Interprofessional Education, a Paradigm Shift

As a practice site for the National Center for Inter-Professional Education (NCIPE), CUHCC is developing an inter-professional, team-based education and training model for residents, students, and staff. The interprofessional care teams will use a best practice curriculum across dental, mental health, medical, pharmacy, nursing, and other disciplines.

This synergizing, silo-busting approach will equip students to integrate knowledge from multiple disciplines and apply it to patient care. Additionally, the model will help to alleviate shortages among healthcare professionals (Example: a primary care provider working together with a pharmacist can meet many needs typically met by a psychiatrist). Once fully developed, the model will be scaled for use in training programs across the country and will be used to enhance CUHCC’s local community-based workforce training efforts.

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<td>● Education focuses on developing skills with preceptors from the profession doing all the education—i.e. nurses teaching would-be nurses</td>
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<td>● Provider diagnoses and renders recommendations, little consultation</td>
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<td>● Fragmented care—many providers and treatment plans, little coordination between services</td>
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