**Primary Health Care Selected for National Multi-Site Learning Community**

**for Accelerating Child Health Care Transformation**

*(Des Moines, IA) June 10, 2021*– Primary Health Care (PHC) is one of 12 organizations competitively selected to participate in *Accelerating Child Health Care Transformation*, a multi-site learning community that will assist pediatric practices in identifying strategies to transform child health care services. The national initiative will work with leading pediatric practices across the nation to improve child health care to be more equitable and family focused. It is made possible with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and led by the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS).

Dr. Heidi Shreck, Chief Medical Officer said, “Transforming child health care, viewing it through the lens of health equity and social determinants is important work. We’re excited and grateful to be selected for this collaborative.”

Over nine months, the learning community participants will work together to identify strategies to support child health care transformation. Their work will focus on three key goals: (1) adopting anti-racist practices to advance health equity; (2) co-creating equitable partnerships with families and providers; and (3) identifying family strengths and health-related social needs to promote resilience. The initiative will also explore payment and accountability levers that support transformation.

“Pediatric providers, alongside families, can play a critical role in supporting the healthy development of the children they serve,” said Martha Davis, MSS, senior program officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “Leaders in the field have invested considerable energy on identifying opportunities to transform child health care — we will build on their work to accelerate broad adoption.”

PHC was competitively selected to participate in the initiative, along with 11 additional organizations, chosen for their innovative practices in pediatric health care services. Each site offers clear opportunities to build on existing strategies to improve child health care. The sites include:

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| * Child Health Clinic, Children’s Hospital Colorado, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO * Westside Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic, Denver Health, Denver, CO * University of Mexico ADOBE Program, Albuquerque, NM * Pediatrics Northwest, Tacoma, WA * Primary Health Care, Des Moines, IA * Philadelphia FIGHT Pediatrics, Philadelphia, PA | * The Center for Collaborative Primary Care, St. Christopher’s Pediatrics, Philadelphia, PA * Hasbro Children’s Hospital Pediatric Primary Care, Providence, RI * AtlantiCare Health Services, FQHC, Atlantic City, NJ * Nemours Children’s Primary Care, Orlando, FL * The Children’s Health Center, San Francisco General Hospital, San Francisco, CA * Cincinnati’s Children’s Hospital Medical Center Academic Pediatric Primary Care, Cincinnati, OH |

A team of six family representatives, led by Hala Durrah, MTA, patient family engagement consultant and advocate, were selected to represent the family voice and will engage directly with the sites during the learning community. These representatives are:

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| * Nikki (Charisse) Montgomery, executive director, Madvocator Educational and Healthcare Advocacy Training * Louis Mendoza, manager, Washington State Fathers Network * Morris Carr, men's health coordinator, Access Community Health Network | * Tamela Milan, community engagement specialist, Access Community Health Network * Emily Cervantes, program manager, Public Policy Research and Analysis, Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, and Research Organization (CLLARO) * Siddhant Srivastava, medical student, Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ohio University |

“We are delighted to work with these exemplary pediatric sites and family advisors to advance pediatric health care transformation,” said Armelle Casau, PhD, senior program officer, Center for Health Care Strategies. “We look forward to sharing findings to further the efforts of providers, health systems, payers, and policymakers across the country to support better health and well-being for children nationwide.”

CHCS will distill lessons from the sites’ efforts, which will be shared broadly with stakeholders nationally. For more information, visit [www.chcs.org](https://www.chcs.org/project/accelerating-child-health-transformation).

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