



PARTNERSHIP AND PROGRESS

Waukesha County Dental Coalition

Coordination Case Study

The Waukesha community recognized the need to develop a coordinated effort towards improving the oral health status of residents. To address these oral health needs, the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Foundation of the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2005 awarded a planning grant to Waukesha Memorial Hospital Foundation and Waukesha Family Practice Residency.

The result was the Waukesha County Dental Coalition, a team of experts from the public and private dental community working in partnership to propose a viable delivery model of dental care to low-income, and underinsured families. The Coalition undertook a sophisticated planning process to assess needs, study models and best-practices nationwide, and build relationships among key stakeholders. Eighteen months later, this Coalition produced a business plan to create a new nonprofit organization to provide dental care to children in need. The Waukesha County Community Dental Clinic opened its doors in May of 2008.

The Waukesha County Dental Coalition coordinated resources to develop a coalition with the right mix of individuals to address a critical health need. These partners now share knowledge about services and resources, help with sustainability efforts, and serve as a champion in the community. Coordination between and among systems including medical, dental, and other nonprofit organizations are essential to the delivery of high-quality service.

Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County

Cooperation Case Study

Several years ago, a group of pastors noted that many residents and parishioners were turning to the churches for social service needs, however, the congregations had limited staffing and resources to assist the community. These pastors recognized that those needs were larger than what they could serve and developed a focal point to bring local congregations and the community together in the spirit of cooperation.

As a result, Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County was established to promote cooperation among ecumenical ministries and nonprofit organizations to make the best use of resources available to better serve the community.

Over the years, Cooperating Congregations of Waukesha County has cooperated with nonprofit organizations with similar missions to coordinate serving the needs of the poor in Waukesha County. Through these partnerships, a host of programs share resources, volunteers, and strategies to mobilize the poor and assert collective action to make measurable gains at the community level. Collaborating organizations such as Hebron House, Hispanic Community Health Resource Center, Food Pantry of Waukesha County, and Interfaith Senior Programs are working together to reduce duplication of service and provide vital resources to those needing meals, transportation, and other outreach services.