



Lauran Hardin MSN, CNL, FNAP, FAAN  
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Lauran Hardin recently joined the Illumination Foundation as Senior Advisor, scaling National Initiatives for underserved populations. For the past six years, she was the Senior Advisor for the Camden Coalition's National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs, partnering with communities, health systems and payers to co-design models and interventions for complex populations.

Hardin's past work includes developing an award-winning Complex Care model that creates better patient navigation, decreased hospitalizations and costs for vulnerable populations. Aspects of the care model were implemented in more than twenty Trinity Health sites in both rural and urban communities across six states. The model was recognized as an exemplary practice in the National Academy of Medicine Future of Nursing Report 2020-2030.

She partnered with the Adventist Health system to co-design population health strategy and a cross-sector community-based equity ecosystem model called Project Restoration.

Previous projects include working with the State of Vermont to develop statewide interprofessional community-based complex care teams, co-designing a model for uninsured patients in Memphis, creating a city-wide collaborative model for behavioral health and substance use populations in St. Louis, and co-designing a complex populations model for a multi-state payer.

Hardin earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Detroit Mercy, with certifications as a Clinical Nurse Leader, Pain Management, and Hospice. She trained as a facilitator with the Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Center, spent several years working in hospice, and co-developed the first Pain and Palliative Care service in the West Michigan region.

Hardin was named AARP Culture of Health Scholar in January of 2017 and earned "Edge Runner" recognition from the American Academy of Nursing and was named Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice in 2018 and Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2019. She was recently appointed as the first nurse representative and Vice Chair of the U.S. Government Accountability Office's Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC).