Together ON Diabetes

Communities Uniting to Meet America’s Diabetes Challenge

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Mission: Reduce health disparities and improve the health outcomes of populations disproportionately affected by serious diseases and health conditions

- Poor (socioeconomic)
- Minority populations (race/ethnicity)
- Socially excluded persons
- Women
- Children and the elderly
BMS Foundation strategy for addressing health disparities

Target funding and initiatives to improve health outcomes at the **community level**

- Healthcare worker training (professional/lay)
- Community mobilization and supportive services

HIV in Africa, Hepatitis B/C in Asia, cancer in Central and Eastern Europe, Serious Mental Illness, Alzheimer’s Disease and Type 2 Diabetes in the U.S.

Foster innovation and sustainability

Evaluate for impact on standards of care and policy

Advocate with partners

Share lessons learned
Type 2 diabetes is a major public health challenge in the U.S.

- 26 million Americans living with diabetes today and may double by 2034
- 80 million Americans are pre-diabetic
- 23% of American over 60 are living with diabetes
- Prevalence is higher among minority populations
- About half of diagnosed diabetes patients are not controlled (HbA1c > 7.0)
- Barriers to control go beyond medication management to disease understanding and life style changes
- $116 billion spent in direct care costs in 2007 may triple by 2034
$100M initiative to reduce disparities and improve outcomes for adults living with type 2 diabetes in the U.S.

- Focus on heavily affected populations

- Build on key lessons from Secure the Future about the power of community support and mobilization to improve outcomes

- Funding and partnership focal points:
  - Patient self management and navigation
  - Integrated community support and mobilization
  - Innovation fund to develop and test new ideas about the approach of diabetes control efforts given the scale of the epidemic

- First Request for Proposals: Focus on African American Women