Aligning Hospital Community Benefit, Collaborations, Community Health, and Housing

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What are Hospital Community Benefits?

Hospital Community Benefits are initiatives, activities, and investments undertaken by tax-exempt hospitals to improve the health of the communities they serve.
Estimated Hospital Expenditures

$62.4 Billion

Allocation of Community Benefit Investments

- Charity care: 25.3%
- Unreimbursed costs for means-tested government programs: 45.3%
- Subsidized health services: 14.7%
- Community health improvement: 5.3%
- Cash or in-kind contributions to community groups: 2.7%
- Research: 1.3%
- Health professions education: 5.3%

Model: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R)
Communities are unhealthy because of their social and physical environments.

- Jobs
- Playgrounds/parks
- Restaurants/grocery stores
- Transportation
- Schools
- Housing
IRS’s 2014 Community Benefit Rules

Health needs that a tax-exempt hospital can consider may include “the need to address … social, behavioral and environmental factors that influence health in the community.”

The Question is …

How can tax-exempt hospitals and the community development and affordable housing sectors collaborate to develop healthy housing and communities?
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