The South Dakota Cardiovascular Collaborative (the Collaborative) works to improve the quality of life for all South Dakotans through the prevention and control of heart disease and stroke.

Through combining resources, tools and expertise of its members, the Collaborative works to move the needle forward on the complex healthcare challenge of heart disease and stroke prevention and management. The Collaborative also serves as a resource and a champion of heart and stroke issues including research, quality and availability of care, health promotion, and disease prevention.

**PURPOSE OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR COLLABORATIVE**

The South Dakota Cardiovascular Collaborative involves medical, public health, and community representatives from across the state representing diverse sectors including healthcare; state, local and tribal agencies; non-profits; and volunteers. Members come from organizations such as South Dakota’s three major health systems, rural clinics, pharmacies, and emergency responders to name a few!

**CARDIOVASCULAR COLLABORATIVE MEMBERS**

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**STATE-WIDE HEART DISEASE AND STROKE STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Workgroups representing the four strategic plan goal areas have been hard at work since the Collaborative began in 2017. To date, the Collaborative has created and implemented the following tools, resources, and programs:

- **Team-Based Care Toolkit & Webinar Series** to promote team-based, patient-centered care in South Dakota
- **Community Health Worker Resource Guide** to promote the uptake of the community health worker model and support the roll-out of the reimbursement plan for the South Dakota Medicaid State Plan
- **Quality Improvement Toolkit & Webinar Series** to inform and promote quality improvement processes as a way of improving clinical quality
- **Cardiovascular Collaborative Media toolkit** to develop and disseminate multi-media tools to increase awareness around prevention and management of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes
- **Cardiac Ready Communities** to educate, equip, and empower local community members to be better prepared and more confident in helping someone experiencing a cardiac event prior to the ambulance arriving

**HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO GET INVOLVED?**

Please visit our website or contact Rachel Sehr for more information or to learn more about these resources.

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