



Holistic, innovative, culturally-rooted healthcare

Idea 26	Social determinants of health as a guiding framework (health, not just healthcare)
Proposal 26c	Invest in local communities to address social determinants of health on a local level
Description	Invest in local communities to address social determinants of health on a local level. Use local community voice and expertise to drive improvement of community well-being by addressing social determinants of health at a local level. This could be paid for with community bonds. Community well-being is as important as building a road or a new school. Can we use the same mechanisms to pay for improved community well-being? Address sustainability once the initial funding is used up. This may need to be addressed through long-term funding mechanisms.
How will the proposed action advance equitable health and well-being?	Investments in kids, adults, households, and families at the community level can result in savings in community healthcare as a consequence of improved individual health and well-being.
Is there work we can build on?	ReThink Health’s financing workbook to plan for how communities can fund this work in a sustainable way. Colorado Hospital Foundation’s rural health initiatives: https://www.coloradohealth.org/insights/good-health/proud-rural-health
Who would have to act? Who would be key partners?	MHA Physicians Intentional training of key communities of leaders, who could serve as innovation models
A few high-level action steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intentionally train key communities of leaders. Leaders are currently trained to very efficiently do the wrong things. A cohort of transformational leaders could set a model for others. 2. Locate some early wins, demonstrate results, and then find funding, support, and regulatory relief. Track measurable impact! 3. Find solutions to the “wrong pocket” problem to ensure that savings in community healthcare are recognized as the result



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Other comments or guidance	