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## **MCW, Greater Milwaukee Foundation look to partner on central city hub**

The Greater Milwaukee Foundation and Medical College of Wisconsin are considering a partnership that aims to address health disparities in Milwaukee by co-locating foundation staff and some MCW departments and programs in the central city.

The Flourishing Lives Initiative will serve as a hub to advance community health, development, affordable housing, education and other initiatives, according to a Thursday statement.

"This collaboration aligns our missions and will spark catalytic changes in the community through addressing social, economic and environmental factors that are key to improving health," MCW CEO Dr. John Raymond said in a statement.

The two are considering several potential sites located north of downtown Milwaukee and are planning to invite community residents to participate in the process.

MCW and the foundation plan to have their boards consider their recommendation in early 2019.

"The missions of the Foundation and the Medical College of Wisconsin complement one another well," said Ellen Gilligan, foundation president. "We look forward to applying our respective expertise and knowledge for greater collective impact."