

Congregational Health Network (CHN)

What is the Congregational
Health Network?

WHAT IS THE CHN?

- The CHN is a partnership between the congregations, the hospitals and the community aimed at developing person-centered care pathways.



Why Have A CHN?

- 65,000 people a year spend an average of 6 days in Methodist Hospital.
- Of that number 60% enter through the Emergency Room.

Why Have A CHN?

- 70% of the people who entered the Emergency Room indicate that they have attended worship within the past month. This may be true for all in-patients.
- It is possible that over 45,500 of the people admitted as in-patients into the hospital annually have attended worship within the past month.

What Is The Origin Of The CHN?

- In 2003 under the leadership of Mr. Joe Webb, Methodist South Hospital began developing stronger relationships with surrounding churches to advance health and wholeness. It was called the Church Health Network. In fall of 2005, Rev. Gary Gunderson became Senior Vice President of Health and Welfare Ministries. He saw the opportunity to grow and formalize this program county-wide. It was later re-named Congregational Health Network.

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The CHN was developed by networking congregational leadership, hospital leadership and community leadership.

THE CHN MODEL

- What does the CHN look like?
- Education Model
- Prevention Model
- Intervention Model
- Treatment Model
- Aftercare Model

THE EDUCATION MODEL



Aims at educating The Clergy, Liaisons,
Congregations, and the Community

All Training is at NO CHARGE

PREVENTION MODEL

Aims at care before a health crisis

1. Health Assessments
2. Spiritual Assessments
3. Information Sharing

INTERVENTION MODEL

Aims at care prior to hospital admission

1. Having your own Primary Care Physician
2. Health Clinics
3. Substance Abuse Clinics
4. Health Department
5. Other...

TREATMENT MODEL

Aims at care during the hospital stay

1. Clergy Notification
2. Visitation Assistance
3. Clinical Translator
4. Ethical Assistance
5. Assistance in developing aftercare plan

AFTERCARE MODEL

Aims at care after discharge from the hospital

1. Caregiver Support Plan
2. Assistance in Follow-up Dr. Visits
3. Transportation, Household Chores, etc...
4. Deaths

Why Get Involved?

- Health is not an incident--it is a journey. It starts before the incident and continues after it. The person is connected to the congregation before, during and after the incident.
- Congregations care for the total person; body, soul and spirit.

Who better to get involved?

- All ready connected to the congregation
- Address health from spiritual as well as physical perspective
- Provide Wellness programs within the congregational setting
- Can minimize the number of congregants requiring hospital treatment
- Reduce the length of stay in the hospital
- Decrease the number of times a congregant has to return to the hospital.

How To Get Started

1. Pastor Signs Covenant Agreement

A signed written document that spells out the partnership

Congregational Health Network Partnership Covenant Agreement

I agree to partner with Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare to address congregational/community health concerns and disparities.

I commit my participation and my congregation's participation in the Congregational Health Network as stated in the following Covenant:

Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare Agrees to:

- Extend partnering clergy the following benefits already extended to United Methodist clergy:
 - Clergy wellness events and programs.
 - Up to a 60% discount off the total Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare charges (not to exceed the balance after payment by your insurance).
 - Waive tuition to Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare Clinical Pastoral Education.
 - Work with local and national academic partners to make health-related training experiences available and affordable to partner clergy.
- To share in the work of aligning the mutual strengths of congregation and health system, we will:
 - Provide a dedicated hospital Navigator assigned to work with partner congregations to coordinate and help train members on the partnership activities with the congregation.
 - Work with expert partners, such as the Church Health Center and Memphis Theological Seminary to help assess, plan and build the education, prevention, intervention, treatment, and aftercare support that will be appropriate to the partnership congregations.
 - Provide ongoing support, training, and appropriate resources for the partnership with the Partner Clergy.
 - Partner to monitor, review, and expand the Congregational Health Network (CHN).

Clergy Agree to:

- Attend quarterly clergy partnership gatherings for mutual training, awareness and encouragement.
- Provide ongoing leadership to monitor, review, and expand the CHN.
- Use clergy role to articulate and mirror the values and practices of the program and benefits and to become active participants.
- Extend an opportunity for members/neighbors to be informed of the program and benefits and to become active participants.
- Provide leadership training for an active health ministry in my congregation. This group will be involved in education/prevention for members and neighbors. They will also have a role in intervention/aftercare should a member or neighbor be hospitalized.
- Assign a Congregation Liaison to facilitate the program.
- Seek ways to help other clergy, health system staff and congregations to pursue healthy life styles and common goals.
- Continue to support the partnership in prayer and worship to become God's instruments for health and wholeness in our community.

Partner Congregation: _____

Clergy Leader _____

Date _____

How To Get Started

Choose The
Congregation
Liaison(s)



How To Get Started

Hospital Assigns
a
Navigator

How To Get Started

Register the Congregation

Congregational Health Network™ Member Card

Name:

Congregation: **First American**

Cong. No.: **U0000**

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Methodist
Le Bonheur Healthcare

Registration Form Congregational Health Network™

A partnership for healthcare communities

CHN #: _____

Congregation Name: _____

By signing this, I agree to be a participant in the Congregational Health Network. This agreement allows Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare to disclose to the Clergy Leader, Liaison, or official representative of my congregation, my name, general condition (not to include specific medical information) and my location in the facility when hospitalized. It is understood that I may choose to opt out of the program at any time.

Full Legal Name: _____
(Please Print)

Date of Birth: _____

Last four digits, Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Congregational Health Network™ Member Registration Form

CHN # _____

Congregation Name: _____

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Full Legal Name (Please Print): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Last four digits of Social Security #: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

What Are The Benefits?

PASTOR & SPOUSE

1. Receive up to 60% discount on Methodist healthcare expenses
2. Free participation in Pastor's Clinic
3. Pastor and spouse retreats
4. Pursue a Certificate of Faith and Health at Memphis Theological Seminary

What Are The Benefits?

CONGREGATION

- Recruitment opportunities
- Participation in Summer Intern Programs
- Healthcare Education
- Hospital visitation assistance

What Are The Benefits

HOSPITAL

1. Lower Acuity Level (come in not as sick)
2. Decreased Length of Stay in hospital
3. Decreased non-emergency visits to the Emergency Room

What Is The Cost To The
Congregation?

\$0.00

NO
ADDITIONAL
COST

Where Do We Go From Here?

Q/A

Start Process!