



# Partnership for Healthy Chicago Charter

The Partnership for Healthy Chicago (Partnership) is a partnership of diverse public health stakeholders working to achieve health equity by strengthening Chicago's public health system and addressing social and structural determinants of health. As part of its efforts, the Partnership works with and through the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) to conduct health assessments and develop improvement plans, which serve as part of the required documents for CDPH's public health accreditation and certification as an Illinois local health department (IPLAN: Illinois Project for Local Assessment of Need). The Partnership for Healthy Chicago formed in 1998 as part of the National Turning Point Demonstration Grant funded by the W.K. Kellogg and Robert Wood Johnson Foundations.

## **Mission:**

The Partnership for Healthy Chicago works to achieve health equity by addressing fundamental systems-level issues through community engagement, stakeholder alignment, institutional coordination, and policy development.

## **Our Vision for Chicago:**

A city where all people and all communities have power, are free from oppression and strengthened by equitable access to resources, environments and opportunities that promote optimal health and well-being

## **Goal:**

To align stakeholders in addressing fundamental systems-level issues through community engagement/community building, institutional coordination and data-driven policy development

## **Operations:**

*Leadership:* The Partnership for Healthy Chicago is co-chaired by the Chicago Department of Public Health and one partner organization. CDPH staffs the Partnership.

*Members:* Membership is open to organizations that share the Partnership's vision, mission and goal.

- **Attendance:** Organizations should be represented by a person who will regularly attend all meetings and an alternate who will attend if the primary representative is unavailable.
- **Participation:** Members are encouraged to actively participate in Partnership meetings and discussions and join committees of the Partnership.

*Committees:* The Partnership will utilize standing committees to analyze issues, plan strategy and develop work plans. The committees will present plans to the full Partnership for adoption. Ad hoc committees will be created to address specific work as needed.

*Decision Making:* Partnership decisions will be made by consensus of the members attending the Partnership meetings.