



# City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

## Agenda - Final-revised Healthy Neighborhoods

*Chairperson, Jan-Michele Kearney*  
*Vice Chairperson, Victoria Parks*  
*Councilmember Anna Albi*  
*Councilmember Scotty Johnson*

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024

12:30 PM

Council Chambers, Room 300

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### PRESENTATIONS

#### Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC)

Vashti Rutledge, Executive Director

#### Controlling Blood Pressure

Cincinnati Health Department

### AGENDA

- [202400761](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** that the Department of Planning and Community Engagement convene the Naming Committee to begin the process of changing the permanent name of Bank Street in the West End to Rep. William L. Mallory Street. (STATEMENT ATTACHED).  
  
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**Sponsors:** Walsh

**Attachments:**    [Transmittal](#)  
                              [Ordinance](#)

4.    [202400908](#)    **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Vashti Rutledge, Executive Director of Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC) dated 3/19/2024, regarding Boots on the Ground Year in Review.

**Sponsors:**        Kearney

**Attachments:**    [Presentation](#)

5.    [202400907](#)    **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, dated 3/19/2024, regarding Improving Blood Pressure Control in Underserved Population.

**Sponsors:**        City Manager

**Attachments:**    [Transmittal](#)  
                              [Presentation](#)

ADJOURNMENT



202400761

**Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney**  
*Vice Mayor*

March 4, 2024

## MOTION

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Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney

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## STATEMENT

Former Ohio legislator William L. Mallory, who was the state's first Black House Majority Leader and longest-serving in its history.

Elected to the Ohio House in 1966, the Rep. Mallory served 28 years in the Legislature, with two decades as the Democratic leader in the House.

The Cincinnati native worked his way through Central State University, then held various jobs including juvenile court employee, welfare case worker and highway inspector. He taught in Cincinnati Public Schools and was a leader in the city's West End neighborhood.

As a legislator, he pushed successfully for drug prevention efforts, more public transportation, senior citizen issues and civil rights. After leaving the Legislature, he served on the Ohio Elections Commission, founded a nonprofit center for community development in Cincinnati, and taught political science and African American studies at the University of Cincinnati.

The son of a laborer and domestic worker, Mallory had an early interest in politics, reading

newspaper opinion pages and talking politics with Black city councilman R.P. McClain, according to the Cincinnati History Library and Archives. He was in student government in high school, while working a variety of jobs before dropping out to help support his family.

He later resumed his education and then went to Central State. There, he met his future wife, Frannie, and they were married in 1955. Mallory graduated with honors with a major in elementary education. He helped pay his way by painting dormitories and working in the school cafeteria.

Mallory was elected president of the West End Community Council in 1965, leading to his election to the House the next year. Eight years later, he was elected majority floor leader. By his retirement in 1994, he had become the longest-serving majority leader and longest-serving Ohio representative from Hamilton County.

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2024 00836

**Date:** March 13, 2024

**To:** Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney  
**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *ESW*  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Honorary Street Renaming – Allen Temple AME Church**

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**DECLARING** that Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Allen Temple AME Church Way” in honor of Allen Temple AME Church and in recognition of 200 years as an important part of the Cincinnati community and its service and contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

ESW/JRS(dmm)  
Attachment  
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EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

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EESW

An Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2024

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WHEREAS, Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal (“AME”) Church was founded on February 4, 1824 by African Americans Reverend James King (a slave) and Reverend Phillip Brodie and it has served the Cincinnati community through its ministries for the last 200 years; and

WHEREAS, Allen Temple AME Church was the first organized Black congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains and provided more freedom and autonomy for worship while influencing positive change toward racial equality and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, in 1874, the Allen Temple AME Church was located at the corner of Broadway and 6th Street in downtown Cincinnati, and eventually moved to the Roselawn neighborhood in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, under the leadership of Reverend Donald H. Jordan, Sr., Allen Temple AME Church initiated the formation of the Allen Temple Real Estate Foundation to acquire and operate the Swifton Commons Mall; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of the Allen Temple AME Church relocated to a temporary worship center on its site in the Bond Hill neighborhood in 2000, to prepare itself for future church growth, as well as be a primary catalyst for neighborhood and economic redevelopment for the Bond Hill and Roselawn neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Allen Temple AME Church moved to its current iconic location at the corner of Seymour Avenue and Reading Road, which was designed and built as a new facility; and

WHEREAS, Allen Temple AME Church has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and its long and storied history in the City of Cincinnati will long be remembered; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Allen Temple AME Church Way” in honor of

Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church and in recognition of its 200 years of contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate Seymour Avenue at Reading Road in the Bond Hill neighborhood as “Allen Temple AME Church Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the Allen Temple AME Church via the office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk



202400838

**Date:** March 13, 2023

**To:** Councilmember Seth Walsh

**From:** Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor *EESW*

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Honorary Street Renaming – Theatre Row**

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EESW/JRS(dmm)  
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City of Cincinnati

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EESW

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- 2024

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WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati, steeped in its illustrious history, has steadfastly championed a diverse array of arts, recognizing and valuing the profound cultural impact and significance they contribute to the City; and

WHEREAS, the vibrant 12th Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood stands as a hub for cultural expression, hosting renowned theatres and arts institutions such as Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, Know Theatre, and the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati, earning the impressive 11th spot on the Top 40 Arts-Vibrant Communities of 2023 by SMU DataArts, soared from its previous 20th ranking; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati’s unwavering dedication to theatre and the arts has propelled it into the prestigious list of the top 50 Best Places to Live, as recognized by U.S News; and

WHEREAS, the abundance of theatres in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood and throughout the City has firmly established Cincinnati as a preeminent community for arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, Council seeks to acknowledge the profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the City’s theatres and artists, commending the arts community for its resilience in navigating the challenges posed by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, amid the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, all four theatres on 12th Street remained open, demonstrating remarkable perseverance as they reconstructed their patron and donor bases, infused crucial social progress into their programs, and extended their positive influence on the community; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to honor the historical and cultural significance of its artistic community and institutions, hereby bestowing the honorary and secondary name of “Theatre Row” upon 12th Street at Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That 12th Street at Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Theatre Row” in honor of City’s artistic

community and in recognition of the many theatres in the City of Cincinnati and their struggle and perseverance during the COVID-19 pandemic including the Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, Know Theatre, and The Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate 12th Street at Vine Street in the Over-the-Rhine as “Theatre Row” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

# Madisonville Education and Assistance Center

▶ BOOTS ON THE GROUND-YEAR IN REVIEW

▶ VASHTI RUTLEDGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Mission & Vision

### **Mission**

To provide education, services, and assistance that empowers neighbors to reach their goals and thrive.

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### **Vision**

To have a community where all neighbors needs are met.

# MEAC 2023 in Review

MEAC served 1320  
unduplicated individuals

30% of MEAC's 593  
household were new to  
MEAC during the year

MEAC provided Emergency  
Financial Assistance to 96  
individuals to avoid crises  
including eviction,  
foreclosure, and utility shut-  
offs

We had over 2000 shopping  
visits to our MEAC  
Marketplace Food Pantry





# MEAC Marketplace

a choice food pantry

- ▶ Choice Matters
  - ▶ Neighbors deserve the respect and dignity to choose foods that meet their dietary needs and taste preferences
- ▶ Safety Matters
  - ▶ MEAC's Marketplace developed a "click-list" type ordering process to allow neighbors choice while providing safe environment for both volunteers, staff, and shoppers
- ▶ Community Matters
  - ▶ Neighbors have access to resources from Community partners while they wait for their order to be completed

# MEAC Marketplace

There were 2061 visits to the MEAC Marketplace last year

Neighbors can shop one time per month for a variety of shelf stable, fresh produce, meat and fish, and personal care items

The average Marketplace visitor shopped 4 times during the year

33 neighbors required an additional Emergency Food box to help them until their next monthly shopping trip.



# Boots on the Ground

- ▶ In case of Emergency.....
  - ▶ When the shelves are almost empty
  - ▶ Food costs are on the rise
  - ▶ The need keeps growing every month

## **Boots on the Ground do the work**

The funding from Boots on the Ground and the support of our Community partners allowed MEAC to serve every neighbor without cutting the volume of food

March 19, 2024

**To:** Members of the Healthy Neighborhoods Committee 202400907  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** Presentation – **Improving Blood Pressure Control in Underserved Population**

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Attached is a presentation regarding Improving Blood Pressure Control in Underserved Population.

# Controlling BP in an underserved population in Cincinnati

**Team Leader: Meron Hirpa, MD**

**Team Members:**

Stephanie Courtney, PhD

David Miller, PharmD

Jonathan Burns, PharmD

Tanara Ellis, PharmD

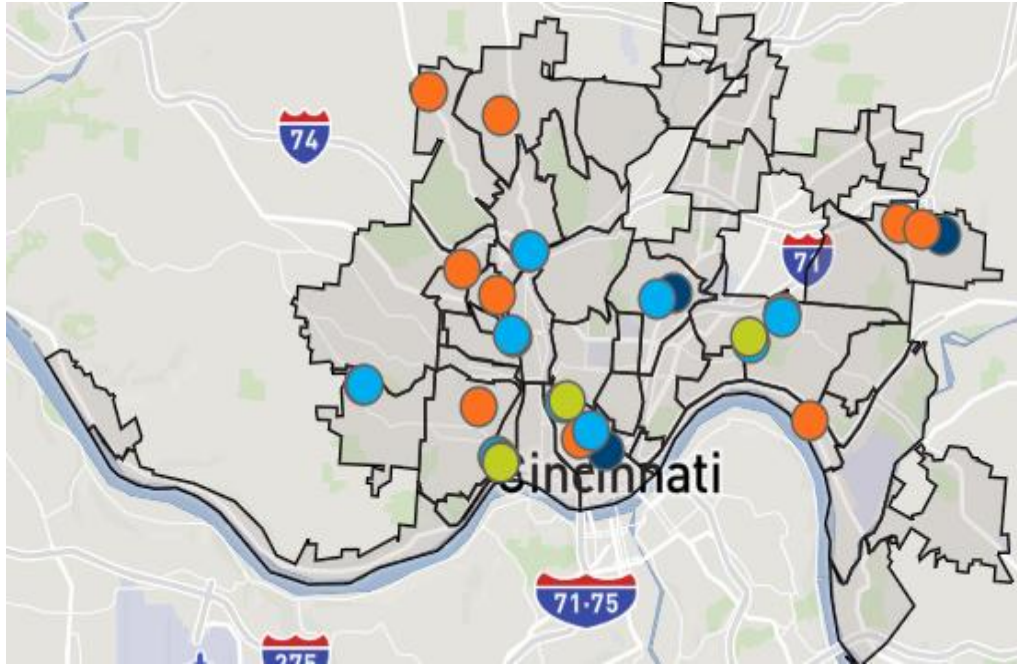
Janie Hils, MPH

**QI Project Start Date: February 2021**

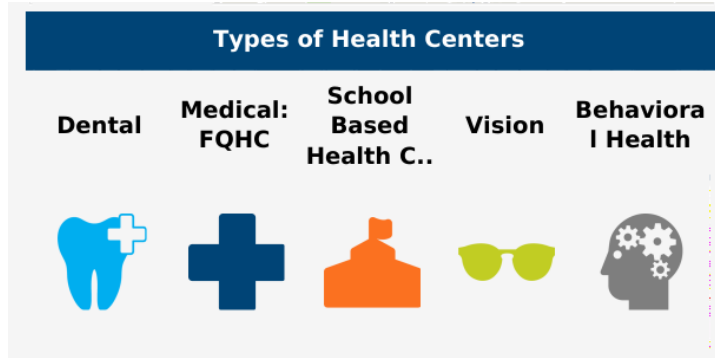
City of Cincinnati Health Committee Meeting

March 19, 2024

# Setting: Cincinnati Health Department



- Federally Qualified Health Center
- City of Cincinnati Primary Care
- Division of the Cincinnati Health Department
  - 6 Primary Care Centers
  - 6 Pharmacy Locations
  - 13 School Based Health Centers
  - 5 Dental Centers



# Magnitude of the Hypertension Problem

- Nearly half of adults (47% or 116 million) in the United States have hypertension<sup>1</sup>.
- Most adults with hypertension in the United States (92.1 million) do not have their hypertension under control<sup>2</sup>.
- Hypertension is more prevalent in non-Hispanic black adults (56%) when compared to non-Hispanic white adults (48%), non-Hispanic Asian adults (46%), or Hispanic adults (39%)<sup>3</sup>.

1. "Facts about Hypertension." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 27 Sept. 2021, <https://www.cdc.gov/bloodpressure/facts.htm>.

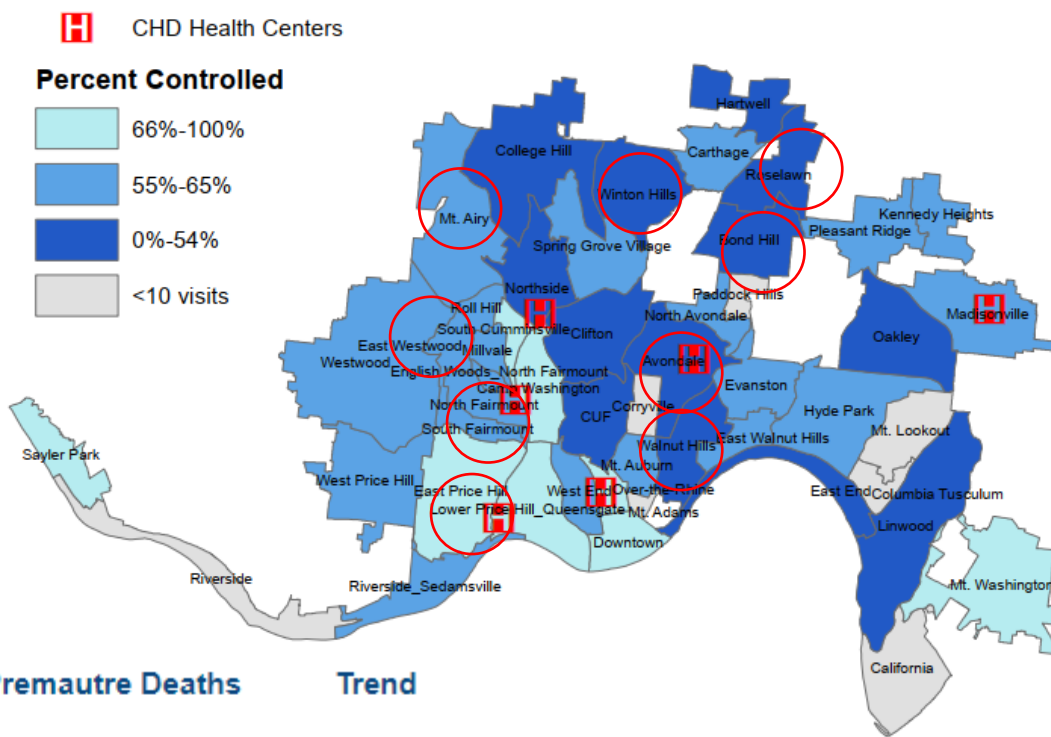
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3. *Racial Differences in High Blood Pressure*. (2017). [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Retrieved January 9, 2022, from <https://www.heart.org/en/news/2018/05/01/more-than-half-of-all-african-americans-have-high-blood-pressure-under-new-diagnostic-guidelines>.

# How well controlled our patients were in 2020 by where they live

○ = Neighborhoods experiencing the most excess years of life lost from heart disease

Cincinnati Health Department Controlled Hypertension 2020



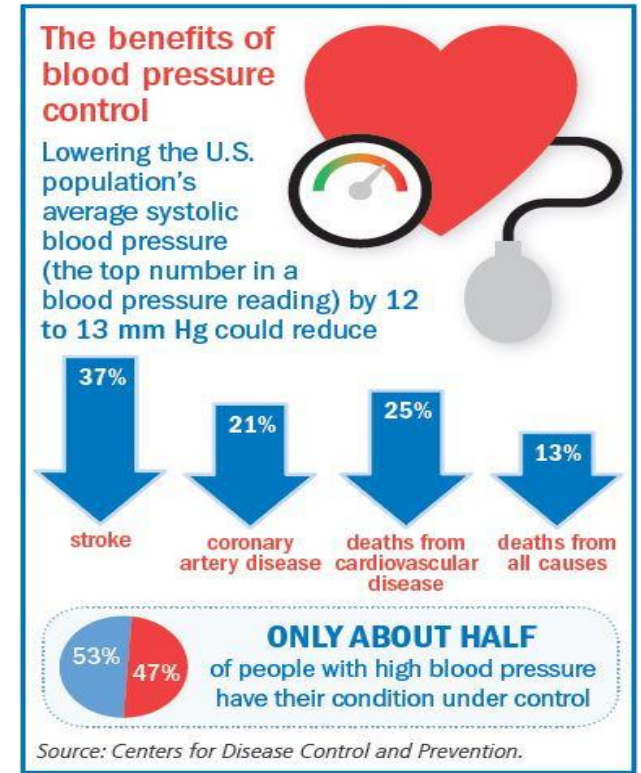
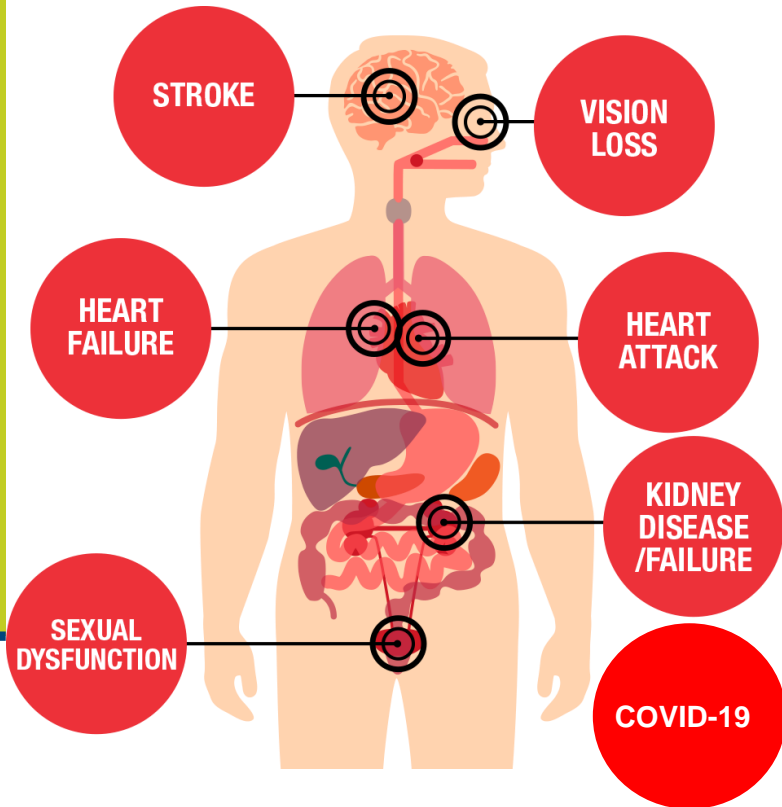
Neighborhood	Excess Years of Life Lost	#Premature Deaths
Roselawn	390	62
East Price Hill	343	91
Avondale	299	66
Walnut Hills	270	44
Westwood	245	154
Over-the-Rhine	219	29
Bond Hill	215	50
Winton Hills	209	28
West End	193	43
Mt. Airy	183	44
South Fairmount	157	19
West Price Hill	143	91
Camp Washington	142	10
East Westwood	142	24
English Woods_North Fairmount	120	<10
South Cumminsville	102	<10
Northside	90	30
Riverside_Sedamsville	89	11
Riverside	78	<10
North Avondale	77	13
Spring Grove Village	59	10
Corryville	56	<10
North Fairmount	56	11
Millvale	49	<10
Evanston	45	35
Downtown	43	12
East End	42	<10
Kennedy Heights	37	20
Linwood	34	<10
Hartwell	27	26
Mt. Adams	21	<10
California	21	<10
Lower Price Hill_Queensgate	20	<10
College Hill	19	74
Carthage	17	<10
Mt. Auburn	15	18

## Cincinnati top causes of life expectancy disparity 2020-2023

Cause of Death	Excess Years of Life Lost	#Premature Deaths	Trend
Drug overdose	7,004	752	—
Infant mortality	5,225	162	—
Assault (homicide)	4,649	262	—
Diseases of heart	4,309	1,332	—



# Why should we care about improving HTN Control?



Health threats from High Blood Pressure.(2016) [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Retrieved January 9, 2022, from <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/high-blood-pressure/health-threats-from-high-blood-pressure>.

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# How does this work support public Health in Cincinnati?

- CCPC patients are an underserved population with many barriers in social determinants of health
- Improving rates of hypertension control among CCPC patients reduces our patients' risk for heart disease and stroke, two leading causes of death for Americans.
- Improving rates of hypertension control among CCPC patients directly addresses the #4 cause of neighborhood life expectancy disparities in Cincinnati



# AIM of the QI Project

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- To increase the percentage of patients age 18-85 with controlled hypertension (BP lower than 140/90) from a median of 58% to 72% across all CHD health centers.
  - Exclusions: ESRD, dialysis, renal transplant and hospice care

# AMA M.A.P Quality Improvement Framework

**Measure accurately**

**Act rapidly**

**Partner with patients**

**M**

## **Increase BP measurement accuracy**

- ✓ Incorporate standardized patient positioning
- ✓ Use upper arm BP automated measurement devices validated for clinical accuracy and calibrated regularly
- ✓ Implement standardized measurement protocol (screen and confirm approach)

**A**

## **Adopt standardized, evidence-based protocols for treating hypertension**

- ✓ Use an evidence-based treatment protocol
- ✓ Frequent, follow-up visits until blood pressure is controlled
- ✓ Single-pill combination therapy to treat when possible

**P**

## **Promote patient self-management**

- ✓ Incorporate self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) education, tools and resources for patients
- ✓ Encourage healthy lifestyle changes to improve BP control
- ✓ Assess and address medication and treatment non-adherence
- ✓ Use collaborative communication

# Gaps in Hypertension Control



## ■ Environmental/Societal Factors

- Limited access to healthcare
- Limited access to nutritious foods and recreation
- Lack of transportation
- Inadequate community resources
- Poor living and working conditions
- Housing instability
- Segregation and discrimination
- Limited access to quality education
- Limited media and technology access



## ■ Patient Factors

- Low health literacy
- Treatment non-adherence
- Unhealthy lifestyle choices
- Loss to follow up
- Mental illness
- Poor social support



## ■ Physician/Provider Factors

- Competing priorities/time
- Clinical inertia
- Not using evidence-based treatment protocols
- Knowledge gap
- Providing limited access to patients



## ■ Health System Factors

- Inaccurate BP Measurement protocols
- Practice resource constraints
- Lack of organizational priority

# Change Package

- 1. Repeat Elevated BP (Measure Accurately)
- 2. Address Uncontrolled HTN at each visit (Act Rapidly)
- 3. Frequent follow up within 6 weeks (Act Rapidly)
- 4. Incorporate self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) and healthy lifestyle changes to improve BP control (Partner with patients)

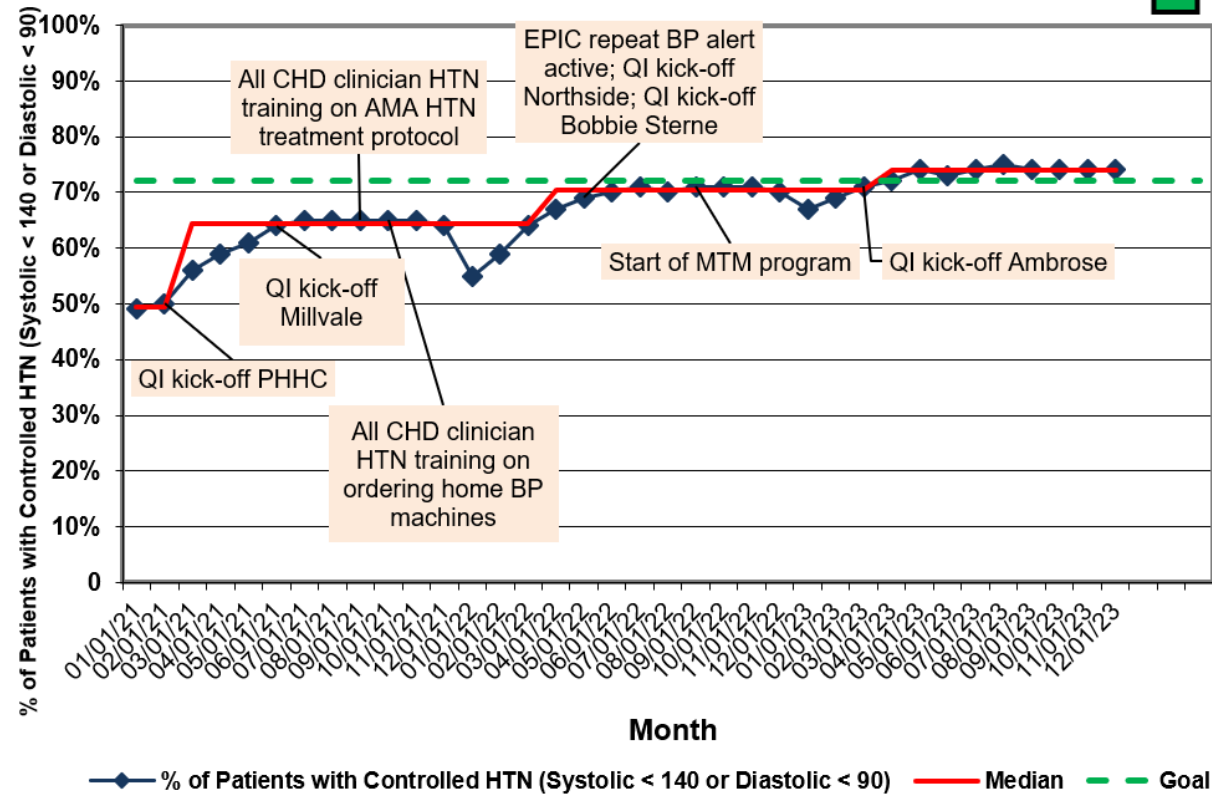




# System Transformation Approach: HTN Control Across All CHD Clinics with Population Level Data



## HTN Control Across All CHD Clinics

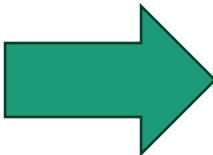
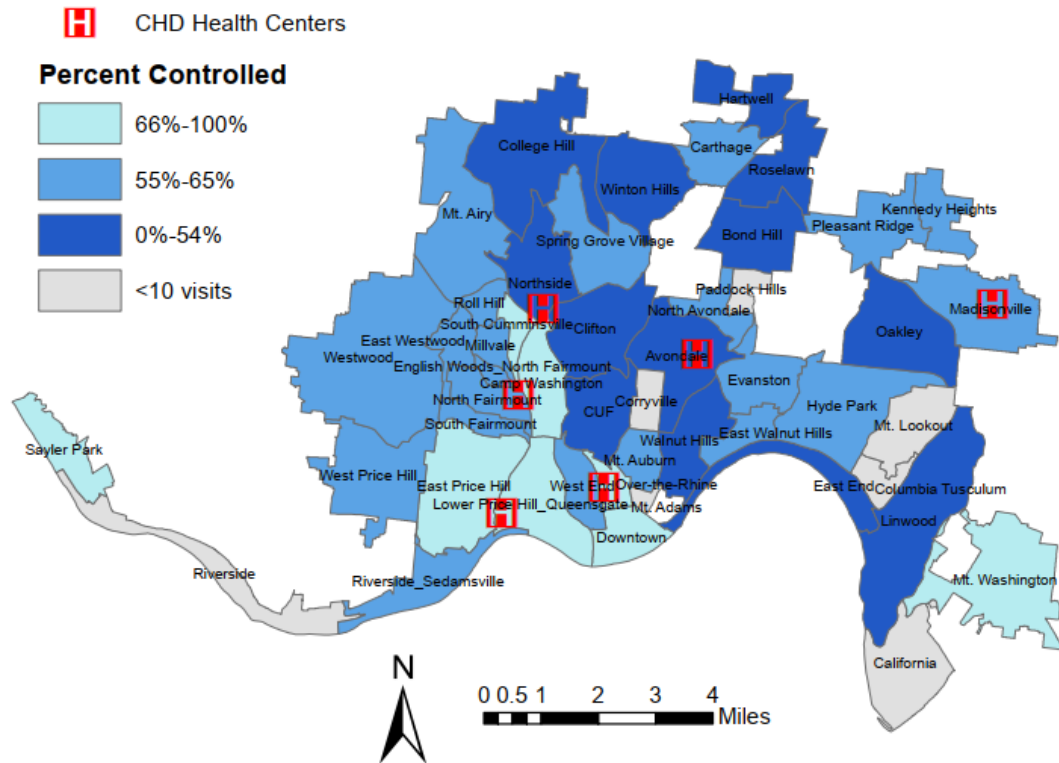



- Increased UDS Hypertension Control system wide from **58%** to **74%** in 3 year period.

CCPC SYSTEM LEVEL UDS PERFORMANCE 2023																	
Optimal Direction	2020	2021	2022	CCPC Goal	UDS Measure Monthly 2021	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
↑	58%	66%	70%	72%	Controlling High Blood Pressure	67%	69%	71%	72%	74%	73%	74%	75%	74%	74%	74%	74%

# Change in Hypertension Control in CHD patients by Neighborhood, 2020 to 2023

Cincinnati Health Department Controlled Hypertension  
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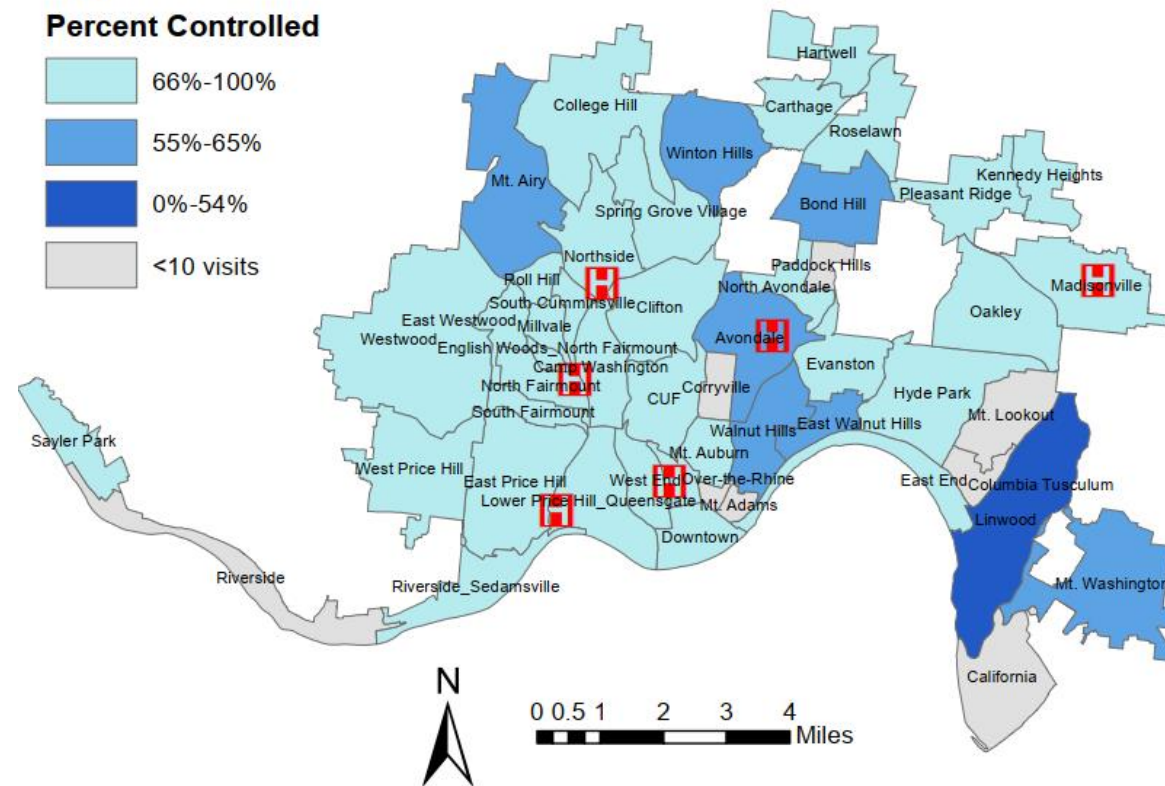
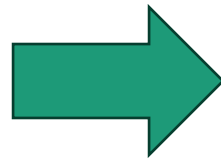
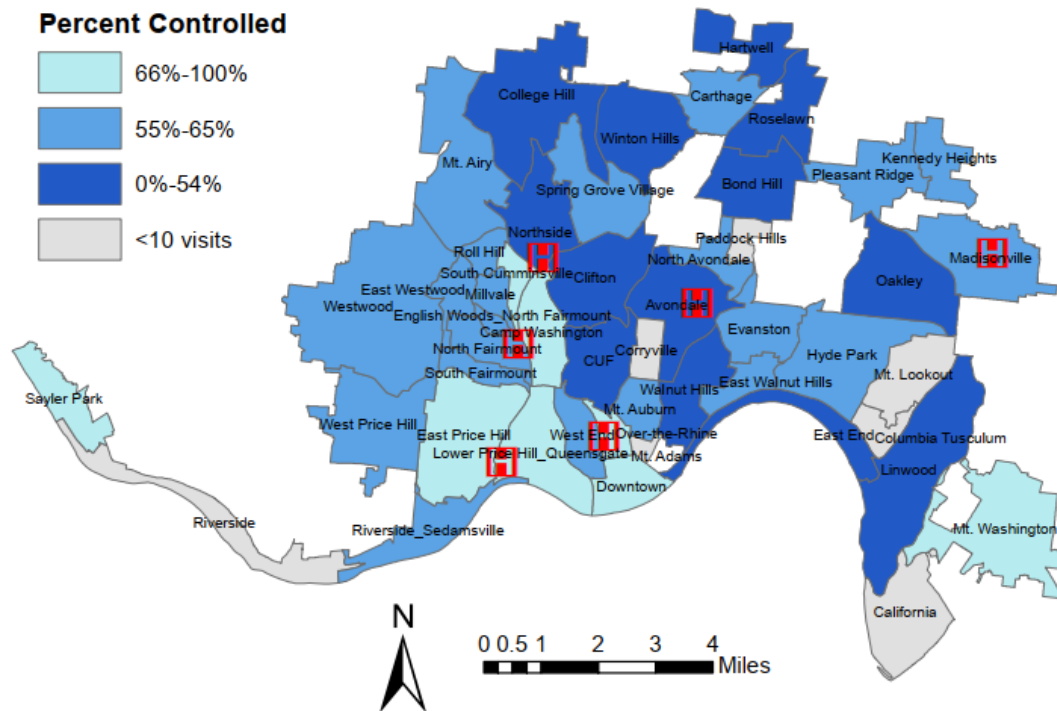
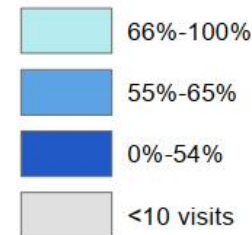
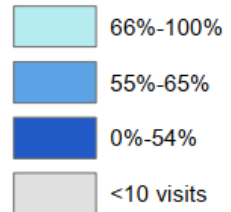
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
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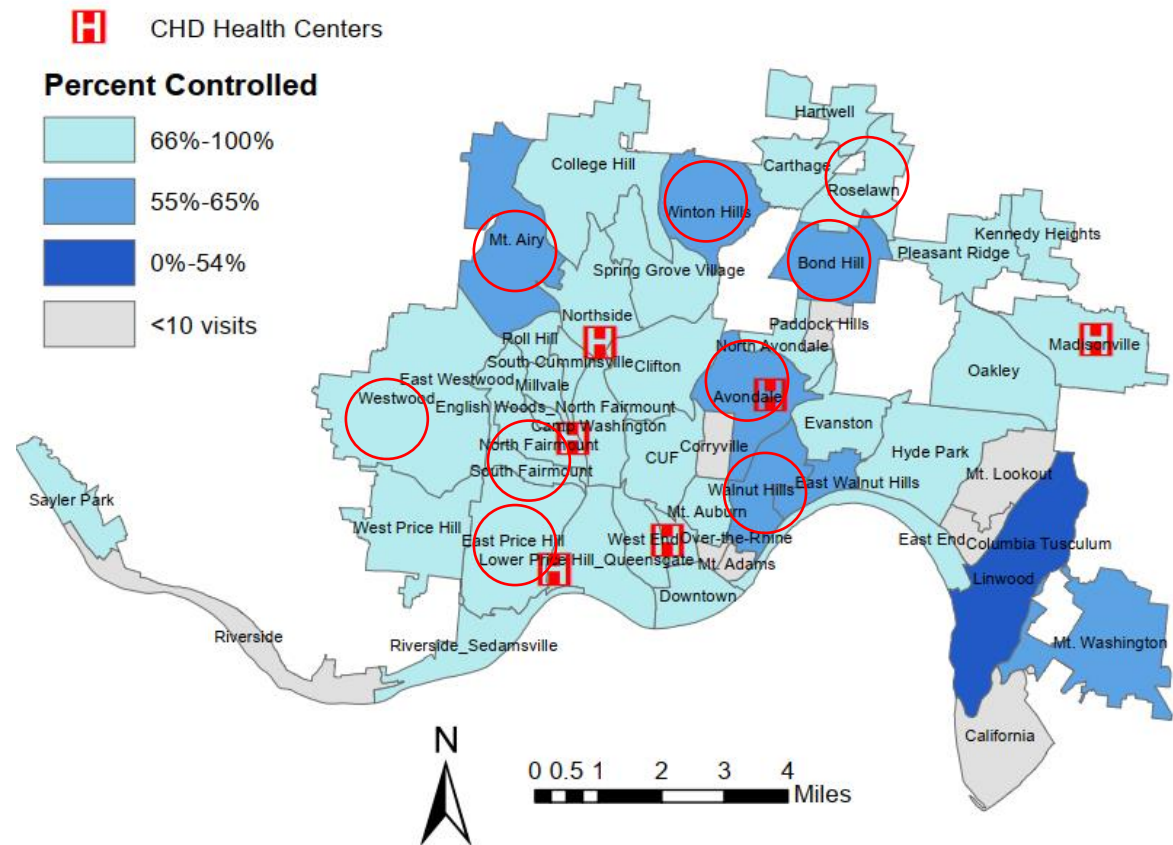
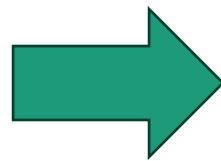
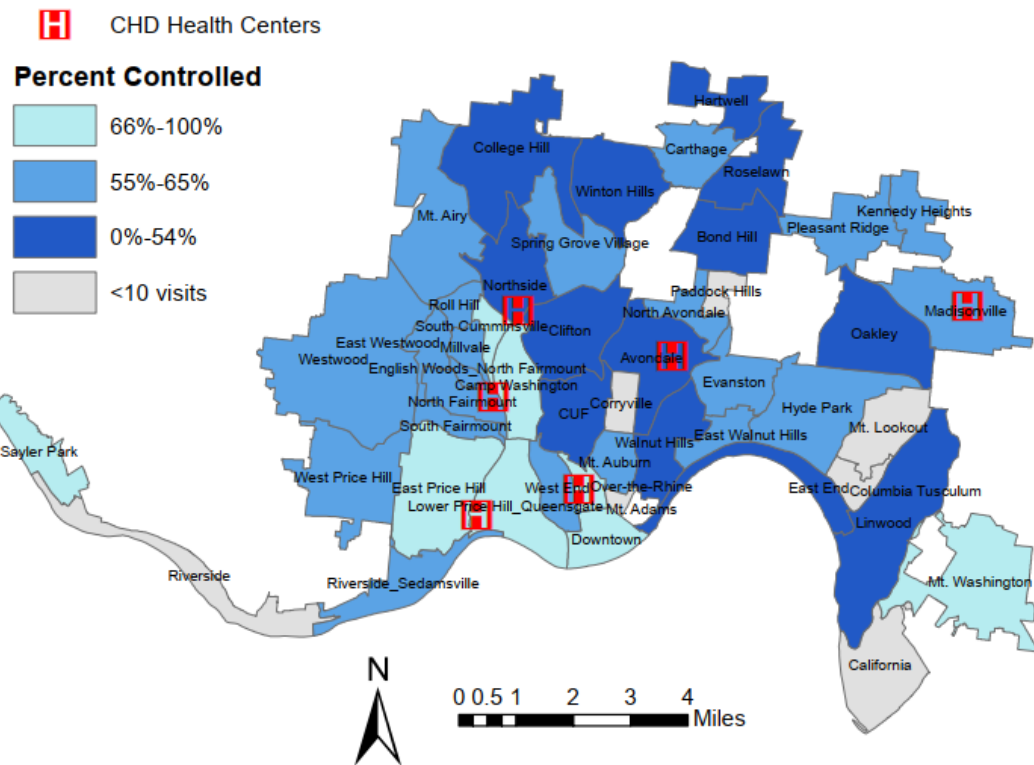



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# Summary

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- Hypertension is widely prevalent in the United States and disproportionately affects non-Hispanic Blacks.
- Most adults in the United States have uncontrolled hypertension which has enormous medical, economic, and human costs.
- Hypertension control can be improved by adoption of QI strategies that focus on accurate blood pressure measurement, use of evidence-based treatment protocols and patient self-monitoring of blood pressure.

# AMA & AHA Recognize CHD for HTN Control



TARGET:BP™

**City of Cincinnati Primary Care**  
Cincinnati, OH

In recognition for your commitment to improving blood pressure control through accurate measurement among your adult patients.



TARGET:BP™

**City of Cincinnati Primary Care**  
Cincinnati, Ohio

In recognition for achieving 70% or greater blood pressure control and committing to accurate measurement among your adult patients.



# Key Next Steps:



Spread

- Spread work internally from 4 to all health centers.



- Disseminate findings: Apply lessons learned to future work to reduce life expectancy disparities due to cardiovascular disease in Cincinnati

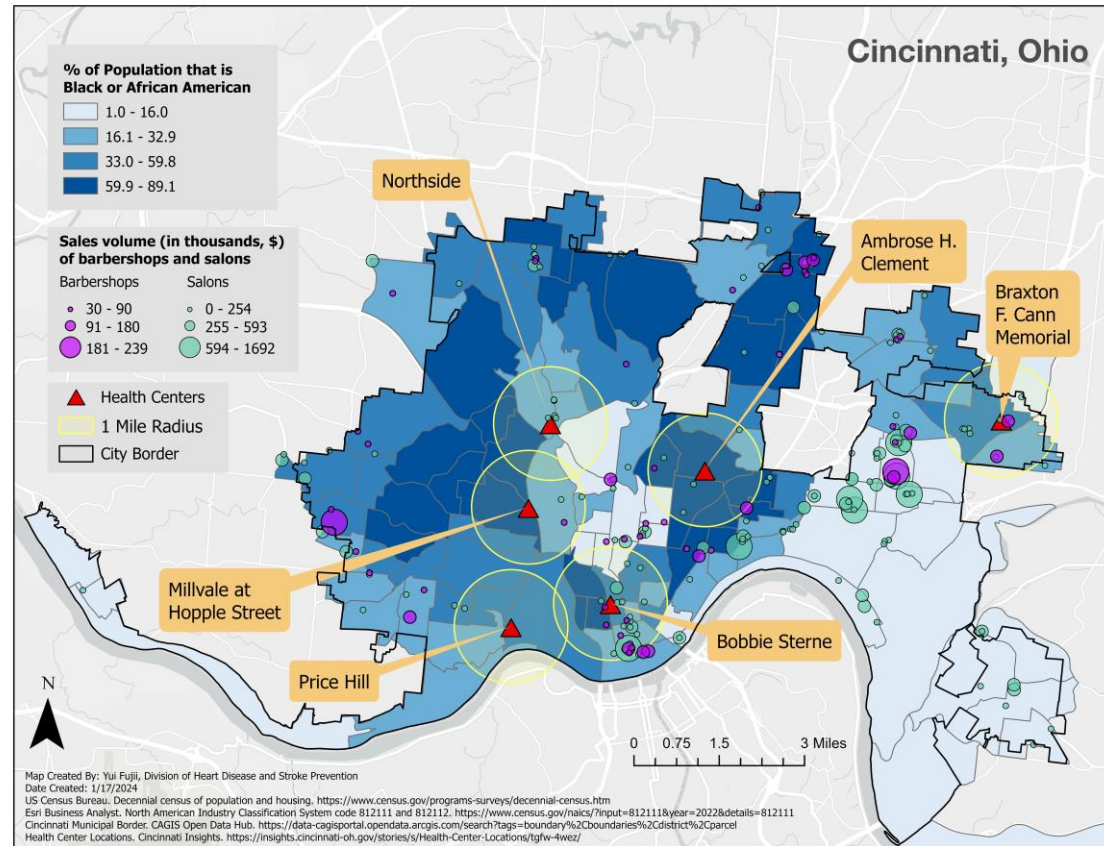


- Collaborate with Local Partners, including the University of Cincinnati and the Health Collaborative

# Key Next Steps:



- Partnership with NACHC on Hypertension Medication Management (HMM) in Trusted Spaces for African American Adults with Hypertension (Barbershop HMM Project).



# Questions?

