

## **CHARTER: Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance Community Advisory Council**

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) is chartered by the Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance (RHA) Board of Directors to advise and make recommendations to it on the strategic direction of the organization. The CAC will help RHA remain responsive to consumer and community health needs. The CAC is intended to enable consumers, which will comprise a majority of the CAC, to take an active role in improving their own health and that of their family and community members.

Specifically, the CAC will advise the RHA Board of Directors in the following areas:

1. RHA Strategic Plan
2. RHA Quality Improvement Plan
3. Development, implementation and evaluation of innovative initiatives, programs, services and activities
4. Identification of opportunities to improve population health in our community

The CAC will also assist RHA and:

1. Identify and advocate for RHA preventive care practices;
2. Maximize engagement of those enrolled in Washington's Medicaid Plan;
3. Adopt the Community Health Improvement Plan to serve as a strategic population health and health care system service plan for the communities served by RHA;
4. Provide feedback to RHA about strategies to engage the community in planning;
5. Provide advice to help RHA link the community's medical and non-medical services in order to overcome barriers to health;
6. Provide, with direction from RHA, a two-way communication link back to community constituents to aid in achieving the RHA Mission, Vision and Goals.

Members of the CAC will be recruited to represent the diversity of the community including race/ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and geographic location, should possess a collaborative working style, and provide expertise and insight in the areas of mental health, addictions, wellness promotion, education, housing ,seniors' services, culturally specific health services, children and youth services, corrections and public safety, disability services and health disparities. Individuals with a broad community perspective on health matters will be preferred.

The CAC will consist of no more than 13 members and a majority of the members of the CAC will be current Medicaid recipients.

The CAC shall assist and advise RHA in promoting and achieving its Mission and Key Principles:

### **RHA Mission Statement**

The mission of the RHA is to promote the health of the region's most vulnerable residents while aiming to make Southwest Washington the healthiest region in the state.

## **RHA Key Principles**

### **What we believe:**

1. In order to improve the health and well-being of the people of our region, we must transform our health delivery system.
2. We aspire to achieve Triple Aim goals for the people in our region:
  - improve the experience of care
  - improve the health of populations
  - reduce the per capita costs of health care
3. Our region will be best served by a single Accountable Collaborative of Health (ACH) with broad participation of all stakeholders, including the people we serve. The RHA is the best organization to be designated by HCA to be the ACH for this region.

### **What we will do:**

1. All decisions and actions will reflect our commitment to improve the experience of care for the people we serve, improve the overall health of the populations in our region, and reduce the per capita cost of care for the system.
2. Work closely with our legislators to support our efforts.
3. Assure adequate access to care in all of the communities in our region.
4. Collaborate with stakeholders to address the social determinants of health and well-being: disease prevention, mental illness, chemical dependency, poverty, education, homelessness, and others.
5. Collect and apply data to guide our decisions.