Lack of insurance & reliable transportation leads to overuse of expensive ambulances & emergency rooms, driving up healthcare costs for everyone.

Diabetes, blood pressure, and opioid use disorder management.

Mental health management.

Sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment.

Maternal and child health.

The clinic provides treatment, screenings, and connection to services.

Making routine healthcare more accessible reduces overuse of emergency rooms, which controls healthcare costs for everyone.

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**Improving Health Equity through Public-Private Partnerships in Findlay, Ohio**

Access to healthcare is an important social determinant of health. In 2020 it was estimated that 6.2% of the total population in Ohio were uninsured.¹ People without insurance are less likely to have a primary care provider, be able to afford the health care services and medications they need, and have reliable transportation compared to people with insurance. People without health insurance are only half as likely to have controlled blood pressure as those with insurance.² These disparities affect not just individuals but the whole community in the form of increased healthcare costs from improper emergency room and ambulance use and unmanaged chronic conditions.

With data showing that communities with limited access to healthcare had inferior health outcomes, Findlay opened a mobile clinic in 2021. The goal of the mobile clinic is to ensure people without health insurance and with limited transportation can get timely, high-quality healthcare services. The mobile clinic provides a way to literally meet people where they are in managing their health.

People who visit the clinic can receive screenings, treatment, and connection to other services. The clinic offers screenings for common chronic diseases, the primary cause of disability and death in the United States. Many who’ve visited the clinic were previously unaware they had diabetes or pre-diabetes and now are connected to treatment. In addition to screenings and resources for controlling chronic diseases, the clinic provides services for maternal and child health, harm reduction for opioid use disorder, and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and mental health conditions.

One of the hallmarks of Mayor Christina Muryn’s leadership is partnerships between the public and private sectors. The mobile clinic is a public-private partnership to improve cardiovascular health and health equity in Findlay.

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