COLLABORATING TO IMPROVE HEALTH
THE POWER OF WORKING TOGETHER

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COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIONS TO IMPROVE HEALTH

Collaborations to Improve Health Initiatives
BayouClinic, Inc.

• Bayou on the Move

• Gulf States Health Policy Center Coalition
BAYOUCLINIC, INC.

- Founder: Regina Benjamin, MD, MBA

- A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike

- Has provided primary health care services, including mental health, to the diverse residents of Bayou La Batre and surrounding areas for over 25 years.
To provide quality healthcare with dignity while improving the overall health of the individuals and the community we serve
“Health does not occur in the doctor’s office and hospital only,” says Dr. Regina Benjamin, Founder of BayouClinic, Inc. “Health also occurs where we live, learn, work, play, and pray.” Consistent with the U.S. Surgeon General’s National Prevention Strategy, staying healthy also depends on other factors that influence our health, such as housing, transportation, education, and the availability of quality, affordable food.”
On-going initiative to improve the health of residents in Bayou La Batre and South Mobile County, Alabama

Offering services to improve health
Collaborative Commitment

• BayouClinic, Inc. links with partners committed to health improvement

• Partner organizations from Bayou La Batre, Mobile and Mobile County, Alabama

• Partners agree to share services and information at one location easily accessible by community members at BayouClinic, Inc.
Community Members Connected to Resources

- Health and mental health, housing, hospital, food bank, education, disability, public health, financial, health insurance, other resources

- Physicians, nurse practitioners, lawyers, government benefit assistance advisors, health insurance enrollment counselors, social workers, community health worker and other personnel
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Free Services and Information

• Preventive health education classes, blood pressure/sugar checks, eye/dental/mental health screenings, prescription assistance, food boxes

• Financial and housing counseling, health insurance enrollment, legal consultations, GED classes and other information

• Walking trail at BayouClinic, Inc.
Community Members

• Men, women, children of all ages circulate to designated stations on BayouClinic, Inc. campus to receive health screenings and information
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Collaboration Benefit for Community Members

- Free health screenings, health referrals, and access to free diabetic, chronic disease, and other classes
- Free information to assist participants with other factors that impact their health related to Social Determinants of Health
- Direct contact with individuals and organizations for follow-up who can help with health and other needs
Community Members Appreciation

• “I am glad that we were Blessed with the different things that are offered in Bayou La Batre and other surrounding area. Thank you.”

• “Everything was great.”

• “Thank you for this event”
The Gulf States Health Policy Center is a comprehensive community, education, and research center focused on improving health outcomes in the Gulf States region (Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, and Texas). The Center’s work involves coalition building, health education, and interdisciplinary, community-based research. It is committed to identifying health policies that will ultimately improve the health rankings of the region.
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HOW WE WORK

Research Grants

Collaborations and Partnerships

Community/Academic Grants (Pilot Projects)
• Health Policy Coalition met monthly in four locations to identify significant local health issues and policy opportunities

• Coalition members at each location identified health policy focus areas and are developing community action plans

• Support local and regional initiatives to improve health outcomes in the Gulf States
Coalition members in Bayou La Batre determined three Policy Focus Areas

• Health Literacy
• Financial Literacy
• Education
Multidisciplinary Collaborative Partners

- Pharmacy, community-based health groups, behavioral health, academia, housing and food security

- Most partners new to public health, evidence-based and community-based health policy research
Collaborative Partners Commitment

• Mutual concern for improving health outcomes for individuals and community

• Committed to learn about health policy research

• Committed to learn how to identify and prioritize community health issues
Collaborative Conversations

• Met frequently to learn about community health issues with subject matter experts and community forums

• Identified and prioritized health issues and policies

• Agreed on a health policy focus area
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HEALTH LITERACY WORKGROUP

Collaborative Health Policy Research Study
Pharmacy Clinician Collaboration to Improve Patient Health

• Collaboratively designed and implemented research study
• Study focus: provide evidence that pharmacists-led care coordination/collaboration with the healthcare clinicians is essential in improving health outcomes through Medication Therapy Management (MTM) via timely clinician level communication and utilization of health information technology
Collaborative Study

- Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy and Mobile County Health Department’s Federally Qualified Health Center

- Pharmacist and clinician regularly collaborate on disease state management for uncontrolled Type 2 Diabetic patients directly and through electronic patient information exchange
Collaborative Study

- Pharmacist and clinician make Medication Therapy Management adjustments to improve speed, quality, safety and cost of patient care

- Track the consultations, medication changes and impact on the patient health
Benefits of Partnering for Better Health

- Community partners initiate and design health policy research study to improve health

- Consultations between pharmacist and clinician model a way to improve patient health
Benefits of Partnering for Patients

- Potential to improve diabetic patient health, improving wellness and quality of life as a result of pharmacy and clinic consultation to ensure the most effective Medication Therapy Management for patient.
- Patient will have more interaction with both pharmacy and clinician as a partner in their treatment.
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Information Resources
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