APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS REPORT & IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM, CHICAGO

Action: Approve University of Illinois 2019 Community Assessment of Needs Report & Implementation Plan, University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs recommends the adoption of the University of Illinois 2019 Community Assessment of Needs (UI-CAN): Toward Health Equity report and the associated 2019 UI-CAN: Toward Health Equity Implementation Plan to meet the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) requirements described below.

In March 2010, the Affordable Care Act outlined new federal requirements that all tax-exempt, charitable hospitals must complete a CHNA every three years. The CHNA must define and assess a hospital’s primary service area, as well as identify the high priority health needs that exist in those communities. Additionally, the hospital is required to develop an implementation plan outlining strategies for addressing the identified health needs. As the authorized body of the University of Illinois Hospital, the
Board of Trustees must adopt the 2019 UI-CAN report and the associated implementation plan no later than November 15, 2019.

The 2019 UI-CAN report was finalized in October 2019 and identified three broad high priority health-related needs:

1. Addressing social and structural determinants of health;
2. Improving access to care, community resources, and systems improvements; and,
3. Primary and secondary prevention of chronic disease.

As an urban research university and an academic health center, the University of Illinois at Chicago is working with faculty, students, staff, and external stakeholders to address these needs, as described in the 2019 UI-CAN Implementation Plan. The implementation plan proposes leveraging the strength of UIC and its partners to meet the health-related needs identified in the 2019 UI-CAN report and includes:

1. Develop an organizational resource and structure to define and execute a Community Health Needs Strategy for the healthcare delivery system and proactively communicate with community members;
2. Convene UI Health clinicians, staff, and students with roles in community health to share findings of the 2019 UI-CAN report, initiate community health needs strategy and encourage response to future requests for proposals aimed at addressing one of the health-related priority areas in the 2019 UI-CAN report;
3. Explore development of new initiatives and programs that address the priority health-related needs identified in the 2019 UI-CAN report in partnership with community-based organizations;
4. Convene leaders of similar programs to coordinate efforts, increasing the impact on health-related community needs and meeting stated strategic goals of the healthcare system;
5. Draft and disseminate standardized guidelines on planning, execution, and measurement of existing or new programs to feed into a community-benefits reporting system;

6. Engage health science students and participants in the CHAMPIONs NETWork with training to carry out community engagements in a standard and consistent manner; and,

7. Utilize data collected from programs and initiatives benefitting the community to refine over time.

The 2019 UI-CAN report and implementation plan has been shared with various UIC groups and stakeholders, including the UIC Health Sciences Council on October 11, 2019.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois Statutes, the General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure, and the Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.