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Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment: Thank-you for the Act 167, August 1st, Bennington Presentation. The presentation was comprehensive in its scope and outline of the issues. 1) The inclusion of AHS in future reform work is a positive step. AHS has the experience of program design and implementation. Examples include: Blueprint for Health, SASH, Primary Care based treatment of substance use disorder, Women's Health Initiative and the Patient Centered Medical Home. 2) Any reform efforts will need to address the Social Determinates of Health (SDoH). High quality Hospital Centric Medical Care is essential, however does not solely contribute to a healthy population. The impact of medical care on population health is only about 30%. Any "Health" reform efforts will require a robust and funded plan to impact the social determinates of health, improve population outcomes and reduce the need for expensive medical services. I greatly appreciate your efforts and look forward to future engagement opportunities.

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