Meeting the Demand for Health

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Welcome

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California Future Health Workforce Commission Releases Final Report

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- Learn about California's health workforce shortages.
- See who served on the Commission.
- Watch brief video testimonials from Commissioners.

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Today’s Panel of Experts

- **Dr. Hector Flores**, Department of Family Medicine, Adventist Health White Memorial Medical Center

- **Angela Minniefield**, Vice President of Advancement, Strategic Development & External Affairs, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

- **Jessica Cruz**, CEO, National Alliance on Mental Illness California

- **Dean Germano**, CEO, Shasta Community Health Center

- **Joanne Spetz**, Associate Director of Research, Healthforce Center at UCSF
Commission Values & Strategies

Strategy 1
Increase opportunity for all Californians to advance in the health professions.

Strategy 2
Align and expand education and training to prepare health workers to meet California’s health needs.

Strategy 3
Strengthen the capacity, effectiveness, well-being, and retention of the health workforce.

Vision for California’s Workforce
Commission’s Top 10 Priorities for Action

1.1 Expand & scale pipeline programs to recruit & prepare students from underrepresented & low-income backgrounds for health careers

1.2 Recruit & support college students, including community college students, from underrepresented regions & backgrounds to pursue health careers

1.3 Support scholarships for qualified students who pursue priority health professions & serve in underserved communities

2.1 Sustain & expand the PRIME program across UC campuses

2.2 Expand number of primary care physician & psychiatry residency positions
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2.3 Recruit & train students from rural areas & other under-resourced communities **to practice in community health centers** in their home regions

3.1 Maximize role of **nurse practitioners** as part of care team to help fill gaps in primary care

3.2 Establish & scale a **universal home care** worker family of jobs with career ladders & associated training

3.3 Develop a **psychiatric nurse practitioner** program that recruits from & trains providers to serve in underserved rural and urban communities

3.4 Scale the engagement of **community health workers, promotores & peer providers** through certification, training & reimbursement.
Return on Investment for Californians

- **60,000** students on health profession path
- **47,000** health workers added
- **30,000** workers from underrepresented communities
- **14,500** providers trained - physicians, nurse practitioners & physician assistants

*Eliminate* state’s primary care provider shortage & *nearly eliminate* the shortage of psychiatrists by 2030
Why We Need to Act

- 7 million Californians live in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

- By 2030:
  - Shortage of 4,100 primary care clinicians
  - Only have two-thirds of psychiatrists we need
  - 600,000 home care workers needed
Behavioral Health Top Concern for Californians

Too many with mental illness don’t get treatment

62.8% - Need help, but not getting it

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KFF/CHCF poll released in January

- Nearly 9 in 10 say ensuring people get mental health treatment extremely or very important policy priority

- Half of all Californians believe their community does not have enough mental health providers
Shasta County – Brief Case Study

Location Mismatch
- 90% of physicians in Redding/along I-5 corridor
- One-third of residents live outside this region

Aging Workforce
- Over age 56:
  - 51% primary care physicians & 55% non-primary care physicians
- Plan to retire or relocate in next 5 years:
  - 20-35% physicians & specialists
Calculating the Impact

Healthforce Center and Health Management Associates conducted impartial assessments:

- Analyzed the recommendation and its assumptions
- Reviewed the literature to verify likely effects
- Clearly identified and articulated our assumptions

Detailed impact report provided to the Commission:

- Summarized in the final Commission report
Impact on the Number of Health Workers

New health workers: over 47,000
- 310-510 medical school graduates
- 630 UC-PRIME graduates
- 1,872 primary care residency graduates
- 5,500 additional nurse practitioners
- 25,000+ graduates from Community Colleges & Cal State health workforce programs
- Scholarships for students across all fields from underrepresented groups & rural communities
Why do we Care about Numbers?

*Investments in health workforce saves money & lives*

- Increased supply & capacity of home care workers will help people with disabilities live at home
- CHWs, *promotores* & peer providers will support wellness, health education & support care teams
- Nurse practitioners will have full practice authority to expand services in rural and underserved communities
- Better access to care leads to cost savings
QUESTIONS?
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