

STREET MEDICINE PROGRAM



System Transformation and Community Investment Program focus on integrating community-based care into the healthcare delivery system, supporting community based organizations in programming designed to positively impact health outcomes, health equity, and the cost of healthcare.

FLPPS is partnering with Regional Health Reach and McCollaborative to provide medical care to the unsheltered homeless in Monroe County. Regional Health Reach is a federally qualified health center providing quality comprehensive medical and dental care to homeless individuals in the city of Rochester and the greater Rochester area. Services are provided at area homeless shelters, a mobile medical van, and a clinic located at the St. Mary's Campus. MC Collaborative is a care agency that focuses on assisting individuals facing significant mental health, physical health, and addiction issues.

Regional Health Reach is collaborating with MC Collaborative to pilot a Street Medicine Program which will bring services out of the clinic and provides care directly on the street, in encampments, parks, and under bridges. Regional Health Reach and MC Collaborative will deploy a mobile outreach team made up of a provider, medical assistant, and outreach worker to identify and engage with homeless individuals living on the streets or in high-risk areas.

“For decades Regional Health Reach has been a leader in the community in providing healthcare and support services to those experiencing homelessness. Through our traditional clinic, mobile medical unit, and presence at shelters, our Healthcare for the Homeless program has touched thousands of lives. Health Reach is excited to partner with Finger Lakes Performing Provider System and MC Collaborative to expand our reach to unsheltered individuals, meeting them where they are, to provide the care they need.”

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The mobile outreach team will use telehealth to link individuals to care and the mobile medical van will also be available to provide medical and dental care. MC Collaborative will provide ongoing case management and coordinate health home care management services.

