

Happy New Year from PHIMC!



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Happy New Year PHIMC Partners!

Everyone at PHIMC is very excited to begin 2019, which marks our 25th year working across Illinois to create capacity and support for public health infrastructure. In 2018, we provided a strong backbone to make significant strides toward achieving health equity and expanding access to care.

Some of PHIMC's 2018 accomplishments:

- Grew our staff by 50%, bringing new and dynamic public health leaders to [our team](#)
- Established [SUD Allies](#), a new AmeriCorps program focused on substance use disorders
- Formalized our [School Health Access Collaborative](#), an exciting collaboration with the Healthy Schools Campaign and school health experts across Chicago
- Joined [Proviso Partners for Health](#) to support health and economic development in Proviso Township
- Published our nationally recognized model for implementing routine HIV screening in diverse medical settings in [Public Health Reports](#)
- Partnered with [National Network of Public Health Institutes](#) and [Health Resources in Action](#) to convene statewide planning summits in four states focused on improving their ability to address the opioid epidemic
- Granted out more than \$5 million to partners across Illinois working to ensure that vulnerable populations have access to the care and services they deserve

If 2018 is any indicator, 2019 is going to be an exciting and busy year for the PHIMC team. We are grateful for our strong partnership with you and all the individuals and organizations committed to our shared vision. I know that together we will succeed in dismantling systemic barriers to health and changing the landscape of public health.

Thank you,



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