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Report Calls for Public-Private Partnerships to Improve Health Care Part of a Seven-Point Agenda for Value-Based Health Care in Arizona.

PHOENIX, AZ — *Collaborate to Compete, A Prescription for Value-Based Health Care in Arizona*, the report released today by St. Luke's Health Initiatives (SLHI), calls for two major collaborative efforts in Arizona:

1. An Arizona Health Care Information Technology Innovation Fund to invest in health information technology and health information exchange.
2. The Arizona Healthy Communities Data Cooperative, to inform health care quality, community health planning, workforce planning, environmental planning and more.

"The more we link healthy behaviors, healthy communities and quality medical care, the greater the likelihood of getting the outcomes we want at the right system cost," said Roger Hughes, SLHI Executive Director. "The Fund will fuel critical projects, some of which are already in progress. The Cooperative will make strong links among existing and newly developed health data repositories."

As proposed, both efforts would be public-private partnerships. The publication also suggests a home for the Innovation Fund: the new Arizona Health-e Connection organization.

The two new efforts are part of a seven-step agenda outlined in the new report, along with analysis and Arizona health care scenarios for the year 2030.

The complete *Collaborate to Compete* report is available from SLHI or can be accessed on the web at http://www.slhi.org/publications/policy_primers/index.shtm

About SLHI

Established in 1995, St. Luke's Health Initiatives (SLHI) is a Phoenix-based public foundation focused on Arizona health policy and strength-based community development. For additional information, please visit www.slhi.org.

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