

# **DC Health's expanded Million Hearts Learning Collaborative February Meeting**

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DC Health

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# February is National Heart Month



*DC Health partnered with DDOT to light the  
Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge*

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# Agenda & Learning Objectives

- Welcome and Introductions**
- District Hypertension and High Blood Cholesterol Data**
- Expanded Million Hearts Learning Collaborative Action Plan and Goals**
- Introduce DC Health's Innovative Heart Health Learning Collaborative Action Plan and Goals**
- Build relationships and community among participants**
- Gain consensus and Commit to Action**

## Introductions

**Welcome!**

Please add your

1. name,

2. title,

3. organization/affiliation,

4. and your favorite thing about Winter to  
the chat.

## **Hypertension and High Blood Cholesterol Data**

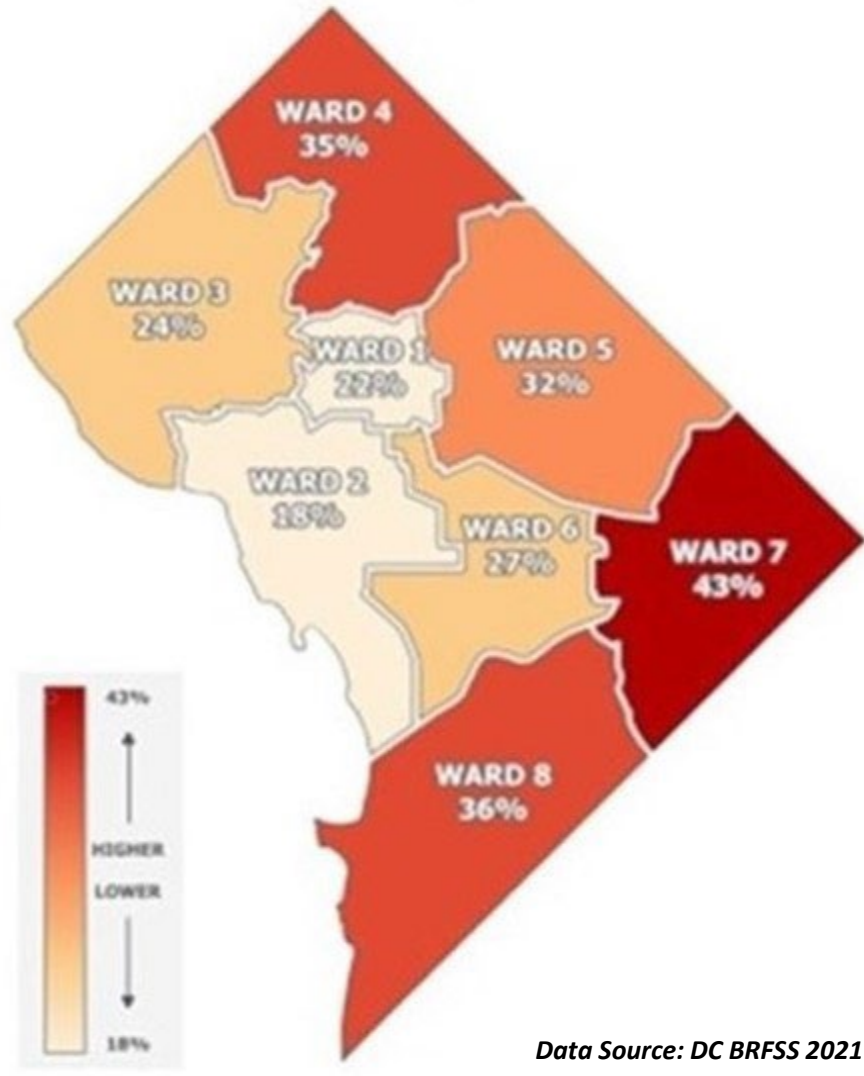
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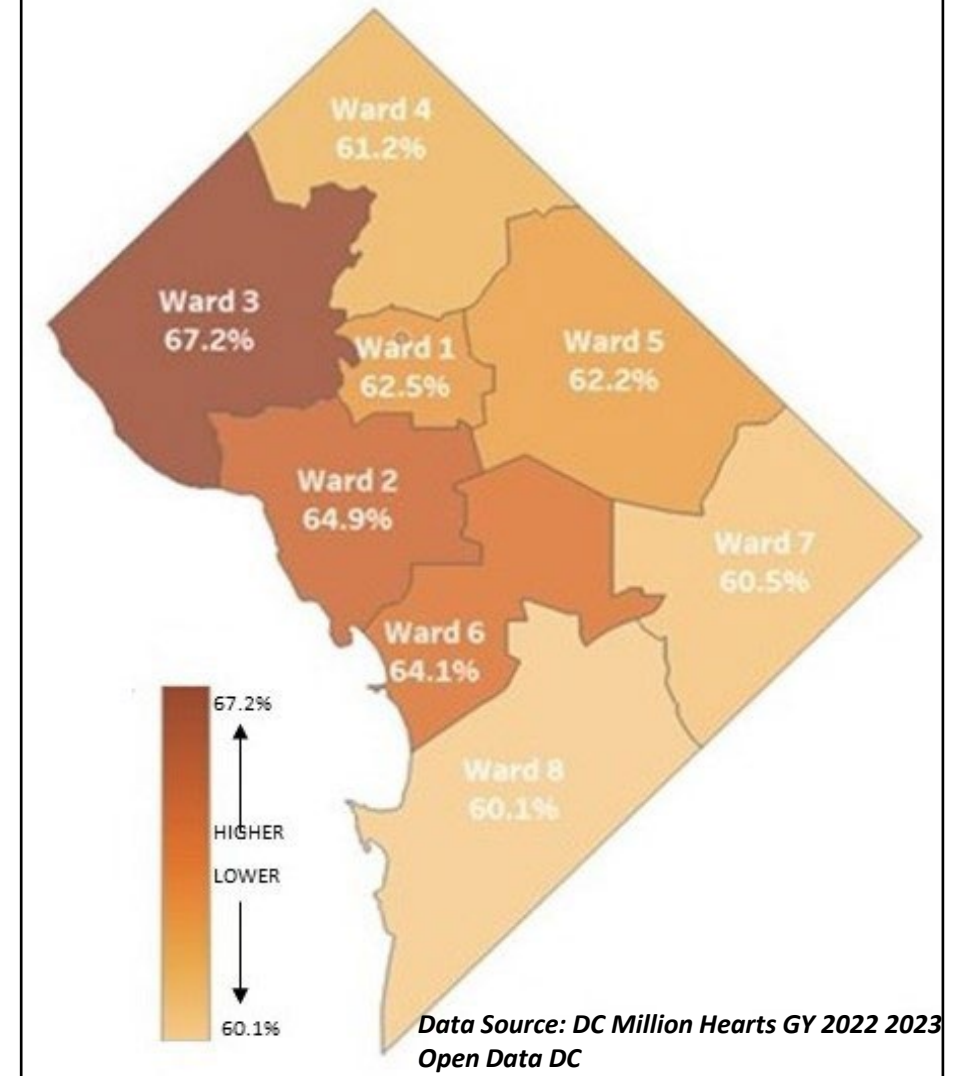
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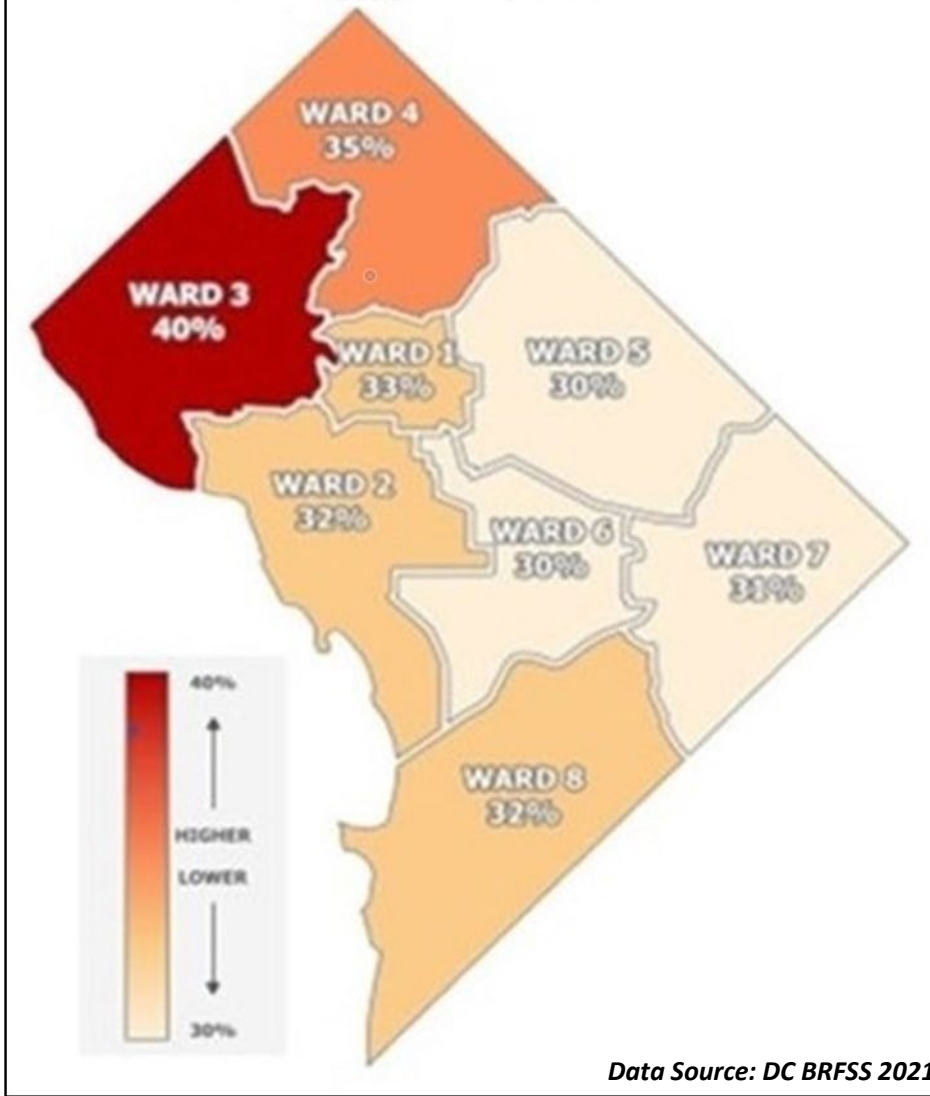
## Hypertension Prevalence by Ward



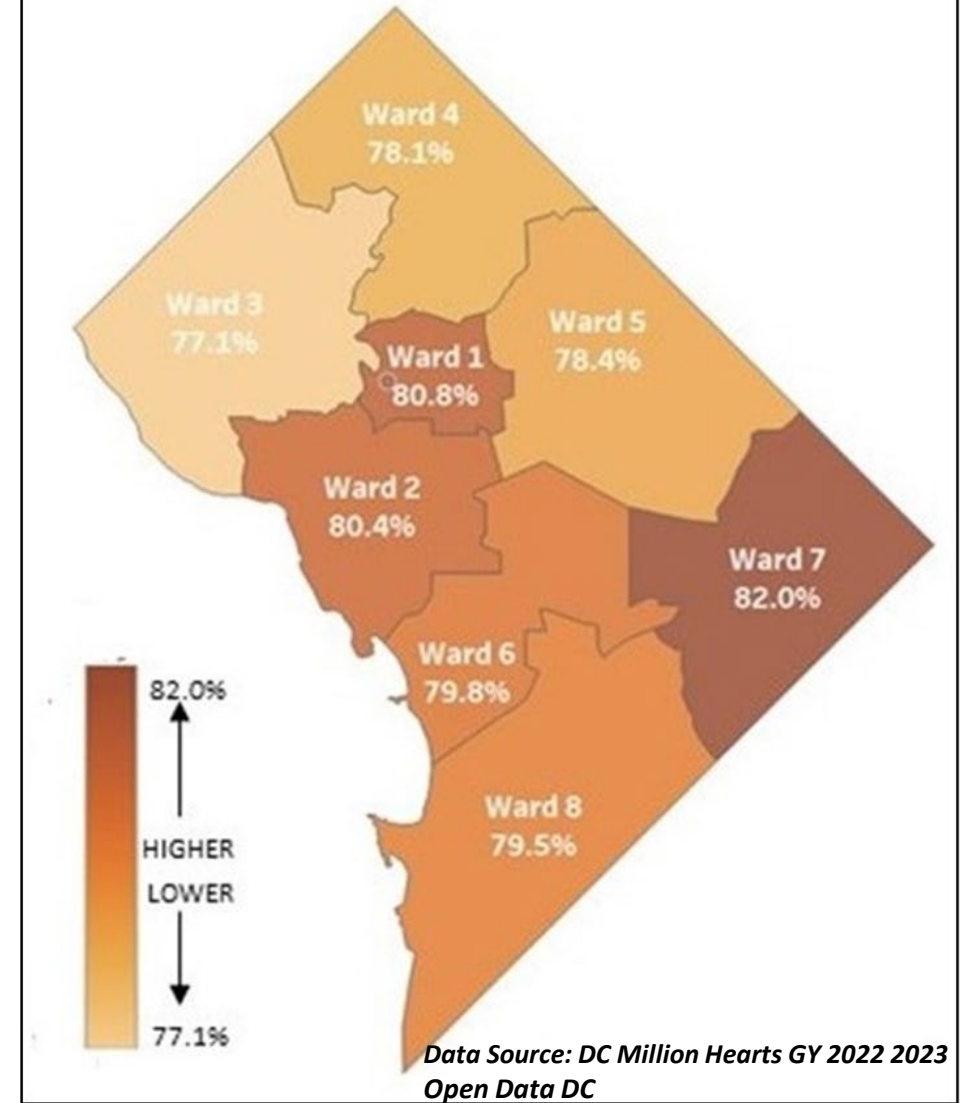
## Hypertension Control by Ward



## High Cholesterol Prevalence by Ward



## Statin Therapy Use/Prescription by Ward



# Identification of Census Tracts in the District of Columbia

## By High Prevalence of Hypertension, High Cholesterol & Associated Conditions

Chronic Conditions	Prevalence estimates range for census tracts	DC Threshold for high burden census tracts (within top 40th percentile of prevalence estimates)	Overall Prevalence in the District
Hypertension	8.2% - 47.1%	34.1% - 47.1%	27.9%
Coronary Artery Disease	0.8% - 12%	4.4% - 12.0%	2.1%
High Cholesterol	12.8% - 41.3%	31.4% - 41.3%	30.6%
Stroke	0.6% - 6.3%	3.7% - 6.3%	2.8%

***All census tracts with prevalence estimates of hypertension  $\geq$  34.1%, coronary artery disease  $\geq$  4.4%, cholesterol  $\geq$  31.4%, and stroke  $\geq$  3.7%, were identified as “census tracts of interest”. DC Health partners with FQHCs and Medstar hospitals were located for programmatic efforts.***

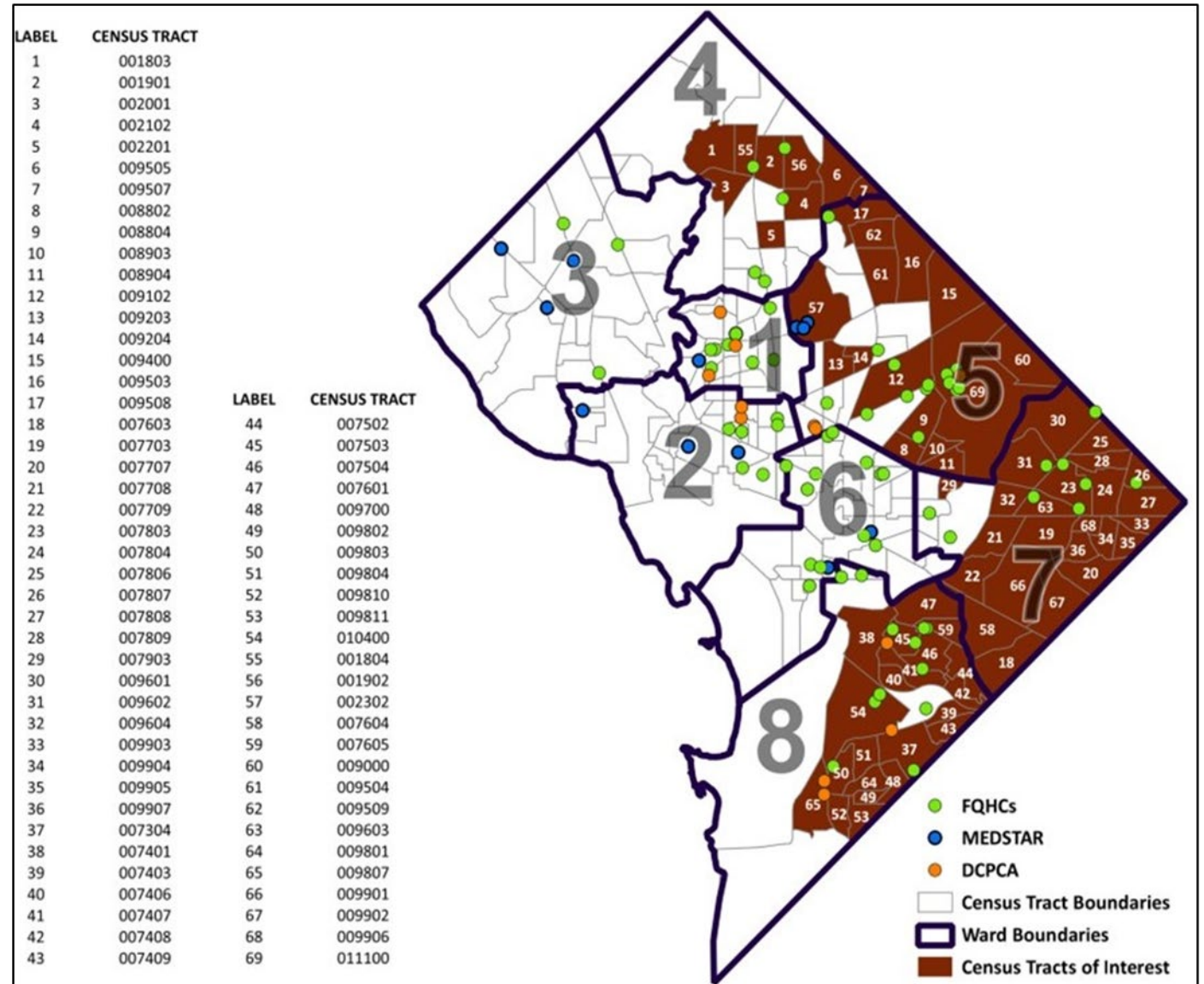
*Data Source: DC BRFSS 2021  
CDC Places, 2021*



# Prevalence of Hypertension, High Cholesterol & Associated Conditions in the District of Columbia by Census Tracts

## Identified DC Census Tracts with High Prevalence of Hypertension, Cholesterol, Coronary Artery Disease and Stroke

*69 census tracts identified. Census tracts were selected based on prevalence estimates within the top 40<sup>th</sup> percentile for hypertension, coronary artery disease, and stroke.*



# Innovative Heart Health Program

Hypertension prevalence  $\geq$  53%

## Identified population with hypertension prevalence $\geq$ 53%

	Overall	Ward 4	Ward 5	Ward 7	Ward 8
40 years and older and Black/African American	56.5%	55.5%	57.2%	62.2%	56.3%

### Census tracts with following criteria were identified

- Must have hypertension prevalence estimate in the top 40<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- Median age of population within the census tract 40 years or older.
- More than 40% of population are Black/African Americans residents.

***15 census tracts fulfilled above criteria***

# Census Tracts by Social Vulnerability Index Score

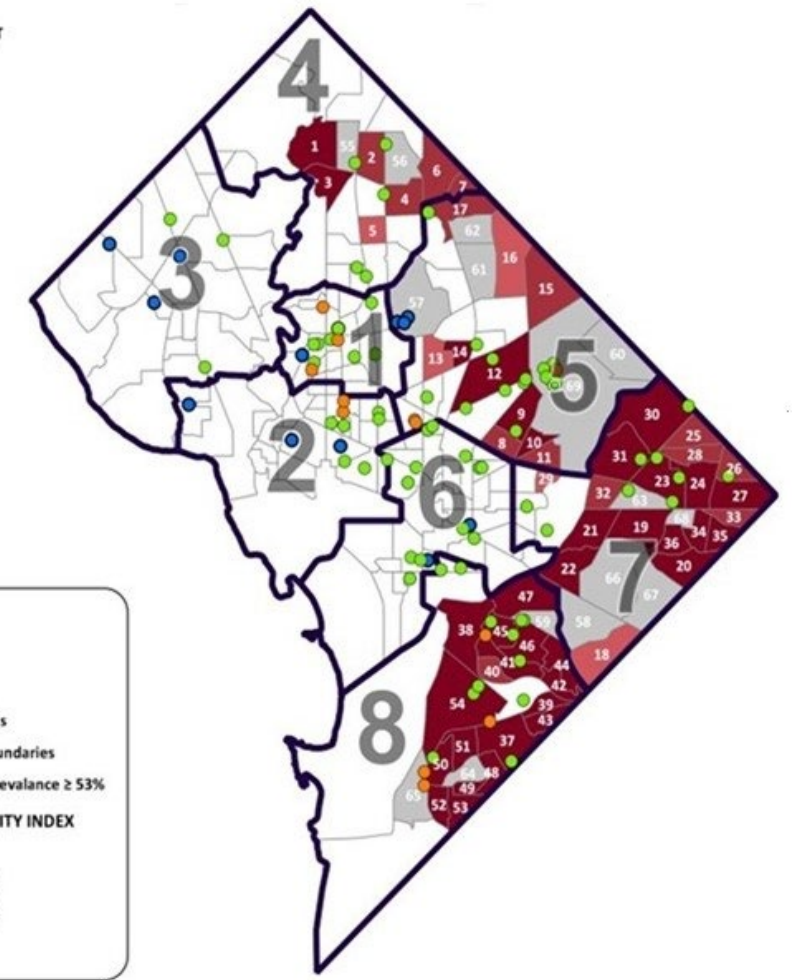
## Social Vulnerability Index 4 summary themes

**Overall Vulnerability**

<b>Socioeconomic Status</b>	Below 150% Poverty
	Unemployed
	Housing Cost Burden
	No High School Diploma
<b>Household Characteristics</b>	No Health Insurance
	Aged 65 & Older
	Aged 17 & Younger
	Civilian with a Disability
	Single-Parent Households
<b>Racial &amp; Ethnic Minority Status</b>	English Language Proficiency
	Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
	Black or African American, Not Hispanic or Latino
	Asian, Not Hispanic or Latino
	American Indian or Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Not Hispanic or Latino
<b>Housing Type &amp; Transportation</b>	Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino
	Other Races, Not Hispanic or Latino
	Multi-Unit Structures
	Mobile Homes
	Crowding
	No Vehicle
	Group Quarters

Composite vulnerability score	Vulnerability level
0.0 - 0.25	Low
0.2501 - 0.50	Low to medium
0.5001 - 0.75	Medium to high
0.7501 - 1.0	High

LABEL	CENSUS TRACT	LABEL	CENSUS TRACT
1	001803	45	007503
2	001901	46	007504
3	002001	47	007601
4	002102	48	009700
5	002201	49	009802
6	009505	50	009803
7	009507	51	009804
8	008802	52	009810
9	008804	53	009811
10	008903	54	010400
11	008904	55	001804
12	009102	56	001902
13	009203	57	002302
14	009204	58	007604
15	009400	59	007605
16	009503	60	009000
17	009508	61	009504
18	007603	62	009509
19	007703	63	009603
20	007707	64	009801
21	007708	65	009807
22	007709	66	009901
23	007803	67	009902
24	007804	68	009906
25	007806	69	011100
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27	007808		
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32	009604		
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34	009904		
35	009905		
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37	007304		
38	007401		
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Total number of census tracts identified: 54 (National Heart Health Program) & 15 (Innovative Heart Health Program)

Data Source: CDC Places, 2021  
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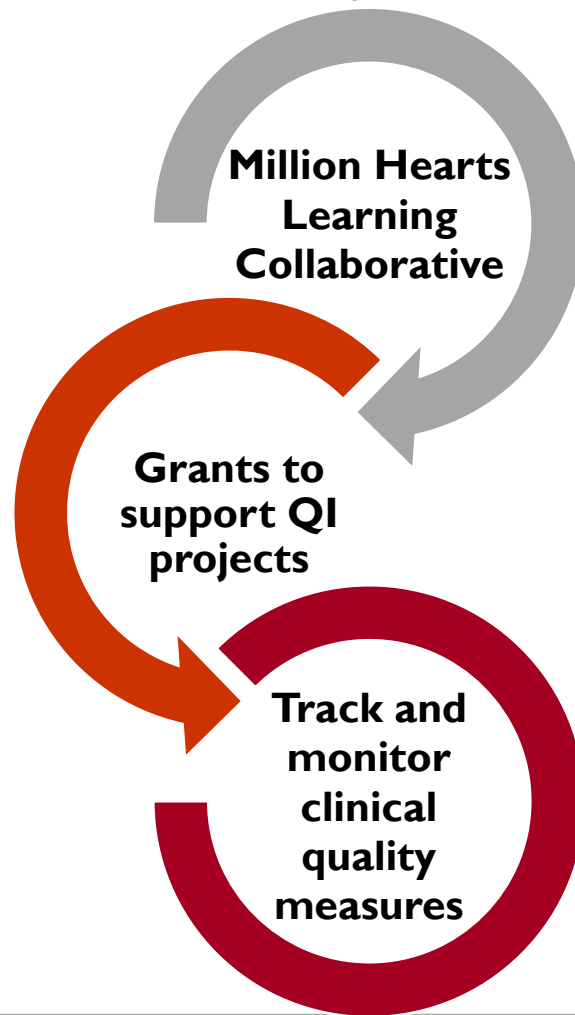
# **Heart Disease Action Plans**

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# Overview of the Million Hearts Program

*The DC Million Hearts Program  
has three components:*



# Expanded Million Hearts Learning Collaborative Goals

To achieve statewide reduction in the incidence and prevalence of heart disease MHLC goals include:

**Examining and implementing models for collaboration** between public health, health care, social services, and community partners.

**Serving populations and communities with disproportionately high rates of heart disease and stroke,** hypertension and high cholesterol, due to limited access to care, inadequate or poor quality of care, or economic instability and other social need barriers.

**Achieving optimal health outcomes** for priority populations through culturally informed programming that address social determinants of health and advances health equity





**Increasing blood pressure control** in adults (18-85) with hypertension

**Expanding clinical and social needs surveillance** to identify and prioritize communities with or at greatest risk for heart disease and stroke

# Expanded Million Hearts Learning Collaborative Action Plan and Goals

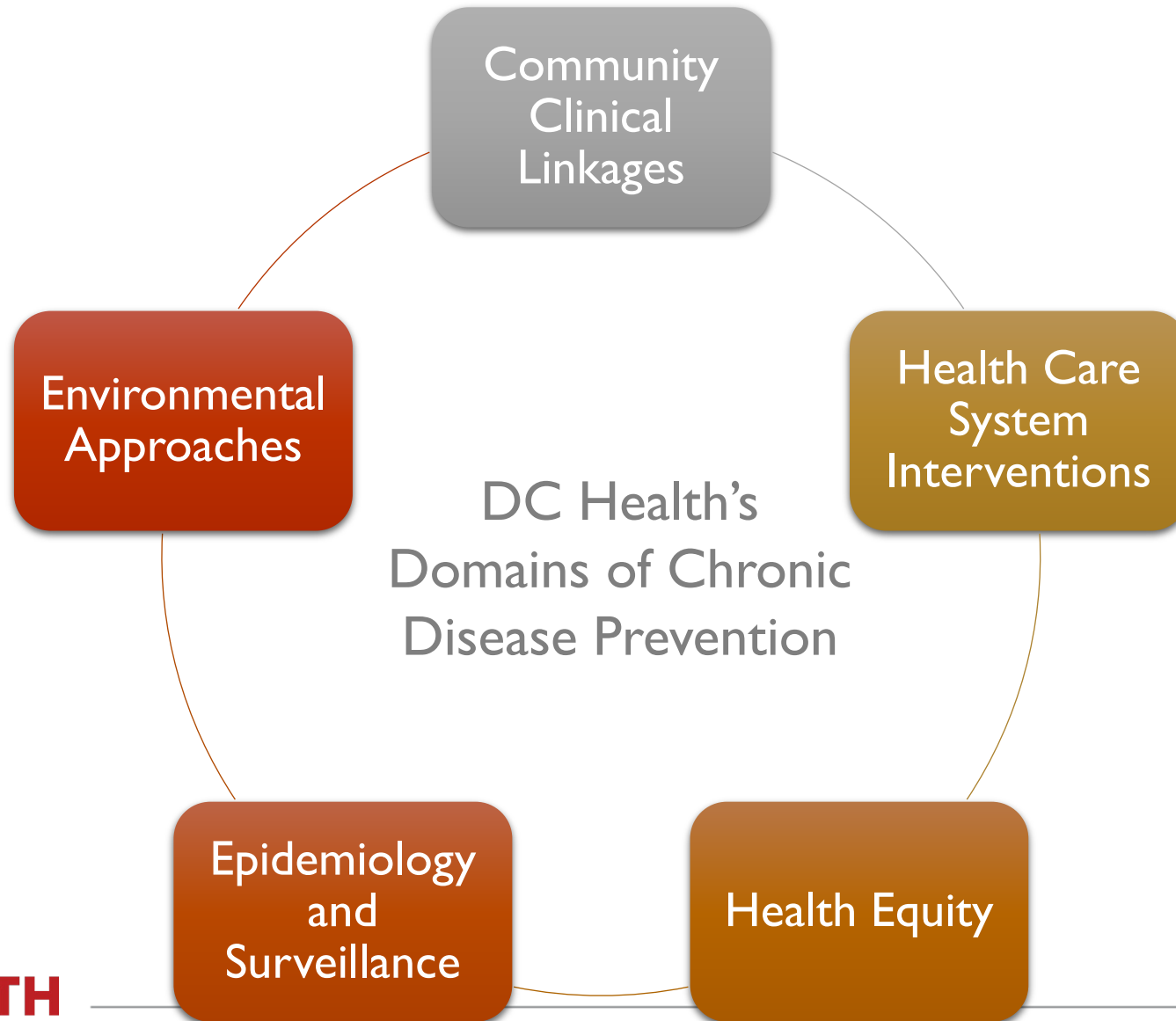
- Includes more partners!
- Strategies and interventions focused on priority populations and census tracts
- Interventions include Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) implementation and Action Cycles
- Increased efforts to engage social service partners in hypertension prevention and management
- Engage priority population in Learning Collaborative

# Million Hearts Learning Collaborative Outcome Measures

-  Improved blood pressure control among patients with hypertension within partner health care and community settings.
-  Reduced disparities in blood pressure control among patients with hypertension within partner health care and community settings.
-  Increased utilization of social services and support among populations at highest risk of CVD, with a focus on hypertension and high cholesterol.
-  Increased engagement of priority population by ensuring at least 51% of partners and collaborators represent the approved population of focus.



# Expanded Million Hearts Learning Collaborative Action Plan



### Epidemiology and Surveillance

**Short Term:** Leverage EHR/HIT to detect and mitigate disparities in hypertension and cholesterol control

**Medium Term:** improved integration of EHR/HIT clinical workflow

**Long Term:** Reduction in incidence and prevalence of heart disease

**Potential Members:** DCPCA, FQHCs, Hospitals, QI Partners, non clinical care team members, CHWs pharmacists, cancer registry, cancer program partners

### Environmental Approaches

**Short Term:** Identify policies and practices that are barriers to optimal health and economic stability

**Medium Term:** Implement systems-level change strategies that improve community health and economic stability

**Long Term:** reduction in incidence and prevalence of heart disease and stroke

**Potential Partners:** Health systems, CBOs that provide SDOH services, Food access partners, physical Activity and Built Environment Partners, Tobacco Control Partners, WIC Partners, Economic security Partners, Office of Health Equity, Office of Racial Equity, Residents

## Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention

### Health Care Systems

**Short Term:** Increase access and demand for prevention services

**Medium Term:** Expand care teams to include members that function in community settings as an extension of the healthcare facility

**Long Term:** Reduction in incidence and prevalence of heart disease and stroke

**Potential Partners:** Healthcare providers, CHWs, Social workers, Patient Navigators, Pharmacists, QI Partners, residents with chronic disease

### Community Clinical Linkages

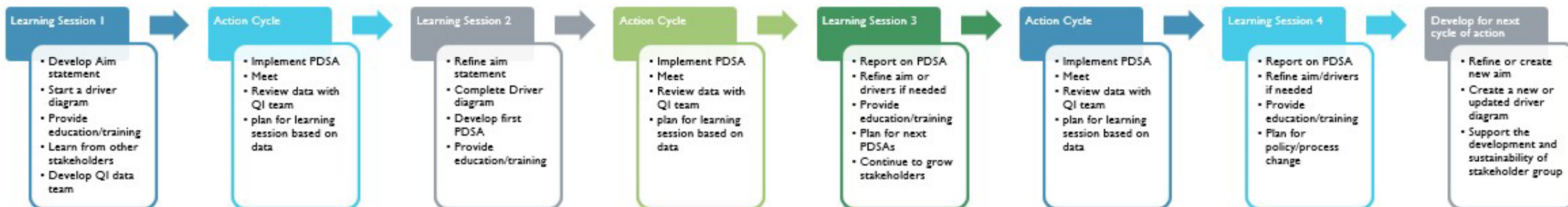
**Short Term:** Establish interdisciplinary partnerships that resemble priority population and can respond to SDOH needs, increase use of CHWs, increase social needs screenings

**Medium Term:** Increase in residents screened, referred and connected to community based partners for social needs

**Long Term:** Reduction in incidence and prevalence of heart disease and stroke

**Potential Partners:** FQHCs, Hospitals,, DPP Programs, DSMES Programs Providers, MCOs, CHWs, IPHI, Food Access Partners, Living Well Partners, Advancing Health Literacy Partners LinkU DMV, Office of Health Equity and other Community based SDOH Providers

# SAMPLE LEARNING COLLABORATIVE CYCLE



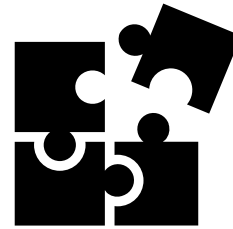
# Current Partners

National and regional organizations, community-based organizations, local health care systems, and academic organizations

- Bread for the City
- Elaine Ellis
- Family and Medical Counseling Services, Inc.
- La Clinica del Pueblo
- Mary's Center
- MedStar Georgetown
- MetroHealth
- Unity Health Care
- DC Primary Care Association (DCPCA)
- American Heart Association (AHA)
- American Diabetes Association (ADA)
- Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES)
- Health Management Associates (HMA)
- Sorogi, Inc

# We would like to engage...

- Individuals that have experienced stroke, heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, or high cholesterol
- Residents
- Community Advisory Boards (CABS)
- Ward Health Councils
- Community Based Organizations that provide SDOH services
- FQHCs and hospitals
- Medicaid Managed Care Organizations
- Community Health Workers (CHWs)
- Pharmacists
- District Government agencies
- Higher Education organizations



## Other DC Health led Community Groups/Partners

- Diabetes Community of Practice
- Brain Health Advisory Coalition
- Tobacco Control Coalition
- Cancer Coalition
- Food Access Community
- Public Health Integrated Advisory Committee
- Advancing Health Literacy Collaborative
- DC Commission on Poverty

# Innovative Heart Health Disease Learning Collaborative Action Plan

## Framework

- DC Health's Million Hearts Learning Collaborative uses the CDC's Four Domains of Chronic Disease Prevention to implement evidence-based, evidence-informed, and promising practice strategies to address the most common chronic conditions and risk factors to advance health, wellness and equity across the District.
- The IHHLC will function as a workgroup to drive the 5<sup>th</sup> Domain----Health Equity.



# Innovative Cardiovascular Disease Learning Collaborative Action Plan

Health Equity Domain

- The Innovative Heart Health Learning Collaborative (IHHLIC) aims to **address health disparities** and **advance health equity** for District residents with hypertension and high cholesterol.
- Partners engaged in this Learning Collaborative **prioritize census tracts** in the District a hypertension prevalence >53%, **especially those facing structural and social determinant of health barriers.**



# Innovative Cardiovascular Disease Target Populations

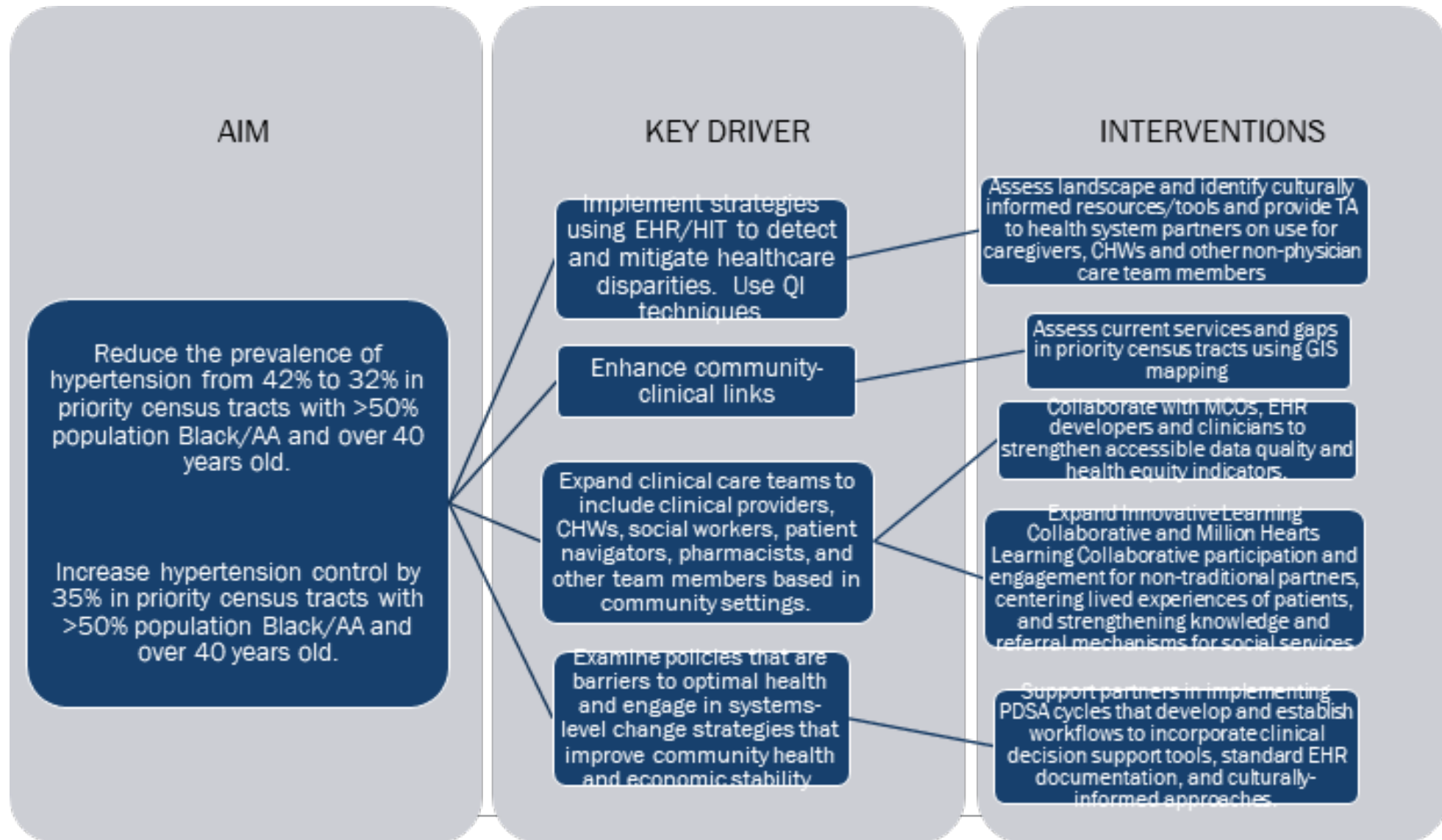
- ❑ Age 40 and older,
- ❑ Residents of select census tracts within Wards 4, 5, 7 and 8, and
- ❑ Non-Hispanic Black/African American.

**A high proportion of people in this population have other risk factors including:**

- ❑ Educational attainment at the high school level or less
- ❑ Low-Income (household income < \$50,000 per year)



# Innovative Program Interventions



# **Consensus and Commit to Action**

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# Meeting Cadence

- The expanded Million Hearts Learning Collaborative will meet every other month through June 2024
- These meetings will include presentations from social service organizations that will assist in community clinical linkages
- Learning sessions, trainings and technical assistance that address multiple perspectives and pathways to improving heart disease and stroke outcomes
- Sessions will prioritize collective impact
- Who should attend?
  - Anybody with an interest in identifying and removing barriers to addressing the leading cause of death in the District, heart disease

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 2pm**

# What's next?

- Commit to action! Attend, participate, make suggestions for monthly MHLC meeting topics
- Invite colleagues to MHLC meetings
- Learn by attending training sessions and sharing resources and recordings with staff
- Request one-on-one meetings with DC Health to discuss innovative opportunities to address heart disease and hypertension and/or partnership opportunities
- Claim your organization in LinkU and integrate its use into workflows for all patients, but especially those with hypertension and/or high blood cholesterol

# Poll Questions

1. Do you agree with the target populations identified by DC Health?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

2. Are you interested in joining, contributing, and participating in the expanded LC?

Yes, let's get started!

- No thank you, not at this time.
- Unsure/Undecided

**Thank you for joining! Questions?**




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