

MERCY CLINIC UPDATES

Health and Social Care

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Mission & Vision

Mission: to improve the health and social well-being of underserved communities in Philadelphia, as rooted in the charitable principles of the Islamic faith

Vision:

A collaborative, community-based organization:

- 1) **A clinic to provide patient-centered primary care** for the underserved with referral to speciality care and hospital charity care.
- 2) **Integrated social services unit** to provide counseling in a diverse array of matters including mental health, family, and financial issues, as well as a food pantry and a shelter home.
- 3) **Facilitating access to public programs**, such as unemployment benefits, food stamps, energy assistance, Medicaid and CHIP insurance, and other public benefits available to indigent community members.

To cultivate a shared culture of care and action for community building in Philadelphia.

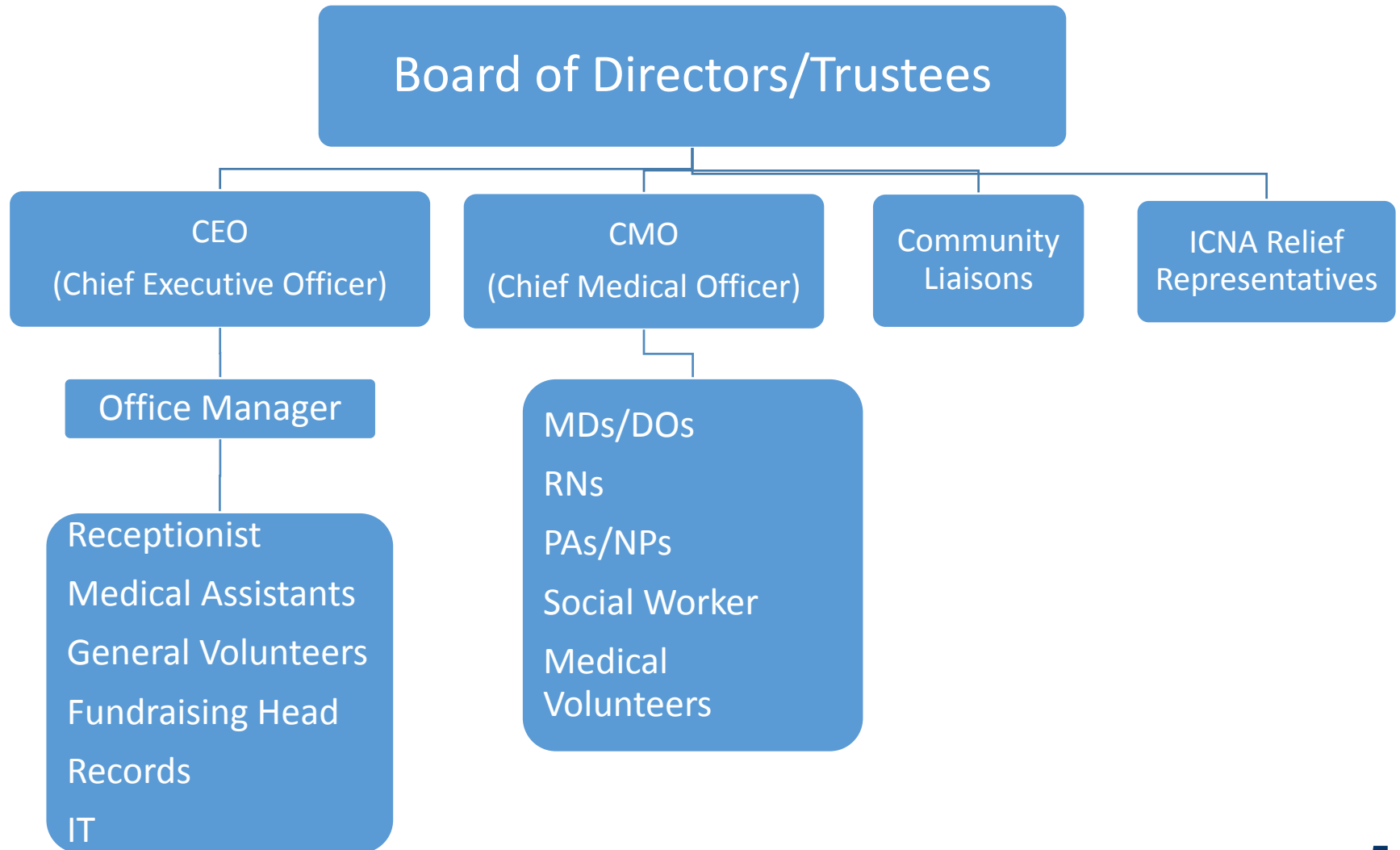
At the Core of Our Model...

- Integrating health and social care
- Grass-roots work with community members
- Collaboration with local Masjids and community organizations

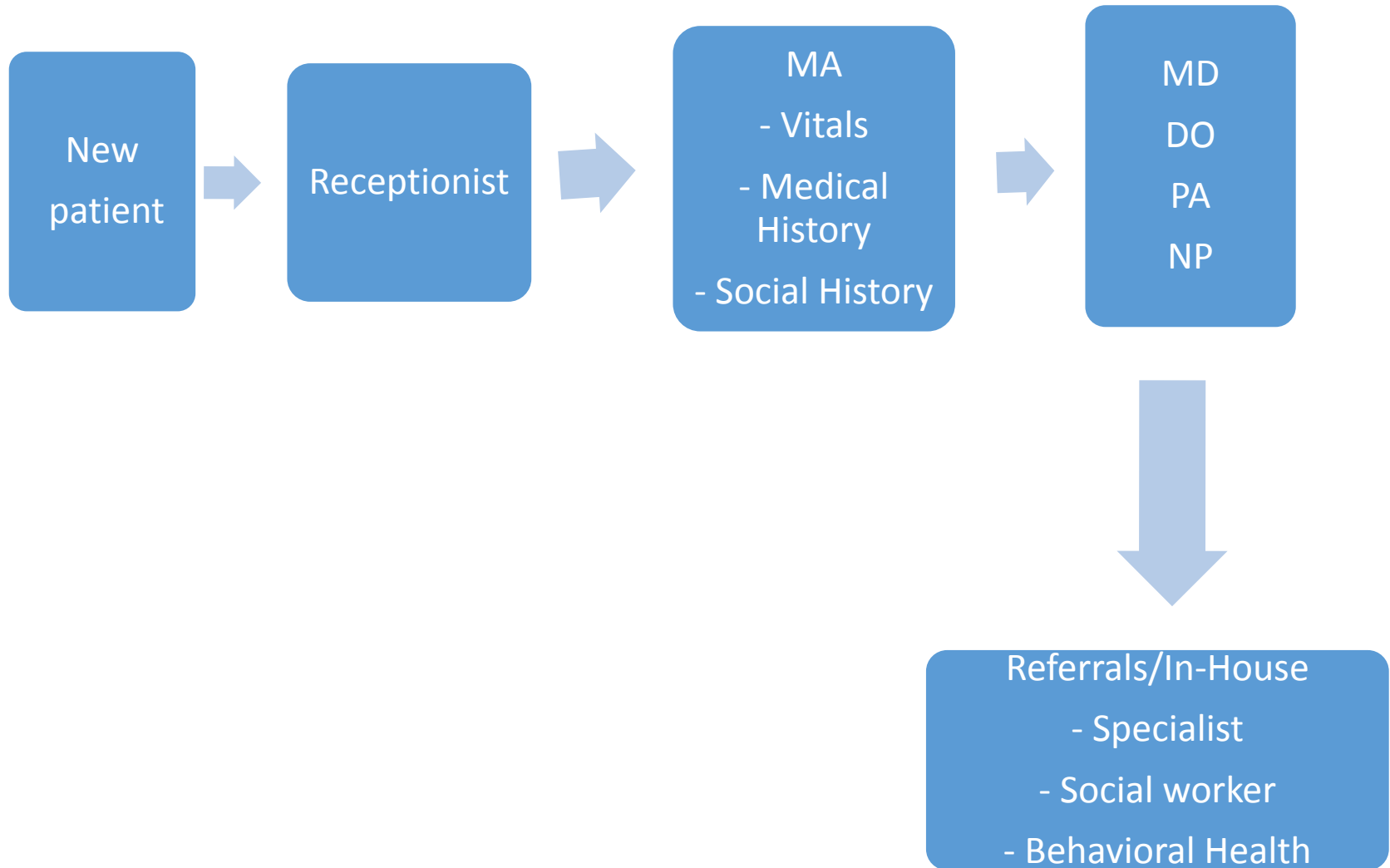
Where We Stand Now

- Established an energetic, dedicated local team
- Partnership with ICNA Relief:
 - experience with similar projects, legal paperwork, fundraising, reputation
- Groundwork:
 - Refining a model for integrated care flow
 - Identifying location
 - Needs assessment
 - Building a partnership network

Organizational Structure *(preliminary)*



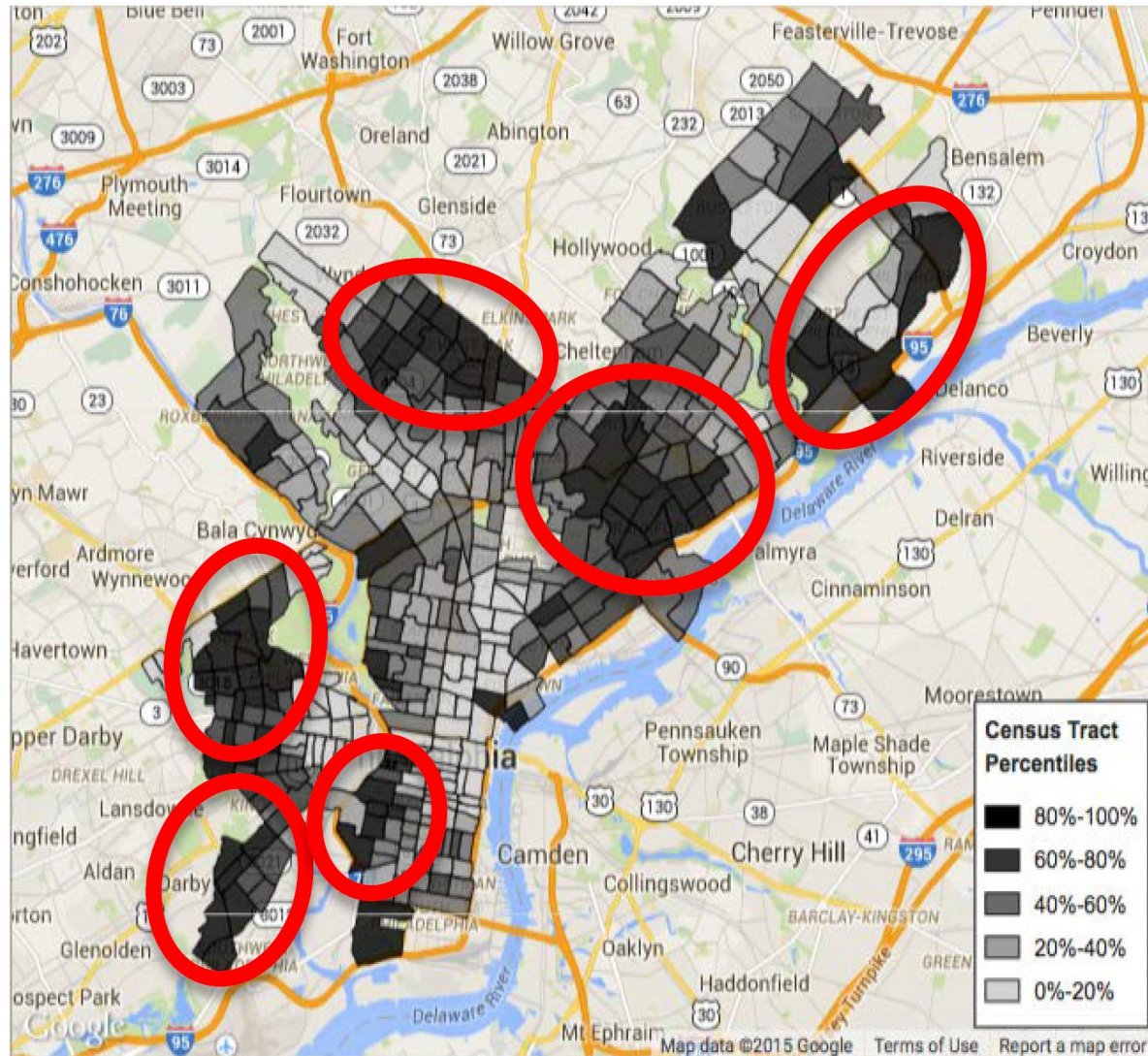
Patient Care Flow *(preliminary)*



Community Location

- **Criteria:**
 - **Significant Need**
 - **Significant Muslim Population**
 - **Accessibility**

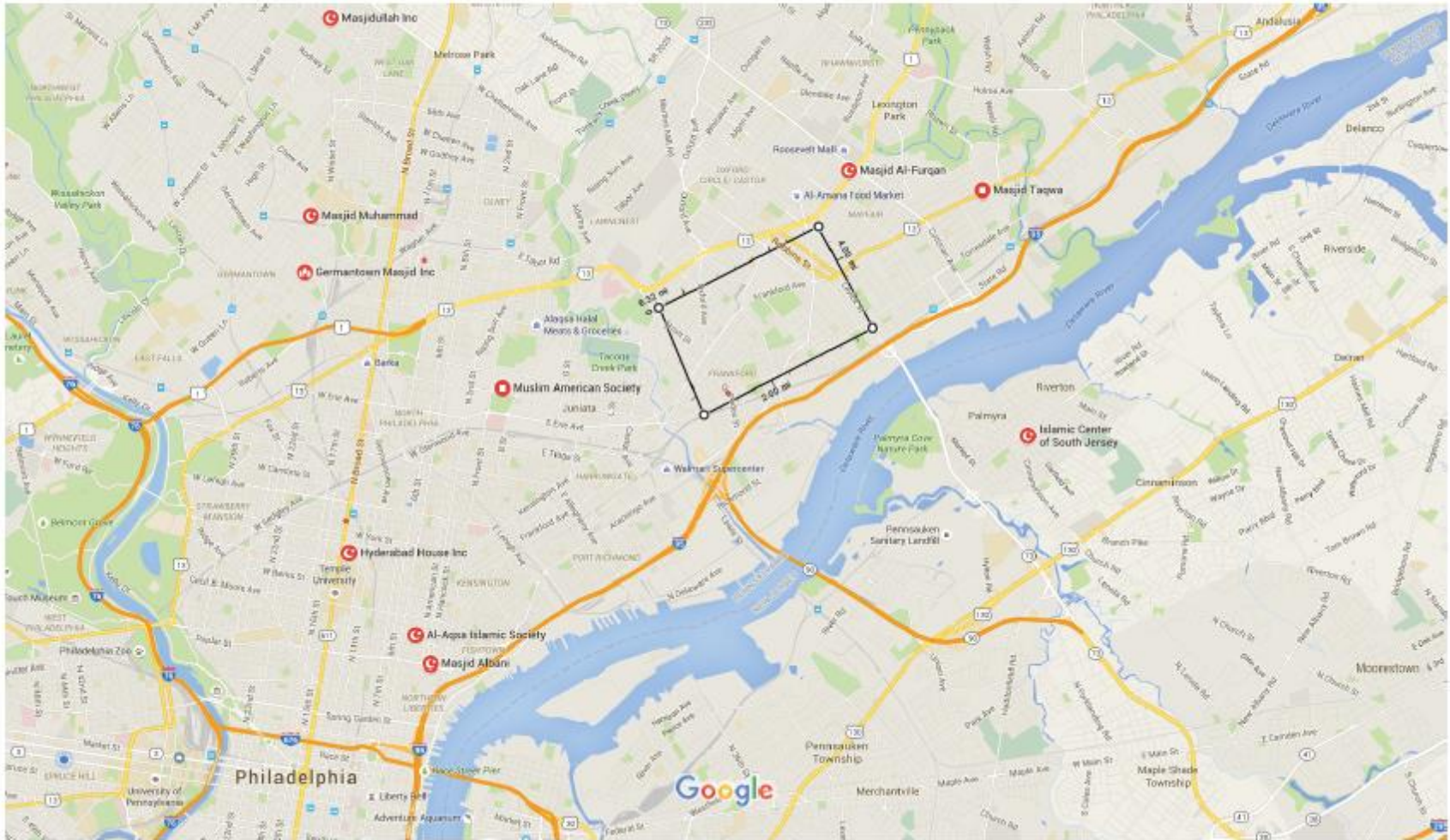
Poorest access to medical care



Source: Analysis by Penn Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics

The Lower Northeast

Area in square: close to several Masjids in lower Northeast (accessible to large Muslim community); very poor, worst access to care (officially designated as medically underserved); mostly minority



Next Steps..

- Fielding needs assessment survey/reaching out to community members (with Al-Shifaa' Screenings)
- Networking with local Masjids, community organizations, and providers in the area
- Starting out as a weekend clinic with referrals to associated providers

Thank You!