For over 50 years --

"The objectives of CHAS were to develop a research program and project within it to comprehend the structure and operation of the existing health services system and its impact on the general population."

--Odin Anderson, 1966
Propitious timing

Timeliness of Social Work and Health Convening at the University of Chicago could not be more propitious as a distinguishes cadre of social work scholars and leaders gather to discuss the state of social work research and training in healthcare

---at the same time that the Republican-controlled Congress has gathered to repeal – without credible plan for replacement – the Affordable Care Act.

-- January 3, 2017 blog, Charles Lewis, Congressional Research Institute for Social Work & Policy
Context for Social Work and Health for Convening

Despite the uncertain political context, significant commitment to controlling health care COSTS, increasing ACCESS and improving QUALITY.
Exhibit 1. Health Care Spending as a Percentage of GDP, 1980–2013

Notes: GDP refers to gross domestic product. Dutch and Swiss data are for current spending only, and exclude spending on capital formation of health care providers.
Source: OECD Health Data 2015.
Exhibit 8. Health and Social Care Spending as a Percentage of GDP

Notes: GDP refers to gross domestic product.
QUALITY: Models of service integration

Figure 1

Continuum of Physical and Behavioral Health Care Integration

Coordinated Care

- Screening
- Navigators

Co-located Care

- Co-location
- Health Homes

Integrated Care

- System-Level Integration

GOALS:

(1) To review and assess the state of social work knowledge, practice and educational models in health policy and practice
(2) To recognize emerging research and training models of social work related to social determinants of health and integrated into health policy and service delivery initiatives broadly conceived
(3) To contribute to ongoing planning to increase capacity of health social work to contribute to improving Nation’s health for all
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