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**The National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs names Brookline Center for Community Mental Health as a 2020 regional convening host organization**

BROOKLINE, Mass. — The [National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs](#) (National Center), an initiative of the [Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers](#), has named [The Brookline Center for Community Mental Health](#) as a 2020 regional convening host organization.

The Brookline Center will work with the National Center to act as a convener, collaborating with partners on a regional level to address complex care barriers in the community by sharing information and cultivating the local ecosystem. The Brookline Center’s convening will bring together representatives from complex care teams across the greater Boston area.

“It’s an honor to elevate our work through this new role as a convener,” said Henry White, MD, the Brookline Center’s clinical director. “Our convening will be an opportunity to build on the work of the Center’s ground-breaking Healthy Lives Program – which, over the past decade, has created strategies that improve care of clients with a combination of medical, mental health, and socio-economic challenges.”

At The Brookline Center’s regional convening, provisionally scheduled for early 2021, providers from metro Boston will come together to share best practices for complex care management and to initiate an ongoing network of complex care providers and stakeholders — a first step toward building a complex care learning community in Boston.

This year, the National Center held an open request for proposals to select six host organizations to hold a regional convening in their community. The National Center provides financial and logistical support, as well as access to national subject matter experts, to help host organizations gather local stakeholders to address a barrier to good complex care.

Other regional convening partners and sites include:

- [Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#): fragmentation of health care from other social services, affecting families raising children with complex needs in North Carolina
- [Louisiana Public Health Institute, HousingNOLA, Green and Healthy Homes Initiative](#): housing quality and safety issues in New Orleans
- [Mercy One Des Moines Medical Center](#): social isolation and loneliness in central Iowa
- [Mile High Health Alliance](#): lack of cross-sector coordination and data access to reduce emergency department use in the Denver metro area
- [Pennsylvania Department of Health's Office of Health Equity](#): deeply-rooted health disparities in Pennsylvania

The Brookline Center and the National Center encourage individuals interested in learning more about the Brookline Center convening to contact Healthy Lives Program Director Megan Smith, LICSW, at [megansmith@brooklinecenter.org](mailto:megansmith@brooklinecenter.org)

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The National Center aims to improve outcomes for patients with complex medical, psychological, and social needs. It works to coalesce the emerging field of complex care by bringing together a broad range of clinicians, researchers, policymakers, and consumers who are developing, testing, and scaling new models of team-based, integrated care.

The Brookline Center for Community Mental Health is a nonprofit agency serving over 4,000 people annually, meeting the evolving mental health and social service needs of children, families and adults of all backgrounds and cultures in Brookline, Boston, and surrounding communities by offering affordable, high quality, comprehensive, and culturally responsive care and services.