If It Takes a Village ...

... then what are we waiting for?
“All health care is local.”
  • Dr Bruce Goldberg MD, Oregon Health Authority

“Everybody needs to pull together to make this happen.”
  • Dr John Saultz MD, OHSU

“The supply of health care professionals in Oregon is not keep pace with the demand ... This growing shortage can adversely effect both access to health care services and community economies.”
  • Economic Contributions of Oregon’s Physician Practices, OHWI
Today’s health care and social services infrastructure

Dys-Integration

Hospital and Clinical Groups
Public and Mental Health
Schools
DHS
(Your name here)
Social Services
“Social” determinants of health

- Genetic predisposition: 30%
- Environmental exposure: 5%
- Health care: 10%
- Behavioral patterns: 40%
- Social circumstances: 15%
“Ultimately, patients are the largest health care workforce available. Investing in patients to give them the knowledge, confidence, and tools that enable them to become an effective and reliable workforce will be essential to maintain, and hopefully improve, the quality of care for most long-term illnesses.”

- JGF Cleland MD, Inger Ekman, PhD RN Enlisting the Help of the Largest Health Care Workforce – Patients JAMA 9/22.29/2010
What is the opportunity? A new structure or movement that ...

- builds alliances and coalitions
- shares risk, resources, and rewards
- supports – *and enforces* – a broad community plan
- and improves health, reduces per capita cost, and increases patient-centeredness
A modest proposal: Moving from the farm to the village

- What is our mission?
- Who is our customer?
- What does our customer value?
- What is our plan?
- What are our results?