Leading Change in Community Health: Developing Continuum of Care Partnerships
Baptist Health Values and Vision

**BHSF Vision**

Baptist Health will be the preeminent healthcare provider in the communities we serve; the organization that people instinctively turn to for their health care needs

**Our Values**

- **People**
  
  Our greatest asset: employees, volunteers of the faith community, collaborators and community partners

- **Compassion**

  For those we serve. Through our compassionate services, we seek to reveal the healing presence of God.

- **Excellence**

  In all we do: referrals, support services, relationships, and performance

- **Integrity**

  In all our actions and decisions

- **Belief**

  In our Faith-Based heritage and Mission

**Congregational Health Mission**

To develop and strengthen a network of viable health ministries in faith communities.
Congregational Health Vision -
To develop intentional congregation-based programs, to improve the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of faith communities.
NEW CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERS
Fiscal Year 2013-2014

14 CH MIAMI-DADE

- St. Faith’s Episcopal Church
- Wayside Baptist Church
- Iglesia Bautista Betania
- Iglesia Metodista Unida Wesley Hispana
- Community Bible Baptist Ch
- Ebenezer Community Church
- Greater Williams Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
- Haitian Evangelical Baptist Church of Homestead
- Homestead Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Yahovah Eloheem Ministry
- Church of Christ Perrine
- St. James Lutheran Hispanic Mission
- Westwood United Methodist
- Iglesia Mision Celestial

6 CH BROWARD

- El Shaddai Holiness Church
- LAEL Baptist church
- Eglise Baptist Primitive
- International Street Church
- 1st Baptist Church of Cooper City / Grace Life Center
- Living Word Christian Center
Community Health Promotion & Disease Prevention
FY 2013-2014 Accomplishments

- Supported 47 Community Health and Wellness events
- 6,555 Health Screenings in Miami-Dade & Broward
- Health Educational Programs * 2013-14 CH Supported and participated in 65 Health Promotion & Education Events

- 2,311 Blood Pressures
- 1,991 Glucose / Blood Sugars
- 1,645 Cholesterol Screenings
- 569 Osteo Screenings
- 171 HIV Screenings
- 288 BMI Screenings
- 16 Vision Screenings
- 40 Chiropractor screenings
CARE-TEAM STATISTICS

- In 2014 the Congregational Health Care-Team Ministries serviced and supported **2,429 Clients**

- 8 New Care Teams were added to CH Referral Guide in FY 2013-14 resulting in a total of **37 Care-Team Ministries** in Dade & Broward

- Post-Hospitalization Spiritual Care Course (Care-Team) Training is offered Twice a year in English and Spanish
PHSC / CARE-TEAM Goal:
Supporting Patients by connecting them to Community resources through BHSF referrals
Facilitator Training - To improve emotional & mental well-being of our community

CH Bereavement Training – 2014
- English
  - Trained 25 Persons

FY 2013-2014
- Added: 5 New Bereavement Support Groups

Mission
Supporting the Bereaved in the Faith Community

CH Bereavement Training --2014
- Spanish
  - Trained 24 Persons

2000 – 2014
- 66 Bereavement Groups to support the Bereaved in Faith Communities

Success Factors
2000 - 2014
- Trained 521 Bereavement Facilitators.

CH Bereavement Training – 2014
- Broward
  - Trained 25 Persons

- Trained 20 Persons

CH Bereavement Facilitator Training 2013-2014
CH FAITH-HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS, 2013-2014

Baptist Health South Florida
Congregational Health

- CH FAITH-HEALTH SUPPORT GROUPS
  
  Self-Disease Management Peer Support Groups for those Diagnosed with a Chronic Illness to maintain a better Quality of Life

FROM 2007-2014
- 17 Established Support Groups
- 4 New groups added in 2013-14

- 2 NEW CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS
- 2 NEW HEALTH & WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUPS
**COLLABORATORS & SPONSORS**

**Baptist Health South Florida**

**Congregational Health**

**Important Sponsors:**
- VITAS Innovative Hospice Care
- Jay’s Funeral Home
- Paradise Memorial Funeral Home
- Dignity Memorial Plan
- Kidson Foundation
- RJT Foundation
- Gough Foundation
- JMH Productions, Inc.
- More Than a Conqueror Ministry

**Collaborators:**
- American Heart Association
- American Diabetes Association
- Care and Counseling Center
- Cancer Support Community
- FIU School of Nursing & School of Public Health
- NOVA University
- FL Heart Institute
- BHSF Pastoral Care Svcs

**Community Partners & Health Educators**
- **ALL 180 Congregational Health Partners & Volunteers**
- **Dr. Teddy Tarr** - Crossroads Counseling Center
- **Ligia Houben** – The Center for Transforming Lives
- **Dr. Yvonne Parchment**, Adjunct Professor – FIU School of Nursing
- **Cheryl Coleman, ARNP** – Founder & President Abundant Livinging Health & Wellness Center
4 CH PILLARS: Improving the Physical, Emotional, Mental, Spiritual and Social Well-being of our Community

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION & DISEASE PREVENTION EDUCATION –
- 47 Health Events
- 6,567 Health Screenings

CONGREGATIONAL BASED CARE-TEAM MINISTRIES
- 8 New Care Team Mins.

CH FAITH-HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

CH BEREAVEMENT FACILITATOR PROGRAM
- 5 New Organized Support Groups

Faith Health Support Group Program
- 4 New FHSG Organized
8TH Annual Convocation 2013
Baptist Health South Florida
Congregational Health

THEME 2014

Leading Change in Community Health:
Developing Continuum of Care Partnerships

We Support a Healthier Future
Healthy People 2020
Good Evening and Welcome to the ninth Annual Convocation of Congregational Health.

Here we are ready to start the second year of implementation of Affordable Care Act. According to the Keiser Health News, **206,000** additional Floridians are projected to sign up for insurance under the Affordable Care Act during this enrollment period.

The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation says this projection would raise the total enrollment in Florida to roughly **1,070,000** people.

What does this number mean for Miami –Dade and Broward Counties? By the beginning of 2015, there will be more insured people in Miami- Dade and Broward Counties than ever before. However, enrollment numbers do not mean success in community health nor does it means better health result for the people of Miami- Dade and Broward Counties. What will it take to convert the high enrollment number into high health result for both counties? It is not as simple as one, two, and three. It more complicated. It is a more diverse approach.

On the other hand, it seems all the experts agree that the Community has to play a crucial role in order to convert high enrollment into high health success.

This is so important that The Affordable Care Act established the Community Health Center Fund that provides **$11 billion** over a 5 year period for the operation, expansion, and construction of health centers throughout the Nation.

• **$9.5 billion** is targeted to:
• Support ongoing health center operations.
• Create new health center sites in medically underserved areas.
• Expand preventive and primary health care services, including oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and/or enabling services, at existing health center sites.

• **$1.5 billion** will support major construction and renovation projects at community health centers nationwide.

Community centers are poised to play an essential role in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

In particular, health centers emphasize coordinated primary and preventive services or a “medical home” that promotes reductions in health disparities for low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minorities, rural communities and other underserved populations. Health centers place emphasis on the coordination and comprehensiveness of care, the ability to manage patients with multiple health care needs, and the use of key quality improvement practices, including health information technology. The health center model also overcomes geographic, cultural, linguistic and other barriers through a team-based approach to care that includes physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, dental providers, midwives, behavioral health care providers, social workers, health educators, and community health advocate.

Therefore, this is one of the main reasons for our theme of the ninth convocation this year: 

“**Leading Change in Community Health: Developing continuum of Care Partnership.**”

What is the formula to bring together health care providers, behavioral health, social workers, health educators, and Community health advocates for a healthy community?
I am glad to let you know there is a formula. It is not just a formula, but a proven formula. It is a best practice model. It is the Congregational Health model.

Here is what Dr. Dale Young, the founder of this model said: “Fifteen years ago, we began to create our own unique faith-health partnership that promotes community health in a model that integrates health and spirituality. It is a model that draws from the strengths of our faith communities as well as the resources of our health system.”

Our success over the years can be described in one word: Partnership. We have different types of partnership. The first type is what I call the community vector of change. It is the faith base community. It is made of volunteers from the Churches, the Temples, the masjid, etc. They are young, not too young, white black, black; open to different cultures, and eager to get involved and to serve. Without this partnership, enrollment numbers will stay enrollment numbers. They won’t be able to be converted into community health results. You are our most important partners!

Another partner is the health system. It is a very important commodity. It is where health science comes to practice. Our faith based volunteers have learned their language, have been introduced to their environment, learned their culture, and worked together.

Last but not least the university partnership you can teach only what you’ve learned. Our volunteers need to be well equipped to go back to the community. We have enjoyed great partnership with our Universities in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

Here is the 15 years successful formula for a healthy community:
TFBV + HS + U = GCH (Trained Faith Based Volunteers + Health System participation+ University involvement = Great Community Health.)

Now let me present to you the great result this formula has given in 2014.

Every year more and more Churches in Miami-Dade and in Broward Counties are joining our program. We added 14 Churches in Miami-Dade: and 6 in Broward County. As of this year, Congregational Health has 196 partner Churches.

This year alone, through our Community Health Promotion and disease Prevention, we have supported 47 Community Health and well events in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties.

We did 6,555 Health Screening in Miami-Dade & Broward Counties since our first health fair in 1997.

Congregational Health has supported and participated in 65 Health promotion and educational Events in both counties.

This year, congregation-based holistic care teams program offered Health Care-Team Ministries service and supported 2,429 Clients. This year, 8 New Care team were added to the active care team ministries. We are pleased to report to you that we have a total of 37 Churches in the care team referral network.

Faith Health Support Group is the disease management peer support group for those diagnosed with a chronic illness to maintain a better quality of life through mutual support, education, skill building, information sharing, and spiritual support. Throughout Miami-Dade
and Broward Counties, last year we had 13 Faith Health Support Groups. This year, I am please to report to you we have added 4 more. 17 actives groups are serving Miami-Dade and Broward.

Unfortunately losses have become daily activities in our community. Through our bereavement program, a growing network provides support in partnership with faith community. Last year, we had 61 bereavement support groups throughout Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. This year, I am happy to report to you that we have added 5 more groups. We have now 66 groups helping bereaved transform their losses into meaningful activities.

I want to conclude with this story. On a farming road, there was a small piece of a starch sugar cane. Ants came and sucked the sugar from it. However, they were often disturbed by the feet of the farmers who were passing by. One of the ants said: how can we enjoy sucking this sugar without been disturbed by those farmers? One of the ants answered, although heavy, but if we all stock into the piece of sugar cane starch we ill remove from the road. They did and successfully removed it from the farmers ‘path.

Like the piece of starch for the ants, the health issues in our communities can be very heavy. How can we lead to changes in Community Health? As Care partners, by working together, we will resolve one by one the health problem in our communities.