This project was the new construction of the 88,000 square-foot Health Innovation Center ("HIC"), which is located in a highly distressed area of Williamsport, PA. It is part of a broader expansion project of the Susquehanna Health System that also includes an expanded cancer treatment center, energy service center, and a new patient tower. The HIC, which is connected to the Williamsport Regional Medical Center, houses a Family Medicine Residency, OB/GYN practices and a Joint and Spine Center. The HIC is designed to be a key medical link to low income community servicing and outreach in inner-city Williamsport. The HIC’s location and inclusion of targeted healthcare services enables vulnerable patients, particularly those with limited transportation options, to more conveniently access a broad spectrum of high-demand services in one location.

The project is expected to create nine and retain ninety direct permanent jobs in the community, which has a poverty rate of 43.6%, a median family income of 38.25% of the area median family income and an unemployment rate of 17.9%. Furthermore, per the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health bureau of Health Planning, the number of physicians in Lycoming County is significantly lower than the state average. The family residency program helps train more doctors to alleviate the dearth of physicians in the County’s medically underserved areas.

Commonwealth Cornerstone Group, PNC Community Partners, and Community Hospitality Healthcare Services provided a combined $18 million in NMTC allocation, which resulted in QLICI loans of $17.6 million, $5.02 million of which is attributed to NMTC equity.