



THE WELLNESS COALITION

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

FISCAL YEAR 2020–2021

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The Wellness Coalition Board continued to serve as a forum for “safety net” providers to network and coordinate issues related to persons affected by chronic disease and with little or no health insurance. In addition to this coordinative role, The Wellness Coalition has made a direct impact on the health of the community through our programs. In 2020–2021, we:



Provided Wellness Case Management services to 1,441 clients, including access to a medical home, community resources, health insurance, and more



Assisted 215 people to access free medications for chronic diseases through a variety of assistance programs and local resources



Provided 1,843 chronic disease education individual sessions on how to manage chronic diseases, and set and achieve wellness goals



Provided 181 assists with the Federally-facilitated Health Insurance Marketplace, resulting in **103 enrollments**



Enrolled 103 people in the National Diabetes Prevention Program, bringing the total number of enrollments to 360



Enrolled 902 participants in HeartLink, the AstraZeneca HealthCare Foundation’s Connections for Cardiovascular HealthSM program



Partnered with Heath Services Inc., Medical Outreach Ministries, and iKare Pharmacy **to increase referrals to health programs for 534 patients**



Worked with 5 local churches to implement and/or continue health ministries for the congregations and local communities



Developed a series of standees and placed them in **26 local agencies and businesses** to increase awareness of breastfeeding initiatives



COVID-19 created new obstacles for the people who rely on our services. Through a highly-coordinated effort, we have found ways to break those barriers and to continue to increase access to resources for River Region counties and communities.

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Executive Director



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More Accomplishments:

- Contined partnership with Kershaw YMCA on the Munch Code
- Partnered with Ramona Okonya to deliver fresh products to 3 new healthy corner stores
- Hosted two virtual conferences: the Chronic Disease Institute and the Breastfeeding Summit
- Partnered with Parks Pharmacy, Adams Drugs, Hutchinson Missionary Baptist, Hilliard Zion Chapel AME, St.Peter AME, River City Church, Lowndes County Sherriff's Department, and Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless for COVID-19 vaccination clinics
- Conducted needs assessment surveys for COVID-19 and seasonal flu vaccinations
- Canvasses local neighborhoods to gain information and share education in an effort to increase COVID-19 vaccinations rates
- Started development of a Health Equity Alliance Program



Working Together To Improve Health And Access For All.

The Wellness Coalition was established when a group of health care providers came together to work on improving health care for persons with chronic diseases and little or no health insurance. Our Board Member Organizations include the major "safety net" health care providers—those serving underserved persons in five counties of Alabama's River Region: Autauga, Elmore, Lowndes, Macon, and Montgomery.

The Wellness Coalition facilitates a coordinated, community-wide system to improve the health and wellness of people with limited or no health insurance through collaboration, services, and education. We do this in an effort to bolster a community that promotes health and wellness through a coordinated system of care.

The Wellness Coalition has grown and added board member agencies, staff, and services. We are pleased to work toward improved individual and community health in the River Region, and to continue to establish the partnerships without which our goals could not be realized.

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