

# Charter for New Members

## *2015-2017 Statement of Commitment*

Since its founding in 2011, the Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) has involved more than 180 individuals from more than 80 organizations across many sectors in Washtenaw County. In its first phase (2011-2014), the WHI identified five major areas of focus: health care coverage, coordination of services, and access to primary, mental health, and dental care. Heading into its second phase (2015-2017), the WHI will continue to focus on those key areas, while expanding its role as a community coordinator.

The WHI is a voluntary, county-wide collaboration of local leaders and organizations working toward a **mission** to improve health and healthcare in Washtenaw County with an emphasis on the low-income, uninsured, and underinsured populations.

The WHI brings organizations together to:

- Generate innovative ideas to improve health and healthcare in the county
- Identify and share information on gaps and opportunities
- Coordinate and leverage resources

Participating individuals and organizations recognize that we have a responsibility to assist those in our community who lack access to high-quality health care.

The leadership of the undersigned organization supports the WHI's mission above and goals as set forth in the WHI 2015-2017 Scope and Goals Statement. As a Charter Member of WHI, we understand that the WHI's success depends on the active engagement and support from all sectors of our community.

By becoming a voluntary Charter Member of the WHI, we pledge a three-year commitment (January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017) to work with other member entities to help achieve our stated goals. Our signatures below express our commitment to collaboratively develop and implement solutions that will improve access to high quality health care for everyone in our community. At a minimum, we commit to assigning our staff to participate on appropriate WHI committees and other WHI activities. We will also provide in-kind contributions, including data, which will help identify opportunities for increased access to health care.

We will also promote WHI programs and activities through our newsletter, social media, web site and other outlets. In return, WHI will recognize Charter Members' leadership and involvement in its marketing efforts. Our organization appreciates that time is short and requires continued momentum to accomplish the WHI's vital goals. Working together, we can make access to health care a reality for underserved populations in Washtenaw County.

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Organization

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Executive Director (date)

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Member, Board of Directors (date)

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WHI Co-chair (date)

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