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Brief Description

- Duquesne University has many existing programs in various schools of study that currently offer health and wellness care for members of the campus and surrounding communities related to spiritual, emotional, and physical health.

- The Center for Community Health and Well-Being would leverage these programs by coordinating efforts under one platform in an effort to improve population health.

- This would be accomplished by establishing a network of interdisciplinary providers and educators to provide direct and indirect services to our local communities.
Vision and 3 Year Plan

Vision for the Center for Community Health and Well-Being

- It is our vision that culturally relevant services to promote well-being is available, accessible, affordable, appropriate, excellent, and desirable to Hill community members, particularly for individuals, families, and groups who are vulnerable and underserved.

3-Year Outcomes

- Appoint a director of the Center to provide the leadership for the initiative
- Coordinate population-based services provided by university to Hill community to meet community identified priorities
- Establish physical gathering space
Compelling Rationale

This opportunity is important because

• It is a **priority** of the community we serve
• It **engages** our students in deeper and more effective learning
• It provides faculty with an opportunity to do **research** that can improve practice in their fields of study
• It fulfills our **mission** at the university
• It **immerses** community members in the university mission
• It **builds** upon existing relationships already established between community and university
• It meets an **intersection of needs** among all involved
Neighborhoods Involved

Through the foundational work of the CETR Strategic Planning Process, community priorities were identified across four communities with which Duquesne has strong relationships

- The Hill District
- Uptown
- South Hilltop
- Hazelwood

The Hill District

- Priority on access to affordable and appropriate healthcare and wellness
- Value proposition to increase access to interdisciplinary services
- The services will be mobilized at various sites within the community with a defined communication plan and dissemination of educational and health outreach
Key Assets and Initiatives

Red Group
- Strong work ethic and collaborative spirit to drive the initiative
- Expertise in field of study
- Champion on behalf of representing organization
- Actively engaged in community efforts

University
- Established community partners
- Various schools of study that span social, physical, and spiritual health
- Established physical space in the Hill community (Duquesne University Pharmacy)
- Structure, support, and foundation grounded in Spiritan mission

Community
- Extensive initiatives and consensus groups
- Strong community spirit and engagement
- Established physical space and locations for events and initiatives
- Green space projects and youth development efforts
Stewards of the Initiative

- Newly appointed Director of Center for Community Health and Well Being
- CETR Director
- Community Champion
What WE Can Do TOGETHER

The Center for Community Health and Well Being will be able to

• Identify and assess health needs in the community
• Care for patients in the community comprehensively with an interdisciplinary health team
• Increase research efforts at the university
• Improved health outcomes
• Enhance educational experiences for our students
• Mentor roles established for community members and foster familiarity with health care professions
• Create new opportunities for university health initiatives in this and other communities
Questions?