

Mentor Areas of Expertise

- Accountable Communities of Health
- Operationalizing health equity and community engagement
- Forming continuum of care networks to address the social determinants of health
- Establishing a community resiliency fund with blended and braided funding
- Community Health Information Exchange and closed-loop referrals

Elevate Health (EH) connects public funding and private investments to community resources for sustainable, transformative improvements across care delivery and health outcomes. From their origins as an Accountable Community of Health for Pierce County, they now reach far beyond those boundaries. With Elevate Health, partners and stakeholders from across the community are coming together to think and act strategically and collaboratively around shared community health goals. Elevate Health has been especially thoughtful about building towards long-term sustainability through meaningful and robust community engagement. This mentorship will provide a framework for other communities to bring together clinical and community organizations for whole-person health. Mentees will learn about how Elevate Health prioritizes community voice in program operations and governance, their business model and structure for the resiliency fund.

Proposed Key Learnings / Objectives

Elevate Health will present best practices around community engagement and building multi-sector collaborations by providing guidance so that Mentees:

1. Learn about the core components of a successful Accountable Communities of Health Model and how an integrated structure, with community voice as the core, guides the strategies.
2. Explore strategies to operationalize health equity and storytelling through a community engagement approach.
3. Conduct activities to plan, design, build or enhance a local Care Continuum Network that includes community-based organizations, clinical providers, and community members to provide wrap-around services and address the social determinants of health.
4. Take initial steps to assess the partnerships, data and infrastructure available or needed in their local communities in order to braid and blend funding through a community fund.

Mentee Eligibility and Fit

This opportunity is best suited for communities that are interested in learning about the multi-pronged components of a high-functioning community of health. Applicants should have active relationships with public health, health care, and community-based organizations and be ready to unpack and strengthen their community engagement strategy. Mentees that wish to make progress towards community engagement and partnerships, innovations, integrated data and workflows and investments. Applicants do not need to be from health care organizations, and all sectors are welcome to apply. Ideal Mentees would be convener or backbone organizations for community health initiatives, even if they are new in this work.

Mentors will work with their Mentee cohorts to narrow the focus of program activities from the list of potential topics. At the end of the mentorship, each group will have the opportunity to share tools and resources developed throughout the program with the All In network.