Evidence in Action: Next Steps Summary

In February 2016, together with Forward through Ferguson, the Institute for Public Health, and BJC HealthCare's Center for Clinical Excellence, *For the Sake of All* convened 100 stakeholders for "Evidence into Action: Next Steps *For the Sake of All*, Part II." Stakeholders were led through initial implementation planning for eight strategies aimed at reducing health disparities for African Americans and improving overall community health in the St. Louis region. As we conclude Phase II and begin moving from informing and engaging to activating and implementing in Phase III, *For the Sake of All* will continue to convene stakeholder groups around the strategies and support them throughout their planning and implementation.

Early childhood quality, awareness, and utilization

Goal: Increase quality of early childhood programming and increase knowledge and utilization of existing resources

Key stakeholders: St. Louis Regional Early Childhood Council (RECC), Vision for Children at Risk, Clark-Fox Family Foundation, LUME Institute, Ready by 21, Childcare Aware, and United 4 Children

Priorities:
- Improve the capacity of early care and education providers
- Increase access for the most vulnerable children
- Define quality standards to be measured
- Develop a business plan

Child development accounts

Goal: Implement a universal Child Development Account program for all children in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County

Key stakeholders: Office of the State Treasurer (Missouri) and the City of St. Louis Treasurer, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Civic Progress, and Office of the St. Louis County Executive

Priorities:
- Define the program scope and infrastructure
- Consider amending Family Development Account statutes
- Identify and secure funding
- Develop a framework that builds upon existing programs

Coordinated school health

Goal: Build capacity for adoption of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model of coordinated school health in the region's school districts

Key stakeholders: Vice chairman of the State Board of Education, St. Louis Public Schools, Wyman, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis Regional Health Commission, Missouri Foundation for Health, BJC Healthcare, St. Louis Public Schools Foundation, and St. Louis Regional System of Care

Priorities:
- Establish proof of concept in terms of successful implementation of the model at the school and district levels
- Build awareness, buy-in, and capacity for educational leaders and school systems throughout the region who would implement the WSCC model
- Advocate for policy changes to support the use of such a model to address social, emotional, and physical health barriers to academic achievement and educational attainment

School-based clinics

Goal: Sustain existing school-based clinics and establish new clinics in high-need areas

Key stakeholders: Mercy Clinic Roosevelt High School, Jennings High School clinic, St. Louis Regional Health Commission, BJC HealthCare, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, The SPOT, SSM Health, Mercy Health System, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis Public

Schools, Wyman, St. Louis County Department of Public Health, Affinia Healthcare, and Missouri Foundation for Health

Priorities:
- Build infrastructure to facilitate school-based clinic implementation
- Determine where the newly established clinics will be placed, considering need, school buy-in and capacity, and long-term viability of the school

Regional mental health data system

Goal: Develop a regional data center to collect, analyze, and share mental health data

Key stakeholders: St. Louis County Department of Public Health, St. Louis Mental Health Board, St. Louis Regional System of Care, Behavioral Health Network, St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition, Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, and St. Louis Regional Health Commission

Priorities:
- Adopt the system currently under development
- Generate shared interest in the data center
- Align the data center with existing indicators and systems

Violence as a public health issue

Goal: Coordinate groups addressing gun violence as a public health issues

Key stakeholders: Office of the Circuit Attorney of the City of St. Louis, City of St. Louis Department of Health, Better Family Life, SIRV, Institute for Public Health at Washington University, and United Way

Priorities: We believe that the existing infrastructure and planning mechanisms being formed through the stakeholders are likely the best means of supporting this group going forward. We remain closely connected to this work, but we do not envision FSOA playing a leading role in these efforts. We will continue to provide whatever support we can to the efforts of the collaborative.

Advocacy for inclusive and affordable housing

Goal: Establish a coordinating organization to advocate for development, tax, and zoning policies to support inclusive, affordable housing

Key stakeholders: Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council, St. Louis County Department of Planning, Community Builder's Network of Metro St. Louis, and InvestSTL

Priorities:
- Identify an existing organization to lead this work and establish a charter
- Identify sources of funding
- Analyze zoning and other policies currently in place at the municipal and neighborhood level in the St. Louis region that serve as impediments to inclusive and affordable housing

Addressing social and economic barriers in community and medical settings

Goal: Address social and economic barriers to health in medical settings and promote expanded role for community health workers

Key stakeholders: BJC HealthCare, St. Louis Integrated Health Network, Prevention Research Center at Washington University, St. Louis County Department of Public Health, Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

Priorities:
- Intervene on socioeconomic status as a key determinant of health outcomes
- Expand and professionalize the role of community health workers
- Engage additional stakeholders from health care and community-based organizations
- Create a master map of where Community Health Workers would be most beneficial