

## ASPE Million Hearts Initiative Discussion Guide

Thanks for talking with us today. Just to remind you from our introductory email, the RAND Corporation and University of Colorado at Denver (UCD) are working with Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation to assess the partnership engagement process and the level of communication among partners in the Million Hearts Initiative. We identified your efforts via (report, website, etc.) and wanted to talk with you to obtain more information about your involvement. Specifically, we are hoping to gather more information about potential best practices, indicators of partnership success, and barriers and facilitators of public and private partnerships. This information will help ASPE in informing future partner efforts. We anticipate that our discussion will last about 45 minutes.

***Required (Consent Procedures): Before we get started I want to assure you that your responses to these questions will be held in strict confidence, except as required by law. Summary information from these interviews, together with material taken from public documents, may be presented in journal publications or other reports; however, no specific individual will be identified by name in any reports or publications. Findings from the study can be shared with all participants. Your participation in this discussion is completely voluntary; if you are uncomfortable with any question we can skip it. This research is being funded by Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. Do you have any questions about our confidentiality procedures before we begin? (If yes, respond to all questions. If no, proceed with discussion).***

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**Date:**

**Interviewer:**

**Organization:**

**Discussion Questions.** *Note: we will have differing information about each program based on public information, thus questions will be selected based on what data are not available in web and journal searching.*

- ❖ Characteristics of CVD prevention network impacted by the MH Initiative
  1. Can you tell us about the types of network partners you have?
    - a. Tell us about the collaborative efforts of these partnerships
  2. Are there partners you feel are missing from the network or would like to work with?
  
- ❖ Organizational experiences with the MH Initiative (overall impressions)
  1. Please tell us about your individual or organizational experience with the MH Initiative.
  2. What has been most effective about the initiative? What would you change about the MH initiative?
  
- ❖ Organizational experiences of changes in CVD prevention networks associated with the MH Initiative
  1. New MH Initiative Relationships:
    - a. Can you describe your greatest new relationship success from the MH Initiative?
      - i. How and why was it such a success?
    - b. Can you describe a new relationship from the MH Initiative that disappointed you?
      - i. Why was it a disappointment?
  3. Improved MH Initiative Relationships:
    - a. How did the MH Initiative enable deepening or strengthening of the relationship?
    - b. How has this relationship change affected prevention efforts?
  4. Can you describe a partnership that was lost or weakened that you believe is linked to the MH Initiative?

- i. How could the MH Initiative have prevented loss of worsening of the relationship?
- 5. Can you think of a lost opportunity to establish a new or better relationship that the MH initiative did not enable?
  - a. Please tell us a bit more about this.