Winter greetings from the MacColl Center for Health Care Innovation

What a year 2020 has been!

As we enter a new and final quarter of the year, we are reflecting on the past 11 months. 2020 has been one of the most challenging years in recent memory. MacColl Center team members and our network of partners have been on the front lines supporting health care delivery system transformation in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

One of our MacColl colleagues recently wrote about the lessons learned during COVID-19 in the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute blog: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic As We Approach 2021. His post, written by Dr. Robert Duggan, highlights some of the work and learning that occurred during the pandemic.

As we think about the year ahead, our team has learned the importance of innovation for improving social health and health equity in our communities. The MacColl Center will continue to support high-performing community health care settings in closing gaps for vulnerable populations through innovation.

Here is an exciting opportunity for safety net organizations in the nine states where Kaiser Permanente provides care (see list at the end of this message). The Kaiser Permanente Center for Care Innovation, National Health Care for the Homeless, and Kaiser Foundation Research & Education Institute are seeking applications for a fellowship to support leadership in virtual care and care redesign. Applications are due by January 7, 2021.

New resource for mapping racial & ethnic inequities in health

The New England Journal of Medicine recently published an article titled “Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Physical, Emotional, and Financial Health.” The article provides helpful data on social health indicators for each state and for six racial and ethnic groups. This new tool for measuring health inequities will help new work take flight in 2021. Whatever the new year brings, our shared mission will help new work take flight in 2021. Whatever the new year brings, our shared mission will help new work take flight in 2021. Whatever the new year brings, our shared mission will help new work take flight in 2021. Whatever the new year brings, our shared mission will help new work take flight in 2021.

Call for applications from the Virtual Care Innovation Network

Are you considering policy, partnership, or organizational change for your health care delivery system? The MacColl Center is recruiting for the inaugural class of fellows in the Fellowship for Value Champions: Engaging Stakeholders to Reduce Overuse. The program will run from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022. This innovative 16-month fellowship aims to promote participation in improving social health and experience working with health care delivery system partners.

Many recently developed indicators and case studies provide practical guidance on how to apply these tools. The program will run from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022. This innovative 16-month fellowship aims to promote participation in improving social health and experience working with health care delivery system partners.

We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to support this important work and to honor our community partnerships.

Join us: learn about virtual care innovation network

The MacColl Center is launching the Virtual Care Innovation Network (VCIN) to support high-performing federally qualified health centers, especially for disadvantaged populations with chronic illnesses. The Endowment for Health Equity and Social Justice supports VCIN. The program will run from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022. This innovative 16-month fellowship aims to promote participation in improving social health and experience working with health care delivery system partners.

With best wishes for a happy new year,

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