



National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps

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Mission (Our Purpose)

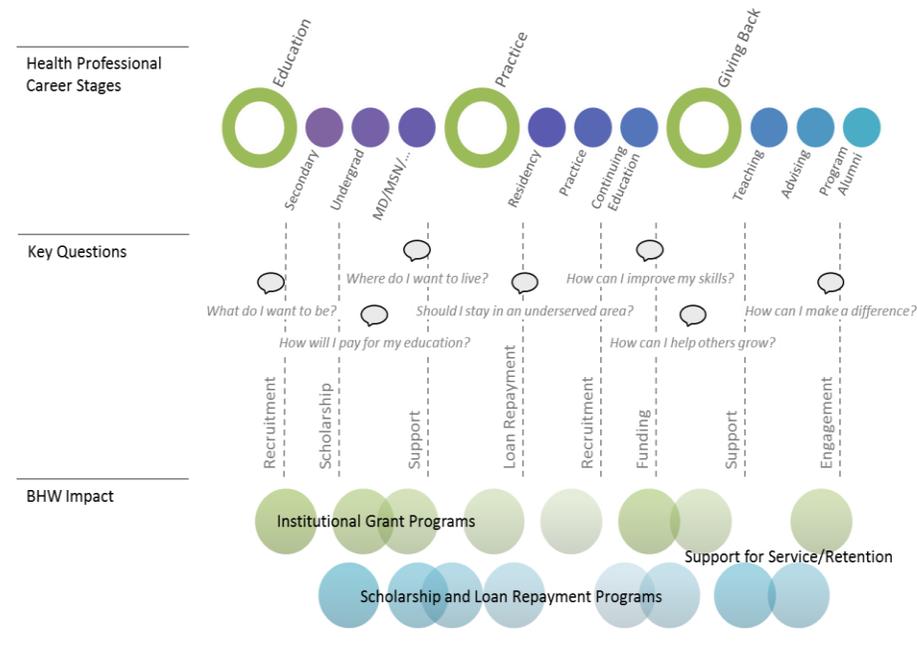
Improve the health of underserved and vulnerable populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need.

Vision (Our Future)

By 2018, BHW will positively impact every aspect of a health professional's career from education and training to service, improving healthcare delivery and outcomes in underserved communities.

Our Goals (What We Want to Achieve)

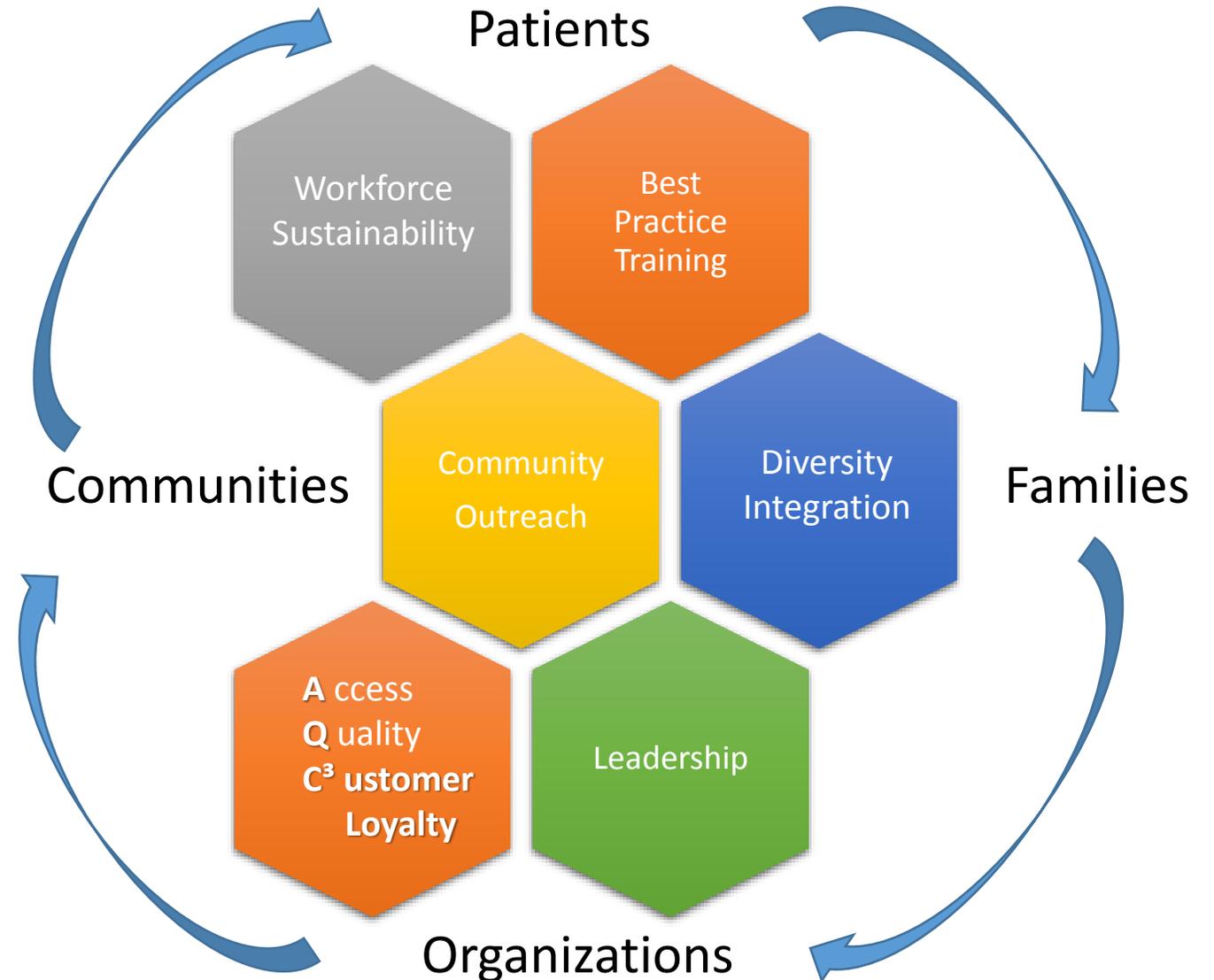
1. Identify the gaps in health workforce development and distribution to inform and guide national policy to address these gaps.
2. Develop a holistic approach to assessing, analyzing, and awarding funding opportunities in areas best suited to achieving BHW's mission objectives and sustainability beyond the grant.
3. Connect BHW more closely to the underserved communities it serves to: strengthen the partnership between academic institutions, clinicians, and sites; and to foster development of public health leadership capabilities in these communities.
4. Promote closer collaboration between BHW organizations; encourage innovative ideas to bubble up from within the Bureau; and provide a shared sense of purpose to all leadership and staff about achieving the BHW 2018 Vision.



Creating “Value-added” NHSC Providers

Return on Investment:

- How much is this worth?
- How long will this take?
- Where is the Crossover Point?



Bureau of Health Workforce Strategic Alignment:

**Field
Strength**

**Field
Retention**

Gaps in health
workforce
development
and distribution

Holistic
approach
towards award
funding and
sustainability

Bridge betw
Academics,
comm & sites;
Public Health
leadership dev

BHW
Collaboration,
Innovation and
Integration

Other Areas of
Need and/or
Interests

NATIONAL HEALTH
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CORPS 

BHW Strategic Alignment: NAC on the NHSC Recommendations

Priority	Accountability Plan: Who Has Ownership Of This Change?					How Can the NHSC Effectively Influence This Priority?			
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- **“Create”** Value-added Providers for NHSC approved sites
 - Create, Support, Promote, Develop, Identify, Strengthening
 - Is this accomplished before, during or after one’s participation or service commitment with the NHSC?
 - Are NHSC Corps members unique to other practicing providers within HPSA sites?

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- Establish a balance between field strength and provider retention within underserved communities throughout our service areas
 - Who determines the field strength number goal?
 - What are the attrition rates (by specialty?) that needs to be considered for maintenance of field strength? Awardee ranking according to priority of provider shortage needs/site needs?
 - What is the Corps average minimum goal for service commitment?
 - Do we know the provider characteristics that highly correlate with retention in underserved communities?

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- The NAC recognizes the existing disparities for dental access within underserved communities but at this time **does not support** the extension of the S2S program to the dental profession due to (1) limited data that supports an effective return on investment and (2) a concern that an extension would pull funds from other needed areas. The NAC is committed to continuing dental access to the loan repayment and scholar programs and to exploring the dental S2S program once it receives more data.

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- The NAC **supports mentorship and training opportunities** within NHSC-approved sites, with an expectation that Corps members participate in educating students, particularly current health professional students, and working with academic institutions and professional schools to achieve the goal.

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- In order to more effectively provide additional access to behavioral health within underserved communities, the **NAC supports evidence-based training such as the Medication Assistance Training program (MAT)** for substance abuse disorders, working collaboratively with other agencies, and considering the expansion of MAT to include licensed nonphysician providers. The NAC supports including in the program providers with MAT certification in addition to comprehensive behavioral health treatment.

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- The NAC also discussed issues relating to telehealth and generally agreed with expanding the concept. However, because of a lack of information and a feeling that the group was trying to rush to a consensus, it **tabled** any further discussion on the subject.