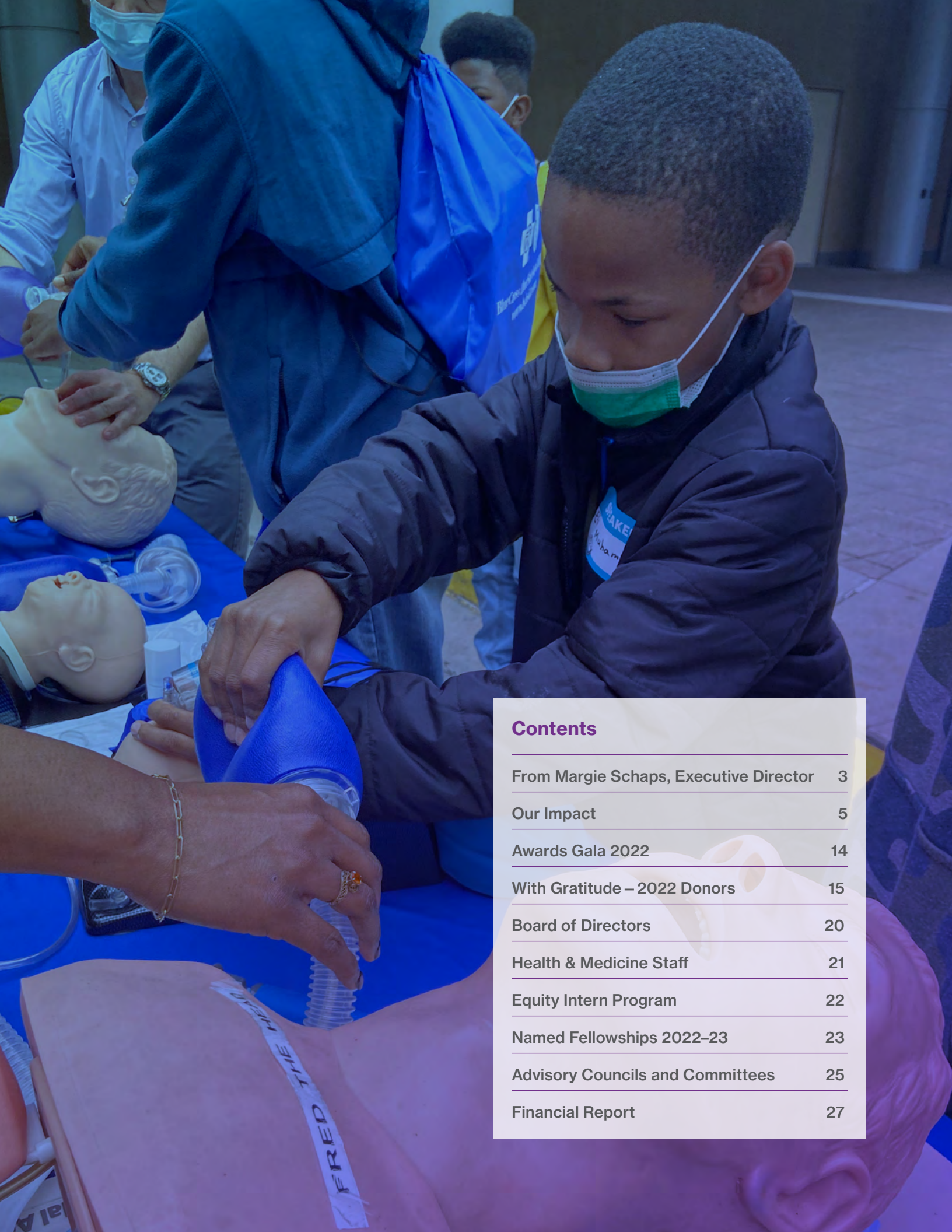
Health & Medicine
POLICY RESEARCH GROUP

Health & Medicine works to improve the health of all people in Illinois by promoting health equity.

Mission: Build power and momentum for social justice and health equity in Illinois.

How We Work: We are an independent policy center that conducts research, educates and collaborates with other groups to advocate policies and impact health systems to improve the health status of all people.

Vision: A society free of social and health inequities so that all people can attain their full potential.



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From Margie Schaps, Executive Director

Health & Medicine has spent 41 years advancing social justice and addressing health inequities, protecting and expanding health care access across Illinois by improving health care delivery systems, and shaping policies that address the structural and social determinants of health.

Some highlights of the year include:

- Chairing the nominating committee for the independent board of the Cook County health system
- Advising the Cook County Equity Fund Task Force on the allocation of \$50M in health investments
- Mobilizing our grassroots campaign for aging equity, Illinois Aging Together;
- Moving Illinois toward a trauma-informed, healing-centered future with the work of our Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative
- Building our public health workforce through a variety of critical programs and events, including our Black Men in White Coats Summit; community health worker learning collaborative, learning lab, and high school training initiatives; Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program; and Public Health Workforce Collaborative
- Hosting online forums to distill lessons on how COVID-19 impacted our health care workforce, and our health systems in general. We spearheaded an in-depth examination of COVID-19's specific impact on the health and public health workforce, from hospitals to nursing homes to home care workers
- Mobilizing health care workers, communities, community leaders, and policymakers to advance policies, programs, and systems rooted in health equity and social justice


As I reflect on our achievements and the challenges before us, I am grateful for our board and staff's willingness to challenge conventional thinking and accomplish critical, transformative work that will make Illinois a place where all can thrive. Addressing racism and structural barriers to health are monumental challenges, and I am confident that our collective commitment and talent will have an impact. I am grateful for the trust of our collaborators and funders. I look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2023.



In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margie Schaps". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Margie Schaps, MPH
Executive Director

A close-up photograph of a woman and a young girl. The woman, in the background, has long dark hair and is wearing a light blue face mask with small white polka dots. She is smiling slightly. The young girl, in the foreground, has dark hair in pigtails and is wearing a green face mask with a colorful floral and fish pattern. She is looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

“The risk we run as a society is focusing too much on health care and not on community conditions. We often don’t think about the things that happen before somebody ever needs health care that shape people’s health trajectories. Everything that we encounter impacts our health.”

Wesley Epplin, Policy Director, Health & Medicine

Our Impact

Center for Public Health Equity

Our Center for Public Health Equity helps us find new opportunities to live our values by working with key agencies and officials to make health equity a shared value, combating structural inequities, advocating for progressive public health policy reform, and providing training and technical assistance to grow the capacity of the public health system.

Through health organizing, collaboration, and narrative change, we build power for health equity. In 2022, the Center celebrated these key accomplishments:

- Partnered with the Chicago Housing Justice League and other organizations to support the Just Cause for Eviction and Chicago Healthy Homes ordinances. This Health & Medicine op-ed from 2021 remains true today: [Chicago needs the ‘just cause for eviction’ ordinance](#)
- Advocated for policy change at the state and local level, providing input on such issues as health insurance expansion, the budget for the Cook County Health System, and various bills and administrative actions focused on racial, economic, social, and health justice
- Played a central role in the #StopGeneralIron campaign, an environmental justice effort led by organizations and residents—largely people of color—on Chicago’s southeast side

VICTORY! In February 2022, the campaign successfully got the Chicago Department of Public Health to deny the permit for the corporate polluter General Iron/RMG from operating a scrap metal plant on Chicago’s Southeast Side. This fall, the Southeast Environmental Task Force awarded Health & Medicine Policy Director Wesley Eplin for his efforts in the campaign.





“We all have a stake in aging equity. It is time for us all to see that aging populations are not a problem to be solved but a community to be served.”

Brigitte Dietz, Health & Aging Policy Analyst

Health Reform and Health Care Safety Net Transformation

Health & Medicine’s Health Reform and Safety Net Transformation initiative works to advance equitable health care as a human right for all people through policy research and development, advocacy, and engaged discourse on complex challenges. This year, key accomplishments included the following:

- Through the Forum for Justice in Health Policy, shared lessons from front-line practitioners and engaged attendees on policy change regarding the need for workers to support people as they age and COVID-19’s effect on public health and health care systems
- Conducted a comparative analysis of the Cook County Department of Public health with other local health departments around the United States to develop behavioral health system recommendations for the department
- Researched certificate of need regulations related to health facilities and potential models for health planning in Illinois to bolster the health system and improve health care access. In September, Policy Director Wesley Epplin was featured in a Q & A in a *Chicago Crain’s Business* article on why hospitals alone can’t close the health equity gap.
- Served on the Cook County Equity Fund Task Force to recommend investments of more than \$50 million in county funds for health, health care, and other programmatic priorities for the county

Center for Long-Term Care Reform

The Center for Long-Term Care Reform promotes equitable aging for all Illinoisans at every stage of life. In 2022, the Center continued to highlight the importance of aging equity in Illinois and celebrated these key accomplishments:

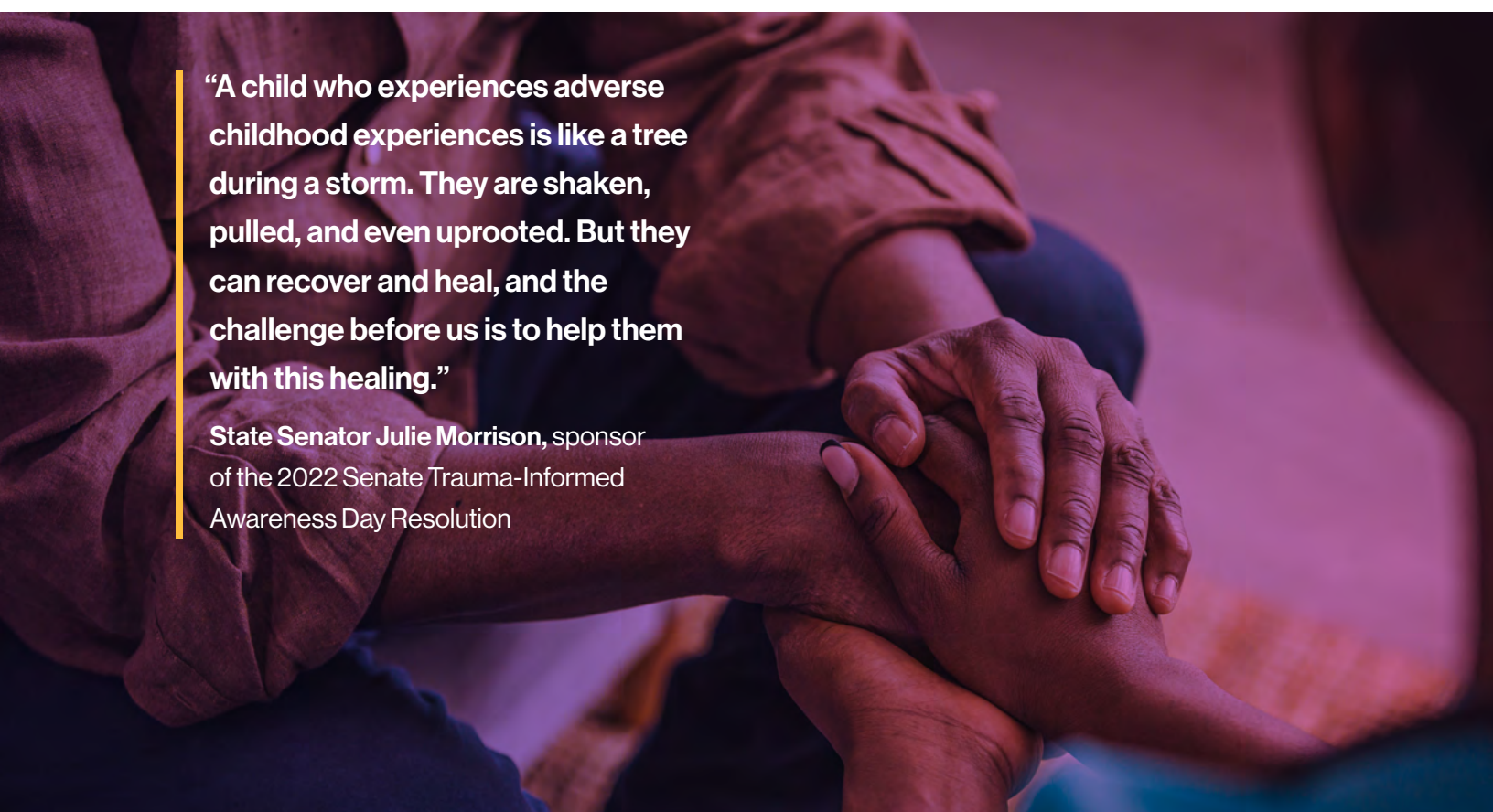
- Introduced the Aging Equity Act in the Illinois General Assembly through Illinois Aging Together, a campaign which was launched by the Center in 2021
- Grew the Illinois Aging Together campaign substantially from its founding to almost 120 organizational supporters and more than 300 individual supporters and continued to engage hundreds of individuals through roundtable discussions, individual outreach, public events, and virtual forums
- Joined a national learning collaborative focused on aging equity planning across the United States

Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative

Health & Medicine is the lead convener of the Illinois ACEs Response Collaborative, a group of multi-sectoral stakeholders committed to expanding the understanding of trauma and its impact on people's lives. Through advocacy and mobilization efforts, we work to put the issues of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and resilience on the forefront of the equity agenda in Illinois.

This year, the Collaborative made major strides toward our long-term goal of creating a trauma-informed, healing-centered Illinois, including the following key accomplishments:

- Serving as the lead organizer for Illinois' fourth-annual Trauma-Informed Awareness Day provided the Collaborative an opportunity to engage key lawmakers like Illinois State Senators Cristina Pacione-Zayas and Julie Morrison, partner organizations, and community members in a month-long campaign to build support for trauma-informed policies, culminating in a virtual roundtable with both policymakers and partners
- Providing targeted support to hospitals and health systems through a hospital learning collaborative in Chicago, a new capacity-building initiative supporting rural hospitals within the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network, and a train-the-trainer pilot program at Cook County Department of Health
- Partnering with 16 organizations to provide trauma-informed training to 1,576 professionals across multiple sectors, including health, justice, education, violence prevention, and human services



“A child who experiences adverse childhood experiences is like a tree during a storm. They are shaken, pulled, and even uprooted. But they can recover and heal, and the challenge before us is to help them with this healing.”

State Senator Julie Morrison, sponsor of the 2022 Senate Trauma-Informed Awareness Day Resolution



2022-23 Fellows' Projects Left: Elnaz Alimi, University of Illinois Chicago, Disability Studies, hosts a community cooking event for 50 refugees at the Kovel Center this fall. Her program focuses on occupational therapy intervention for refugees and asylees, many with disabilities and chronic conditions, in an effort to promote social participation and occupational engagement.

Right: Boram "BoBo" Kim, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Art Therapy and Counseling, hosts art therapy sessions with older adults at Central Baptist Village as a way to help residents recall memories and calm their moods.

Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program

For 26 years, the Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program has provided a platform for graduate students to design and implement innovative projects that improve the health and well-being of under-resourced and marginalized populations throughout Chicago. In collaboration with existing Chicagoland organizations, fellows use a broad public health lens to improve well-being and target the social determinants of health. Not only do their projects promote positive change within Chicago communities, the practical on the ground experiences of the Fellows helps inform and shape Health & Medicine's policy and systems work.

This year, our Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellowship Program continued to build a pipeline of health care professionals committed to social justice and secured these key gains:

- Graduated 28 fellows, our third class to graduate since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and second class to graduate entirely within the context of the pandemic's shifting environment
- Welcomed 28 new fellows into a program redesigned to adapt to fluctuating pandemic health concerns, and whose now hybrid and more technologically advanced model has allowed our Fellows to reach more community members than ever before
- Granted and supported four Seed Grants to our past Fellows, or Fellows for Life, to continue their community projects
- Updated and refined learning objectives for the Fellows program to reflect the health equity goals of the Fellowship
- Diversified funding by increasing university sponsorships and named Fellowship sponsorships
- Supported more than 700 Fellows for Life with networking, leadership, and educational opportunities through both our own chapter and in partnership with other Schweitzer programs across the country

Chicago Area Health Education Center

The Chicago Area Health Education Center (AHEC) works at the intersection of policy and practice to recruit, train, and retain a diverse health care workforce committed to under-resourced and marginalized populations.



Highlights of the Center's work this year include the following:

- Successfully trained over 100 direct care workers in active listening skills for caregivers, developed advanced active listening programming focused on behavioral health, and developed a train-the-trainer program on active listening
- Recruited a new cohort of AHEC Scholars and convened an AHEC Fall Institute which offered both in-person and asynchronous programming for student scholars
- Hosted Health & Medicine's Second Annual Black Men in White Coats Youth Summit with over 300 attendees including students, health professionals and community leaders
- Launched [Speakers Bureau Directory](#) for Chicago Public Schools speaking engagements

Workforce – Community Health Workers

Community health workers (CHWs) are frontline public health workers who serve as trusted caregivers who are embedded in the communities they serve. Health & Medicine has a longstanding commitment to the CHW model, and we advocate at the state level and within health systems to strengthen the role and recognition of CHWs as integral members of the health care team.

Highlights from our work this year include the following:

- Successfully led fourth year of our CHW Pilot Project in the Western Suburbs
- Expanded learning and networking opportunities for West Suburban CHWs with the launch of the quarterly CHW Learning Lab
- Supported CHW legislation and implementation strategy development with partners, legislators, and the governor's office
- Successfully collaborated with the Cook County Department of Public Health to secure grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and replicate the CHW Learning Collaborative model



Workforce – Public Health Workforce Collaborative

Health & Medicine is the convener of the Public Health Workforce Collaborative (PHWC), a collective of over 20 organizations working to build a unified, sustainable, and equitable public health workforce in the Chicagoland region. The Collaborative includes the region's largest local health departments, public health research institutions, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and community-based organizations, bringing together leading public health employers to identify shared challenges and collectively identify pathways and leadership for future collaboration.


Highlights from this year include the following:

- Created a peer-learning community of over 15 organizations leading CHW innovation within the Chicagoland region
- In partnership with the Illinois Community Health Workers Association (ILCHWA), facilitated convenings to provide resources to newly-funded, multi-partner CHW initiatives
- Codeveloped a statewide CHW employer survey in partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health, ILCHWA, and Sinai Urban Health Institute
- Developed a survey of private and public funders supporting the CHW workforce to help inform future funding in our region
- Secured funding from the Good Jobs Challenge through a federal Economic Development Administration grant to develop durable and sustainable career pathways for public health and health care workers. With this funding, we will help support an employer-led, community-driven initiative that will promote economic resiliency and growth for Chicago and Cook County

Originally established to help employers identify common workforce challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, the PHWC currently coordinates policy and advocacy efforts, research, and pathways planning that promotes building equity and diversity within the region's public health workforce.

Birth Center Task Force

For over 30 years, Health & Medicine's Birth Center Task Force has led the movement to establish and expand birth centers in Illinois. Birth centers provide an alternative space for pregnant people and their families to give birth outside of their home or a hospital following a normal, uncomplicated, and low-risk pregnancy. They offer cost-effective, high-quality prenatal care and obstetrical services along with other community health care services.

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair and a nose ring, gently holding a newborn baby. The woman is looking down at the baby with a soft expression. The baby is wrapped in a white cloth and has its eyes closed. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a window with light coming through. The overall tone is warm and intimate.

“Reproductive justice includes joy in the birthing experience and in reproductive health—that people have access to be able to choose what they want to do, what providers they want to see, and what kind of care they want to get. Having true ownership and autonomy is the midwife specialty.”

Jeanine Valrie Logan, CNM, Lead Steward and Founder, Chicago Southside Birth Center

Key 2022 achievements of the Birth Center Task Force include:

- Approval by the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board of two new birth center permits in Illinois: the first hospital-owned birth center Northpointe Birth Center, Rosco (owned Beloit Health System) in late 2021; and the first one located in a rural area, Quincy Birth Center, Quincy (owned by the Quincy Medical Group) in April 2022
- Continued growth and operation of both the two birth centers opened in 2021 in the southwest Chicago suburbs (Burr Ridge Birth Center) and on Chicago's north side (Birth Center of Chicago), and the two oldest birth centers (Bloomington-Normal Birth Center and PCC Community Wellness Center Birth Center)
- During the 2022 Illinois legislative session, an amendment to the Birth Center Licensing Act was passed (House Bill 5013 became Public Act 102-964) expanding the opportunity for licensed certified professional midwives in Illinois to serve as the primary birth attendant at a birth center
- Submission of extensive recommendations to the Illinois Department of Public Health relative to their drafting of the Administrative Rules for the new Birth Center Licensing Act (PA 102-518)
- Fiscal sponsorship of the new Chicago Southside Birth Center, which will be led by Black midwives and offer professional healthcare and counseling services embedded in the local community
- Securing a small increase in the Medicaid reimbursement rate for birth centers; Ongoing representation at the I-PROMOTE Illinois coalition; and Completion of an UISPH project "Mapping the Key Events, People, and Politics" around our successful passage of the Birth Center Licensing Act in 2021

Health & Medicine has long championed the value of birth centers to provide cost-effective, high-quality prenatal and obstetrical services, offering women an additional option when choosing where to give birth in Illinois.

Awards Gala 2022

Each year, Health & Medicine hosts an Awards Gala at which we honor extraordinary public health leaders whose work embodies our shared commitment to equity and social justice. This year's winners span a variety of disciplines, from environmental justice to creating the health workforce we need.



Lifetime Achievement Awards

Anne C. Evens, MSc, PhD, *Elevate*

Sharon D. Gates, DSW, *Rush University
Medical Center*

Sista Yaa Simpson, MPH, *The Association
of Clinical Trial Services and the Chicago
Department of Public Health*

Emerging Leaders Awards

Michael Alebich, DO, FACP, *John H. Stroger, Jr.
Hospital of Cook County*

Crystal Pirtle Tyler, MPH, PhD, *Rhia Ventures*

Group Awards

The Center for Community Health Worker
Research, Outcomes, and Workforce
Development (CROWD) at Sinai Urban
Health Institute

The Night Ministry

Health Visionary Award

John McKnight, co-founder of *Health &
Medicine Policy Research Group*

With Gratitude

Health & Medicine expresses sincere gratitude for all of those who have made our work possible in 2022—individual one-time donors, monthly donors, funders, event sponsors, and contributors to our Summer and Winter Friends campaigns.

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\$50,000–\$99,999

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Looking Forward

Our commitment to transformative change is unwavering. As we continue to strengthen our internal organization and build upon our work in 2022, we intend to apply our unique lens and expertise to tackle immediate and long-term policy priorities across Illinois.

Read more about our 2023 Priorities [here](#).

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and Medicine
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Chicago Healthy Housing
Coalition
Chicago Housing Justice League
Chicago Women in
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Collaborative for Health
Equity Cook County
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Steering Committee

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Healthy Illinois Campaign
Illinois Childhood Trauma
Coalition
Illinois Community Health
Workers Association
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Committee, Workforce
Development Committee)
Illinois Family Caregiver
Coalition
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Partnership for Healthy Chicago
President Preckwinkle's Cook
County Equity Fund
Protect Our Care Illinois
Resilient Schools Certification
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Equity Intern Program

Why Equity Internships

In 2018, Health & Medicine created an Internship Equity Committee charged with developing a new model for internships in which unpaid intern labor is replaced with a paid internship model, and for which we established a “one door” application process so that opportunities are available to all.

Providing paid internships is an important step toward creating and sustaining a diverse, equitable, accessible, and inclusive workforce.

2022 Equity Interns

Mehwish Ali*

Nadine Cabo Chan

Courtney L. Savage Hoggard

Mayra Miranda*

Stephanie Robinson*

Patrick Ronan

Sabrina Uddin

**Ben Squires Equity Intern*

Ben Squires Equity Internship



Inspired by their father’s commitment to mentoring future generations, Amy Squires and Sarah Squires-Doyle graciously support the Ben Squires Equity Internship. As a board member at Health & Medicine Policy Research Group for 25 years, Ben made significant and lasting contributions to public health in Illinois. In 2021, Ben posthumously received the Quentin D. Young Board of Directors Award of Excellence for his tireless commitment to public health and his mentorship of young people starting out in their careers. Established in 2021, the Internship supports one intern per cohort for an entire year, for a total of three interns annually. The Ben Squires Equity Internship Program launched with our fall cohort.

“At Health & Medicine, I was surrounded and mentored by an amazing team of health advocates every day. I am walking away from my internship empowered to use my voice to advocate for health equity in my community. I couldn’t be more grateful for this experience, and I look forward to supporting Health & Medicine’s work for years to come.”

Rachel Donaldson, Inaugural Ben Squires Equity Intern

Named Fellowships 2022–23

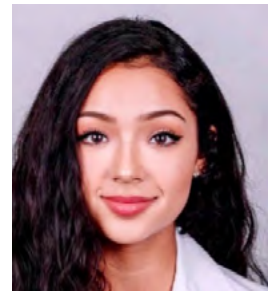
Tarik F. Ibrahim Fellow

Amy De La Torre, University of Illinois, Medicine

Amy is teaching Mental Health classes designed for underrepresented minority students in the Medicina Academy Apprentice Program (MAAP) in the Hispanic Center of Excellence at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The curriculum will equip the students with knowledge, skills, and resources to support and promote their mental health literacy and wellness amid the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.



Tarik F. Ibrahim



Amy De La Torre

Frank J. Indihar, MD Schweitzer Fellows

Niam Vora, University of Illinois Chicago, Pharmacy

Niam is working to develop the nation's first Transitions of Coordinated Care program



Frank J. Indihar, MD



Niam Vora



Brice Jones

for released HCV/HIV prison patients from the Illinois Department of Corrections. The case management/social support program will ensure recently incarcerated populations have access to medication, therapy, addictions resources, health literacy and insurance.

Brice Jones, Rush University, Clinical Research

Brice is partnering with Maywood Fine Arts and community stakeholders, such as My Block My Hood My City (M3), on implementing a youth gun violence intervention project. This program will utilize a community-based participatory approach that will empower youth to address and find intervention points to combat gun violence; engage the youth through an interactive and multi-faceted approach to dismantling gun violence in Chicago neighborhoods; and establish reinvestment opportunities for those communities suffering from inequities.

Leslie Nickels Schweitzer Fellow

Austin Hwang, Northwestern University, Medicine

Austin is initiating health classes related to preventative medicine, diet and exercise, diabetes, and hypertension for Rohingya refugees and immigrants living in the greater Chicagoland area, while also enrolling eligible community members in SNAP and Medicaid and counseling clients about potential lifestyle changes to improve health outcomes. The program aims to develop health literacy skills amongst participants, address social determinants of health, and empower community members to make healthy lifestyle changes.



Leslie Nickels



Austin Hwang

Bob and Caryle Perlman Fellow

Isaiah Brown, University of Chicago, Medicine

Isaiah is uplifting and supporting Black men's health in the Chicagoland area through training barbers as community health workers, starting a free clinic for Black adults, and developing a culturally relevant health curriculum.



Bob and Caryle Perlman



Isaiah Brown

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“The struggle for social justice is not an extracurricular activity, but the foundation of our professional work in the health care field.”

Linda Rae Murray, MD, Health & Medicine
Board Member

Financial Report

January 1–December 31, 2022

Unaudited financials as of January 15, 2023. Final audited financials will be posted on the website when complete.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash + Cash Equivalents	\$1,798,037
Accounts Receivable	1,277,520
Prepaid Expenses	4,933
Total Current Assets	\$3,080,488
Property and Equipment	4,864
Other Assets	3,969
Total Assets	\$3,089,321

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities Accounts

Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$101,308
Amounts Held for Others	898,961
Payroll Liabilities	3,103
Total Liabilities	\$1,003,373

Net Assets

Unrestricted	\$527,081
Temporarily Restricted	1,558,867
Total Net Assets	\$2,085,948

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,089,321
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Statement of Activities

Support and Revenue

Grants and Contributions	\$1,552,145
Government Contracts	830,077
Special Events (net of direct costs)	67,415
Program Income	157,498
Interest	3,563
Total Support and Revenue	\$2,610,698

Expenses

Program Services	\$1,627,463
Support Services Administrative	348,228
Fundraising	122,719
Total Expenses	\$2,098,410

Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$1,573,661
Net Assets End of Year	\$2,085,948

Fiscal Sponsorship

In 2022 Health & Medicine provided financial support to the following organizations and programs:

CATCH-ON Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program
 Center for Health and Social Care Integration (CHaSCI)
 CHE Cook County
 Chicago South Side Birth Center (CSSBC)
 E4 Center of Excellence in Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging
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