

Bipartisan Innovation in Action: The Role of North Carolina's Healthy Opportunities Pilots in Advancing Whole-Person, Cost-Effective Care

Monday, March 17, 2025 | 2:30-3:30 PM ET

Meeting Objectives:

- Reflect on the health and economic impacts of the Healthy Opportunities Pilots in North Carolina
- Discuss the future of the Healthy Opportunities Pilots and other efforts to address drivers of health through Medicaid in the context of an evolving state and federal health policy landscape
- Highlight opportunities for other states to learn from North Carolina's approach and experience

Meeting Agenda

2:30 PM

Welcome and Overview

Dr. Mark McClellan, Director, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Dr. Devdutta "Dev" Sangvai, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

2:35 PM

Panel 1: A Model for Resilient Communities: How the Pilots are Supporting Hurricane Helene Response in Western North Carolina

The goal of this session is to highlight how infrastructure and partnerships from the Healthy Opportunities Pilots have supported Hurricane Helene response and recovery efforts in Western North Carolina.

Moderator: Rebecca Whitaker, Research Director, North Carolina Health Care Transformation, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Panelists

- **Dr. Susan Mims**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Dogwood Health Trust
- **Laurie Stradley**, Chief Executive Officer, Impact Health
- **Philip Cooper**, Chief Change Agent, Operation Gateway

2:50 PM

Panel 2: Investing in Healthy Communities: How the Pilots are Impacting North Carolina's Health and Economy

The goal of this session is to discuss the health and economic impacts of the Healthy Opportunities Pilots in communities across North Carolina.

Moderator: Rebecca Whitaker, Research Director, North Carolina Health Care Transformation, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Panelists

- **Wendy Giannini-King**, Risk Reduction Coordinator, Wilmington Fire Department
- **Casey Strout**, Food Hub Programs Coordinator, Feast Down East
- **Dr. Seth Berkowitz**, Associate Professor of Medicine, UNC School of Medicine
- **Dr. Amy Russell**, Chief Medical & Population Health Officer, Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC)

3:10 PM

Panel 3: Looking Ahead: How North Carolina and Other States Can Continue Progress on Addressing Drivers of Health Through Medicaid

The goal of this session is to highlight potential next steps for addressing drivers of health through Medicaid in North Carolina and other states, especially in the context of an evolving state and federal health policy landscape.

Moderator: Robert Saunders, Senior Research Director, Health Care Transformation, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy

Fireside Chat Panelists

- **John Mitchell**, Henderson County Manager
- **Kody Kinsley**, Senior Advisor, Milken Institute; former Secretary, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Wrap Up, Closing Remarks, and Adjournment

Robert Saunders, Senior Research Director, Health Care Transformation, Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy