

Panel Discussion of a Community Based Utility

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Challenges:

1. Physician practices have varying capabilities based on size, location, financing and affiliation – one size does not fit all
2. A working model does not exist in Iowa
3. Most primary care practices don't currently use a team based approach to provide care
4. Incentives are not aligned to support the use of community based resources

Opportunities:

1. Resources could be developed both in practices and communities – practices can decide what works best for them
2. Support team based primary care that utilizes those resources
3. Engage in a multi-stakeholder collaboration with organizations who share a mutual interest in improving population health – IA/NEPCA, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, College of Public Health
4. Test the community utility model through a pilot project that would utilize community based resources to improve population health outcomes

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