PUTTING EXCELLENCE IN MOTION
OUR
PROMISE

Fulcrum Health develops innovative and inspiring ways to leverage physical medicine that not only lower health care costs, but also achieve better outcomes and increased patient satisfaction. As a non-profit healthcare organization, Fulcrum does not have shareholders who require annual dividend payments. As such, Fulcrum is able to invest significant resources each year into programs that align with the organization’s commitment to providing high quality, patient centered care that advance the Triple Aim.
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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

SHAPING OUR FUTURE THROUGH STABILITY AND GROWTH

Fulcrum Health experienced a very positive and eventful year in 2017. We took deliberate steps to ensure we are fulfilling our Mission: To improve the quality of life of our communities by delivering high value healthcare networks and support services.

With Board guidance, we took considerable actions to move accountability closer to the business. The new strategic direction focuses on insourcing credentialing and utilization management. This is the foundation needed for Fulcrum Health to deliver high quality, patient centered, evidence-based care that also strengthens our provider networks through outcomes data, treatment decision support tools, and education. With these improvements, we will advance our efforts in paying for value-based care.

We also laid the groundwork to challenge traditional medicine models. Through initiatives such as ChiroFirst and Conservative Care for Pain Management, we are building bridges to integrative care.

Because our customer relationships remain strong, we saw considerable geographic and membership growth resulting in nearly a 20 percent increase in revenue. This growth allowed us to recognize our providers exhibiting an approach that most closely aligns with ChiroCare’s best practices and Fulcrum’s Mission, Vision and Values through our Provider Quality Bonus program.

Looking ahead, we have more to do, and I am confident that we are progressing in the right direction. Our increased efforts, focused on the Triple Aim, will ensure we are able to deal with anticipated market trends and variations in the business climate, while staying focused on the needs of those we serve. Of special note is the 50 percent expansion of the ChiroCare Centers of Excellence (CCoE), further distinguishing the network, and spearheading significant and positive change in the way adults with back pain receive care.

Thank you to our provider network, our Board of Directors and our employees for your continuous engagement and trust. Without you, our success today and tomorrow would not be possible.

Patricia Dennis, CHIE
Chief Executive Officer
I am pleased to report that the last year has probably seen the most significant changes in Fulcrum Health, Inc. since its inception as ChiroCare 30 years ago. What a year it has been! The Board of Directors has been investing significant time and resources because of our commitment to the Triple Aim: Improved patient outcomes, lower costs, and the highest possible levels of patient satisfaction.

Fulcrum’s ChiroCare provider network has a long history of patient satisfaction. This has not only been demonstrated but also acknowledged by the health care industry through our second Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence award recognizing top-performing health care organizations that consistently achieve the 95th percentile or above for performance in the patient experience category. Thank you to all of our network providers for your outstanding work with your patients to again make this Triple Aim goal our reality.

To further support our provider network into the future, the Board decided to bring Fulcrum Health’s credentialing process in house. This decision required an investment in software and staff to execute this process seamlessly. We will maintain the best practices that we have learned from our legacy vendor while testing the program in conjunction with our legacy vendor, with a plan to transition to our standalone system in the second quarter of 2018.

The second goal of the Triple Aim is better patient outcomes. To demonstrate this, Fulcrum will also be bringing our Utilization Management program in house. Health care is evolving to a value-based, patient-centered model and moving away from traditional provider management. We all know our providers get great results with their patients, but we need to be able to effectively demonstrate and promote this to our patients, our providers, and to our current and potential customers.

The Quality Committee and Board have had extensive discussions around how best to demonstrate this and will be following CMS’ value-based model with the use of outcome assessment tools. We recognize this change will require additional effort by our office staff. As such, we are designing a program to be as minimally disruptive as possible while providing resources to educate our providers about attaining better patient outcomes. This program is currently being designed, with beta testing scheduled for later this year and roll out to the full network in late 2018. The Board of Directors is committed to using these documented, demonstrable patient satisfaction and presumed outcome results to distinguish us from our peers as we market our provider network to our customers and their insureds.

The third goal of the Triple Aim is lower costs. The Board’s goal is to use patient satisfaction and outcomes data to create a new payment structure that rewards providers for the quality of care, not the quantity. While the Board was pleased to see reimbursement rates increased this year, the long-term commitment is to reward efficient, effective, quality care.

The Board extends our thanks to our CEO, Patricia Dennis, and her staff for making this first year of her tenure a remarkable one. Not only has she shepherded in the above changes, but Patty and her team have continued to expand Fulcrum. This expansion has included increasing the number of Centers of Excellence while starting to develop educational programing to assist additional providers to achieve that status. Additionally, we have seen membership growth driving new business to our network. The staff is also focusing attention on developing our AcuNet acupuncture network for rollout later this year as we enhance our physical medicine presence.

The Fulcrum staff remains focused on our mission: “To improve the quality of life in our communities by delivering high-value health care networks and support services.” In so doing we will achieve our vision: “To be a leader in high quality physical medicine networks.” However, none of that can occur without the trust and value created one high-quality patient encounter at a time in every patient provider relationship throughout our provider network. Therefore, thank you to all of our providers and your staff members!

Finally, I would like to thank the Fulcrum Board of Directors for their vision and willingness to invest in reinventing Fulcrum Health, Inc. so it will continually evolve to serve the rapidly changing needs of the health care marketplace. I look forward to another successful year and the additional progress we will make by the next annual report.

Respectfully,

Dr. Mark D. Dehen, DC FICC
Fulcrum Health, Inc. Board Chair
Fulcrum’s CEO, Patricia Dennis and Chief Clinical Officer, Vivi-Ann Fischer, D.C. have been active on the national level, positioning the organization for growth in integrative pain management.

Physical Medicine Management Alliance (PMMA): The Physical Medicine Management Alliance (PMMA) urges the use and coverage of non-opioid treatments as first-line therapy for individuals to manage pain. As a Board member of this organization, Ms. Dennis participated in the development of the position statement released by PMMA titled “Public Policy Position: Non-Opioid Pain Management Therapies”.

National Association of Specialty Health Organizations (NASHO): Ms. Dennis joined the NASHO Board in May 2017, and, in addition to monthly teleconferences, she attended the annual strategy planning meeting in Dallas, TX. Dr. Fischer joined her at this meeting as the organization was identifying 2018 initiatives. This specialty health organization, including vision care, hearing and others, is working toward forming a united front as health care reform changes come into focus.

NASHO’s affiliation with the American Association of Payers, Administrators and Networks (AAPAN) further strengthens our position as a successful industry advocate on the federal and state levels.

Academy of Integrative Pain Management (AIPM): As members of AIPM, Ms. Dennis and Dr. Fischer are involved in the Integrative Pain Care Policy Congress. Dr. Fischer joined 70 leaders from more than 50 organizations in San Diego for the first-ever Integrative Pain Care Policy Congress in October 2017 during the annual AIPM meeting. The Congress included licensed and certified health care providers, public and private payers, policy advocates, and research organizations. Both Ms. Dennis and Dr. Fischer are on active workgroups within AIPM.

Dr. Vivi-Ann Fischer joins her colleagues at the inaugural Integrative Pain Care Policy Congress, San Diego, CA
CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING TO MEET THE EVOLVING NEEDS OF PATIENTS AND PROVIDERS

**Triple Aim:** Fulcrum Health’s innovative approach to physical medicine makes it possible for health administrators to lower costs, while achieving better outcomes, increasing patient satisfaction, and improving the work life of health care providers.

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In partnership with Press Ganey, we strive for transformational change by evaluating patient feedback using a quarterly Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CGCAHPS) survey; a standardized tool to measure patient perceptions of care delivery by a provider in an office setting. The findings are instrumental in driving improvement initiatives.
2017 PATIENT SATISFACTION RESULTS

Fulcrum’s ChiroCare network was named a 2017 Guardian of Excellence Award winner by Press Ganey.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

18–34  9%
35–49  19%
50–64  34%
65–79  31%
80+   8%

The provider gave you easy-to-understand instruction:

97% 93%
OUR RESPONDENTS NATIONALLY

Would definitely recommend the provider’s office to family and friends:

96% 91%
OUR RESPONDENTS NATIONALLY

You saw the provider within 15 minutes of your appointment time:

98% 84%
OUR RESPONDENTS NATIONALLY

The office staff or receptionists treated you with courtesy and respect:

97% 95%
OUR RESPONDENTS NATIONALLY

You would rank your provider at either a 9 or 10 out of 10:

89% 86%
OUR RESPONDENTS NATIONALLY

You were treated with respect during your most recent visit:

99% 79%
OUR RESPONDENTS NATIONALLY
Developed in 2014, the ChiroCare Centers of Excellence (CCoE) program recognizes clinics’ value-based care and celebrates their commitment to using an integrated and collaborative approach in achieving the best outcomes and quality of life for their patients. Clinics that receive this designation have demonstrated and proven they follow the CCoE Attributes of Excellence and have a supporting infrastructure in place to ensure patients receive consistent, high-quality care.

Applications are accepted from network providers and rigorously reviewed for meeting the Attributes of Excellence needed for acceptance into this elite program. We are pleased to announce that in 2017 the program was expanded to 81 clinics and 117 Doctors of Chiropractic, with expansion beyond Minnesota into Wisconsin and South Dakota.
CHIROFIRST
PROJECT

VALIDATING THE SUCCESS OF A CONSERVATIVE CARE FIRST APPROACH TO BACK PAIN TREATMENT

**ChiroFirst Summary** — *Patient Reported Outcomes to Minnesota Community Measurement*

Fulcrum has launched a demonstration study, called ChiroFirst, which evaluated a comprehensive, conservative care pathway for adults with acute and sub-acute low back pain. This new pathway places a Doctor of Chiropractic as the standard point of entry and utilized ChiroCare Centers of Excellence (CCoE) clinics to collect outcomes data related to the Triple AIM (patient outcomes, patient satisfaction, and cost).

**Functional Disability Reporting**

Fulcrum and MN Community Measurement (MNCM) entered into an agreement to implement a 12-month reporting of functional outcome measures that included four quarterly phases of data submission over a 12-month period. Fulcrum actively recruited, secured participation, and educated the practices on requirements, expectations and timelines. Training manuals were distributed to each clinic and monthly teleconferences were scheduled to keep clinics engaged, share ideas, and work through issues.

Out of 10 groups expected to submit data, four clinics completed submission of data and were approved for validation and audit. The patient total was 627, and the number of first Oswestry was 95.1%; number of first and second Oswestry collected was 30.5%. The average functional change was 7.5 points (ranging from 5.1 to 14.1 points).

The outcome scores for acute chiropractic care reflected a positive outcome for adult, acute and sub-acute low back pain. Also notable were the discoveries of significant difficulties in reporting for small clinics due to key staff dependency, electronic record and technology challenges, and staff turnover.

**Patient Satisfaction**

The Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Survey is administered quarterly to the Fulcrum ChiroCare Centers of Excellence. Data from this report was collected for all CCoE clinics during the 12-month study. The results were a consistent rating of the 95% percentile in patient satisfaction.

**Cost**

The outcome data on cost is currently being reviewed in detail. Preliminary results indicate the ChiroFirst clinics use fewer visits to treat low back pain across all insurance products when compared to the Fulcrum network.

This demonstration study shows good outcomes, excellent patient satisfaction, and affordable costs using the conservative option for adult acute and sub-acute low back pain. Going beyond the ChiroFirst study, for a collaborative care pathway to be truly successful, the scope of the pathway must be changed. One way to assist this change is through the physician referral process. Fulcrum believes defining a comprehensive pathway and placing conservative care as the standard point of entry, will improve patient satisfaction and quality outcomes, lower the cost of care, and spearhead significant change in the way care is delivered for adults with acute and sub-acute low back pain.
PROVIDER TRAINING: EXPANSION OF BEST PRACTICE EDUCATION

Continuously improving to meet the evolving needs of patients and providers
Fulcrum delivered a four-part series of new webinars to assist providers with audit protection and the documentation needed to establish medical necessity and patient progress. The webinars allow convenient access for providers in all states through 24/7 access. The webinars are 30-50 minutes in length. Topics include establishing medical necessity, constructing a treatment plan, updating treatment plans, and showing patient progress, among other things.

In addition, the monthly provider communication, News Flash, provides ongoing best practice information on patient satisfaction initiatives such as Infection Prevention and Comprehensive Patient History; the opioid crisis and opportunities to move beyond medications; outcome assessments and treatment goal setting; and conservative use of imaging.

As we opened applications for the ChiroCare Centers of Excellence in 2017, we developed a self-assessment tool to determine readiness and materials on the attributes for achieving the ChiroCare Centers of Excellence Clinic designation.

Dr. Fischer and her team also completed the patient safety Infection Prevention Assessment Project. Work is under way to draft and publish a paper on the process, findings and recommendations. This project was recognized at the 2017 HealthPartners Innovation Awards Dinner.
Gaining insight into provider and staff interaction with our ChiroCare product enables us to measure provider satisfaction and to make necessary adjustments. During the Fall of 2017, a provider satisfaction survey was sent. Providers also received a number of reminders to ensure the highest possible participation levels.

**KEY FINDINGS INCLUDED:**

8% ↑

The overall impression of ChiroCare has improved in the Top 2 Tiers, with opportunities to increase the value to providers through additional support and communication.

5% ↑

Satisfaction for availability of useful clinical information on the ChiroCare website remains stable and has increased 5% from the previous year in the Top 2 Tiers.
The overall impression of ChiroCare has improved in the Top 2 Tiers, but the survey also shows opportunities to increase the value to providers through additional support and communication.

**RECOMMENDED FOCUS AREAS FOR 2018:**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**COMMUNICATION AREAS**

**OUTCOME AND EHR SUPPORT**

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<td>Top 2 Tiers</td>
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<td>How would you rate the overall performance of ChiroCare?</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<td>Availability of useful clinical information via Chirocare’s website? [Chirocare.com and ChiroCare connect?]</td>
<td>70%</td>
<td>91%</td>
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<td>25%</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>35%</td>
<td>74%</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>16%</td>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>77%</td>
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<td>Claims Payment</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>35%</td>
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<td>Customer Service</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Communications: Provider Bulletings, Letters, etc.</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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2017 was a year highlighted by significant revenue and membership growth for the organization. As Fulcrum positions itself for future growth, it is investing in best-in-class technologies and treatment decision support platforms to further its mission of providing high-quality, patient-centered care to its covered membership. This commitment of financial resources extends to our provider network as well as Fulcrum continues to develop innovative training and professional development resources for its network practitioners. These investments, while significant, are critical to ensuring the success of Fulcrum and strengthens the organization’s ability to continue to demonstrate its leadership position within the physical medicine space.
Managing our responsibilities to ensure a bright future
LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE

Great organizations offer a culture that embodies their brand, where stakeholders see the company’s true value and feel inspired to be a part of the journey. Our leadership team is dedicated to delivering innovation and excellence that guide and propel our nonprofit forward.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

PATRICIA DENNIS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Chief Executive Officer

MARGAUX WEINSTEIN, J.D., CHC
Chief Compliance & Privacy Officer

SHIREEN STONE, M.A.
Chief Operations Officer

JIM BRADLEY, PAHM®
Vice President of Sales and Marketing

VIVI-ANN FISCHER, D.C
Chief Clinical Officer

STEPHEN DE WEES, M.B.A.
Chief Financial & Security Officer

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

As a nonprofit organization, we are governed by our Bylaws and strategically led by our Board of Directors. This is the team that guides our mission.

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Leveraging Physical Medicine to Transform Health Care — expresses our vision of leading the health care industry away from a savings-per-transaction model into a new paradigm based on outcomes. As the industry strives to achieve the Triple Aim, we are helping doctors and insurers deliver on all three dimensions: cost, quality, and satisfaction.

MISSION
To improve the quality of life of our communities by delivering high-value health care networks and support services.

VISION
To be the leader in high-quality physical medicine networks.

VALUES
Excellence
We enable the highest level of care and service while maximizing outcomes, quality and cost-effectiveness.

Stewardship
We are responsible stewards of the resources we manage and make use of — with full transparency and collaboration.

Integrity
We are honest and responsible in conducting all aspects of our business. We adhere to the highest ethical standards and keep our promises.

Innovation
We are committed to sustained leadership in health care through innovation, creativity, continuous improvement, and lifelong learning.
OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
Membership growth is driving new business to our network, as existing customers add new products and expand geographically.

### CHIROCARE NETWORK GROWTH
(numbers are approximate)

**Network Geography (2017 Year End)**

Number of providers remained steady, while membership growth leveraged existing network.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Unique Providers</th>
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<td>2,200</td>
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Encouraging and opening opportunities for employees to volunteer contributes to building a vibrant, altruistic, team-centered culture. As a bonus, research shows that purpose- and values-driven organizations dramatically outperform the general market and comparison companies. Some of our recent activities include a holiday clothing drive and garden community clean-up.
In 2017, Fulcrum embarked on new initiatives to continue elevating the quality of our network through enhancements to our provider credentialing and utilization management programs. As public interest in drug-free pain management and physical medicine grows, Fulcrum Health is committed to leading the way in building bridges for integrative care.