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Impacting the Cascade: Drilling Down Data to Improve Patient Care

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Welcome!Welcome!Welcome!



Can “Better Become Best?”

Results

What is Best? Is it 75% 85% 95% 100%

Process

What is the “Best” Continuous Quality Improvement Process?



Outcomes

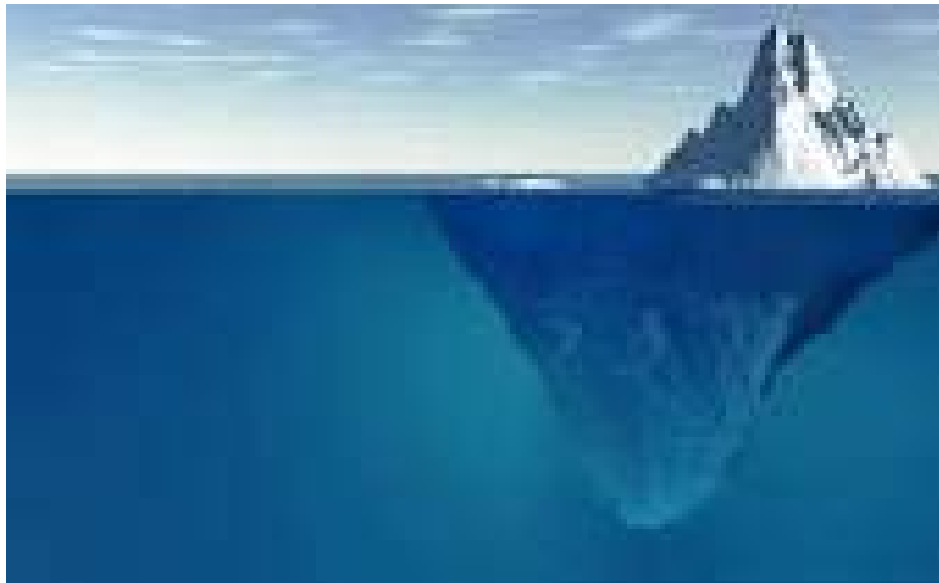
- Understand a tested process improvement intervention to using drilled down data to increase VL suppression (and retention).
- Share results across multiple states and from several RW programs with varying caseload sizes.

Overview

- Rationale
- How to drill down data
- Interventions: Targeted interventions to improve Care and MCM Coordination
- Results
- Key Learnings
- Large Group Q&A

Drilling Down Data – WHY?

To have an in-depth understanding of patient barriers to care



Which comes first? Analysis of

Disparity Data

or

Patient Level Reasons





Use of drilled down data by MDTs to target interventions to increase VL suppression across multiple states – 10 RWHAPs
Caseload range: 150 - 4,000
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How to Drill Down Data

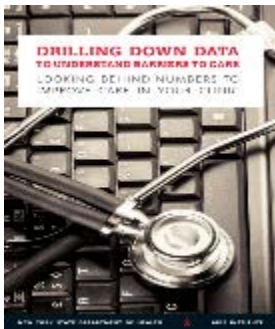
Who are the 20% - 30%? How To Find Out?



What is Drilling Down the Data?



It is a process of analyzing your patient care data in increasing detail to understand who is meeting performance measures and who is not



The information on these slides are taken from and adapted from NYSDOH AIDS Institute, “Drilling Down Data To Understand Barriers to Care,” 2/2015. For more information: hivguidelines.org

Why Drill Down the Data?

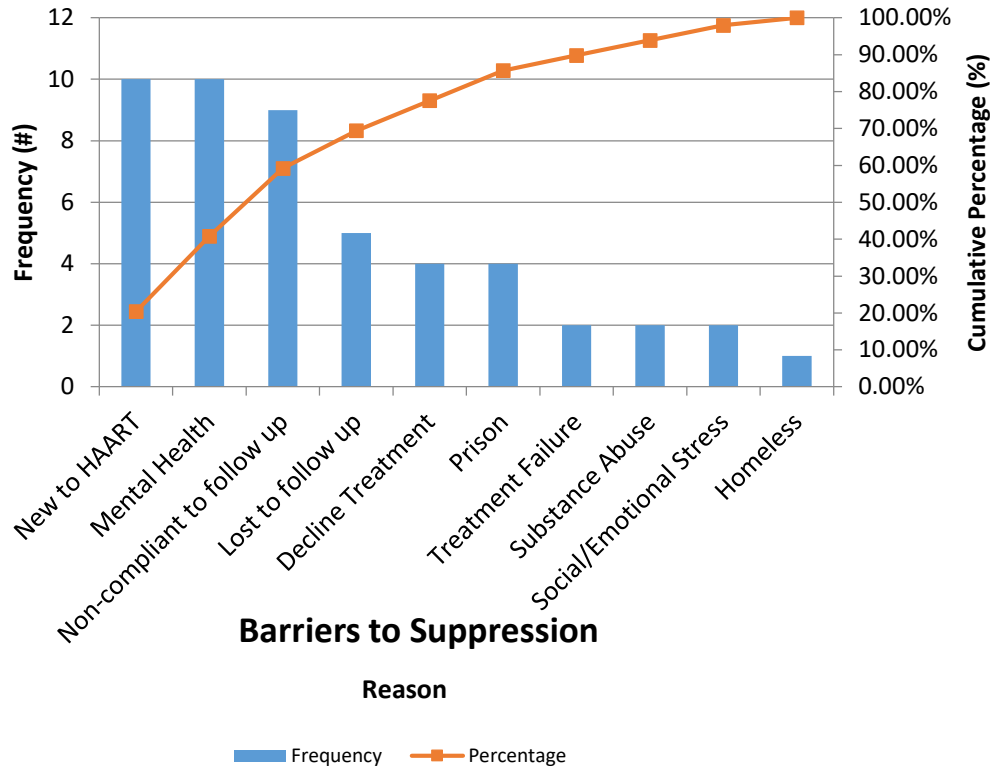
- Helps identify barriers to care
- Helps look beyond the numbers
- Helps identify areas for improvement
- Encourages involvement from all clinic team members
- Helps to improve care in the clinic



Four Steps to Drilling Down the Data

1. Develop a list of patients who do not meet the defined criteria (not suppressed) of your measure
2. Identify reasons why each patient is not during a Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) with everyone participating
3. Tally the reasons
4. Develop targeted follow-up plans to address the most common or relevant issues by staff members agreed upon during the MDT meeting

Two Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs (RWHAP) E. Pennsylvania and Mississippi



Reasons	Total
Non-Compliant	15
Newly Enrolled	9
Mental Health	6
Transferred	6
Re-Entered Care/Meds Restarted	3
Waiting on Lab Results	3
Deceased	1
Resistant	1
Other	1 (incarcerated)

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Prioritization Strategies – By Disparity Group

Key Populations

Key Population	Barrier	# of Patients
Men Who Have Sex with Men	Transportation	4
	Unstable Housing	6
	Insurance	1
	Disclosure Issues	11
	Refuses Treatment	1

Mississippi Statewide Barriers Root Causes for Non Suppression

5 RW Programs

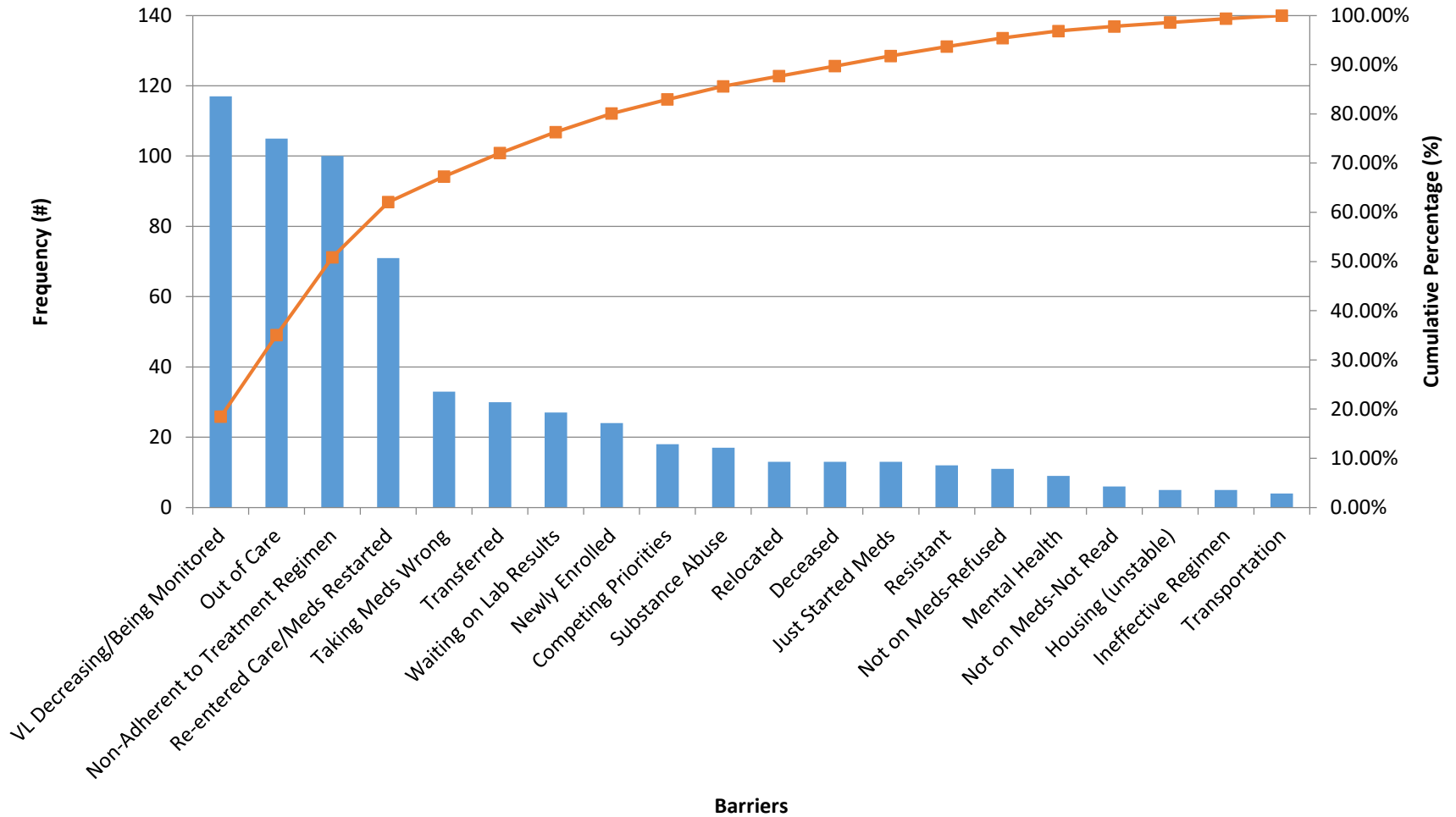
Total HIV caseload:

Total non suppressed <200:

633 patients – 56* = 577

Reasons	Total
Non-Adherent to Treatment Regimen	100
Not on Meds- Refused	11
Not on Meds- Not Ready	6
Ineffective Regimen	5
Resistant	12
Re-entered Care/Meds Restarted	71
Taking Meds Wrong	33
Waiting on Lab Results	27
Transferred*	30
Relocated*	13
Deceased*	13
Out of Care	105
Just Started Meds	13
VL Decreasing/Being Monitored	117
Newly Enrolled	24
Substance Abuse	17
Mental Health	9
Competing Priorities	18
Housing (Unstable):	5
Transportation	4

Mississippi Statewide Barriers to Suppression



Step 4: Develop a Targeted Follow-Up Plan

1. Using data from steps 2 and 3, identify that are most critical to patient health and that affect most patients
2. Develop a plan to address these issues
3. Consider prioritizing your follow-up by examining the needs of key populations or by individual patients
4. Report out the progress/status of patients at multidisciplinary team meetings
5. Document.



Benefits

1. Your clinic will be able to serve those most in need by tailoring activities to best meet those needs
2. Your clinic will be more likely to achieve improvement
3. Your clinic can target resources more wisely
4. Foster ongoing relationships with patients by meeting their needs
5. Improve overall engagement in care

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Targeting Interventions to Improve Care and Case Management Coordination

QI Process

- Continuous use of drilled down data by a multidisciplinary team
- Target patient or sub population level interventions
- Continuous measurement of results to effect outcomes
- Continuous tweaking of managing coordination of interventions

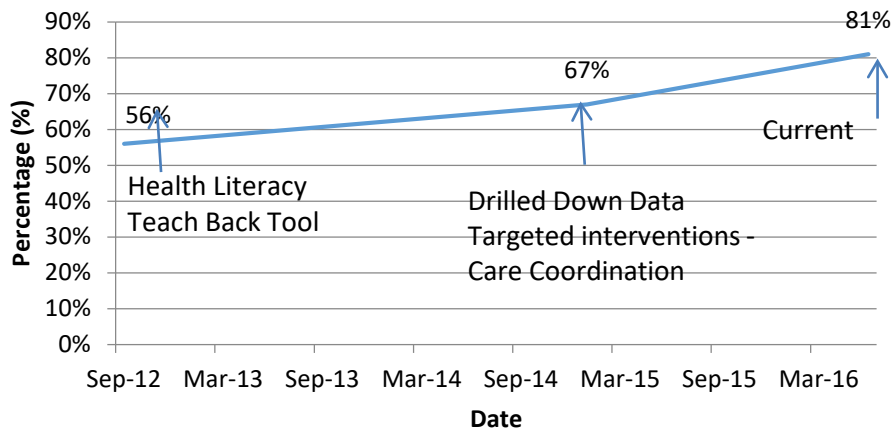
Increasing Viral Load Suppression Rates

Reasons	Total
Non-Compliant	15
Resistant	1
Re-Entered Care/Meds Restarted	3
Waiting on Lab Results	3
Transferred	6
Deceased	1
Mental Health	6
Newly Enrolled	9
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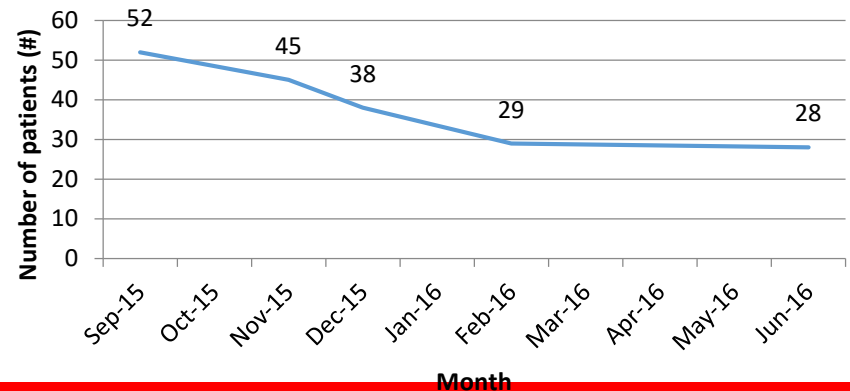
Process and Interventions- Care Coordination

- * **Pro. Coordinator**-Print list of clients not suppressed
- * **NP and Pro. Coordinator**- review list & compare to lab results; start HART
- * **SW/Case Manager**- reminder calls for apt, arrange transportation to apt, pharmacy verification of pick up
- * **Data Clerk** -Check data for errors
- * **Multidisciplinary Team:** ongoing adherence education and address barriers

Viral Load Suppression Rates Across Interventions



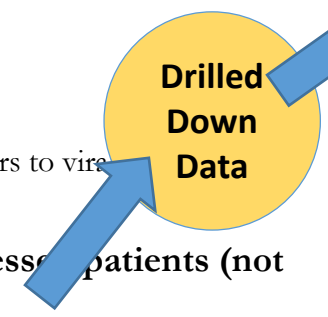
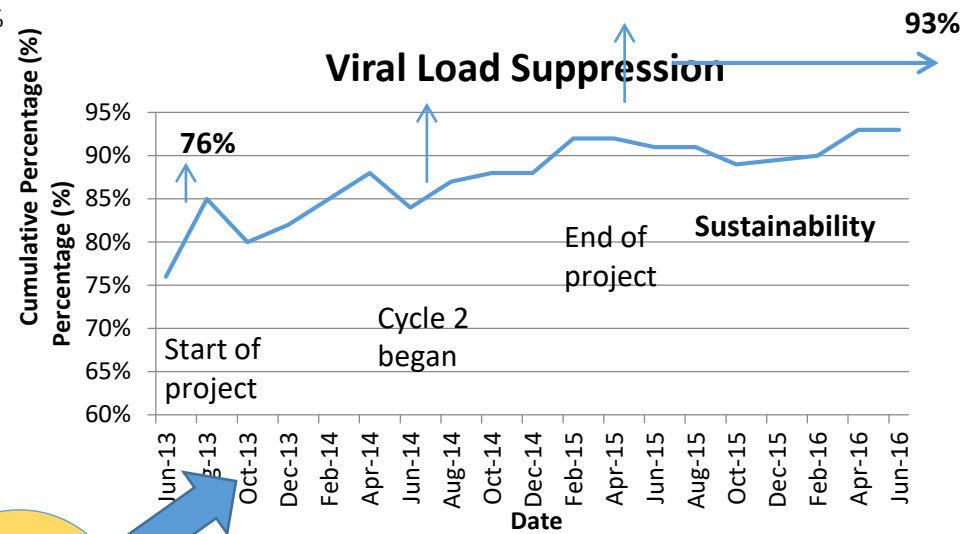
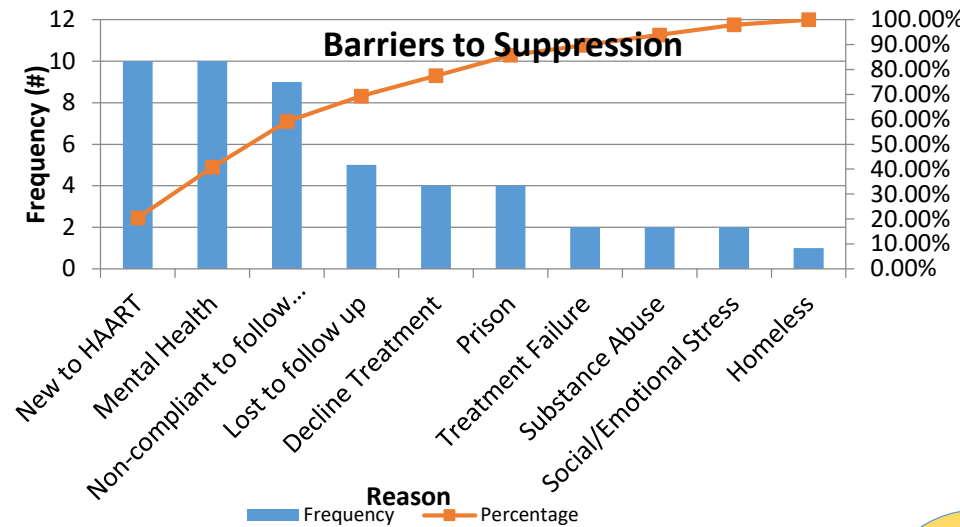
Patients Not Suppressed



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AIDS Services Center: Viral Load Suppression QI



- **Project Review:**
 1. Created Fishbone & Driver diagrams to identify barriers to viral suppression
 2. Utilized CAREWare to identify non-suppressed patients (not in numerator)
 3. Categorized patients by barriers to identify which barriers impact VLS the most
 - Pareto diagram to analyze data *–above*
 4. Interventions tested with a PDSA for 5 of the largest barriers to VLS

SUSTAINING Improved Care Coordination:

- **Continually drilling down data**
 - Review “not in numerator” list monthly
 - Identify (“drill down”) barriers to suppression and utilize project interventions, as needed
 - Involve entire multidisciplinary team in drill-down efforts as part of *program protocol*

Mental Health Barriers and Impact on Delivery of Care

Establish guiding frameworks for patient-centered care & quality improvement

Population health

Cultural competency



Identify mental health as important barrier to viral load suppression & respond with CQI tools

Root cause analysis

PDSA & direct work w/ staff



Integrate mental health support & options into primary care

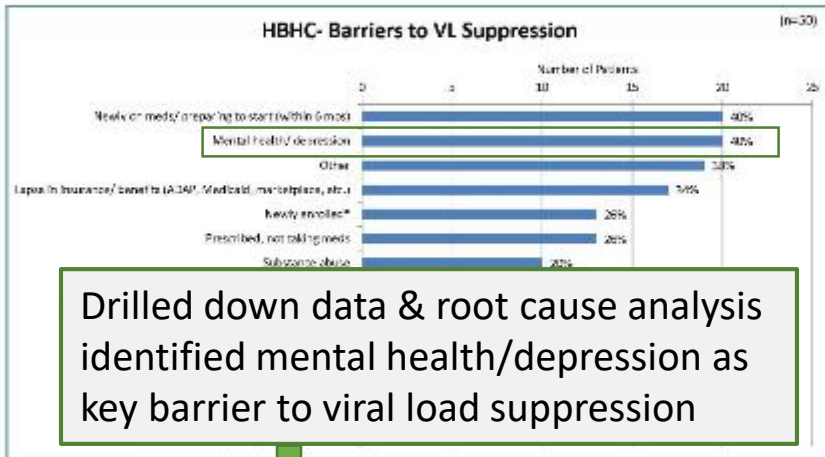
Accessible, responsive care

Harm reduction

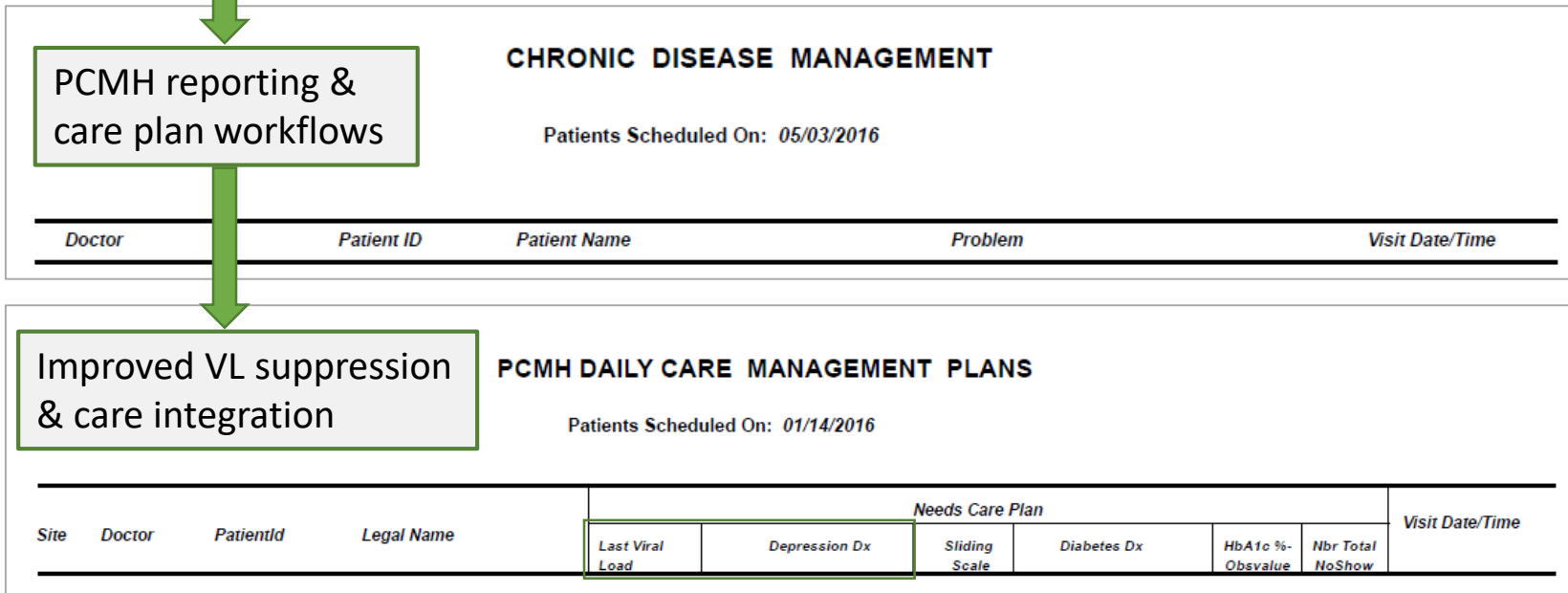
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Howard Brown Health RW CQM

- Root cause analysis – Drilled down data
- PDSA/QI cycles – Process improvement
- User-friendly reporting infrastructure
- PCMH integration – Care planning



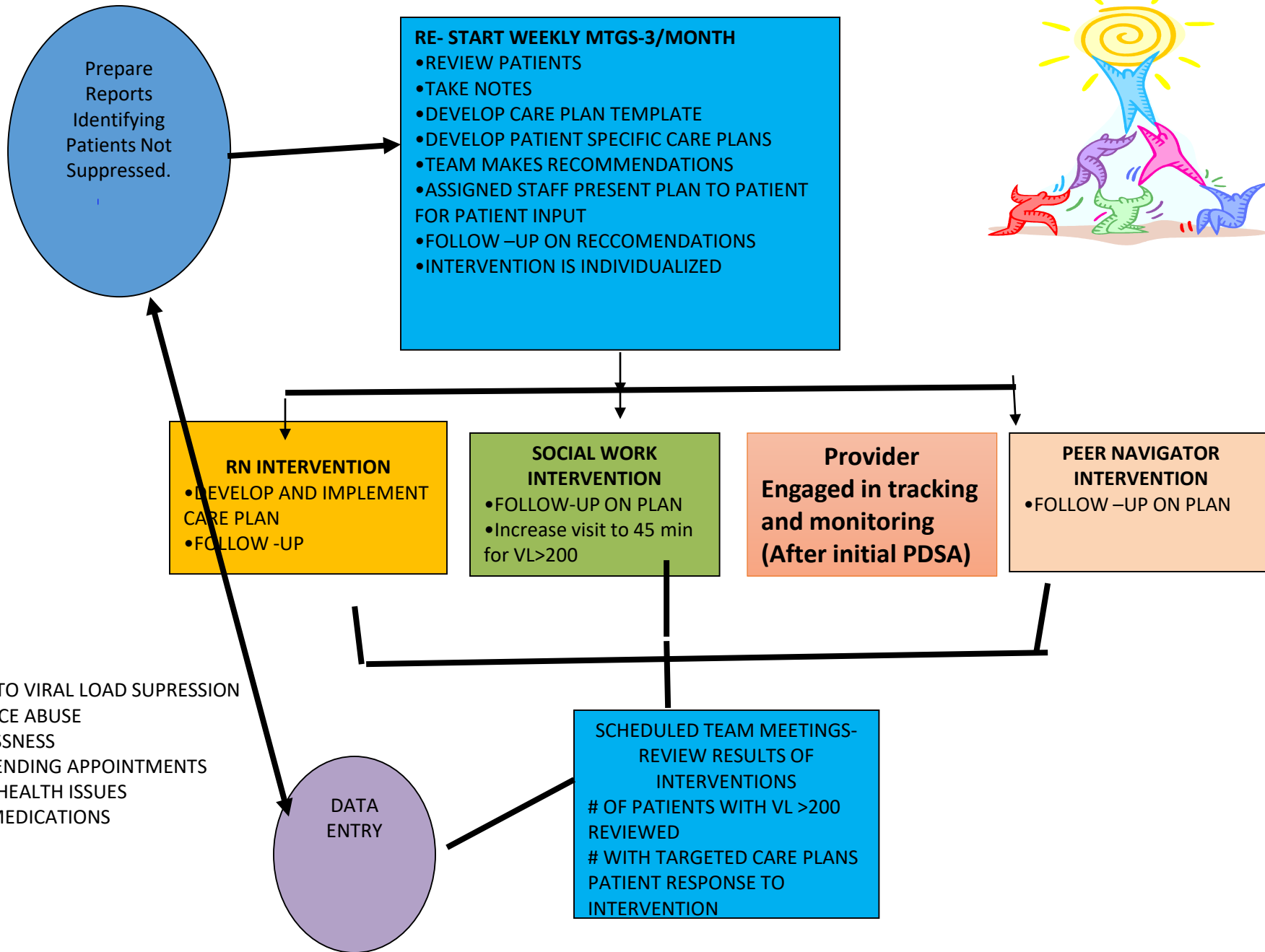
Measurement Period	Viral Load Suppression
10/1/2014 – 9/30/2015	80.45%
4/1/2015 – 3/31/2016	83.30%



What Does It Take to Sustain Improved Patient Outcomes?

- Use of drilled down patient level data to target interventions and improve management of:
 - care coordination
 - medical case management

WEEKLY MULTI DISCIPLINARY MTGS – Process to Manage 320 Patients 85% <200 VL – 3 years!



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BARRIERS TO VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE
 - HOMELESSNESS
 - NOT ATTENDING APPOINTMENTS
 - MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
 - REFUSE MEDICATIONS

Sustained Continuous Improvement of VL Suppression

Nov 2012	Feb 2013	July 2013	Jan 2014	May 2014	Jan 2015	July 2015 44pts	July 2016 24pts
74%	76%	81%	84%	86%	86%	86%	92%

Intervention: Care Coordination by Multi Disc Team

Caseload: 350

- Drilled down data to identify patients <200
- Development of tailored Care Plans
- Assigned specific staff
- Approx 20 pts at a given time for team
- RN: Side Effect Mgt-Pill boxes weekly/monthly
- Peers: face to face or telephone coaching
- Peer Support/Youth Support Groups – emotional support
- SWs: Partner Notification support; MH assessment and referral; SA assessment and referral



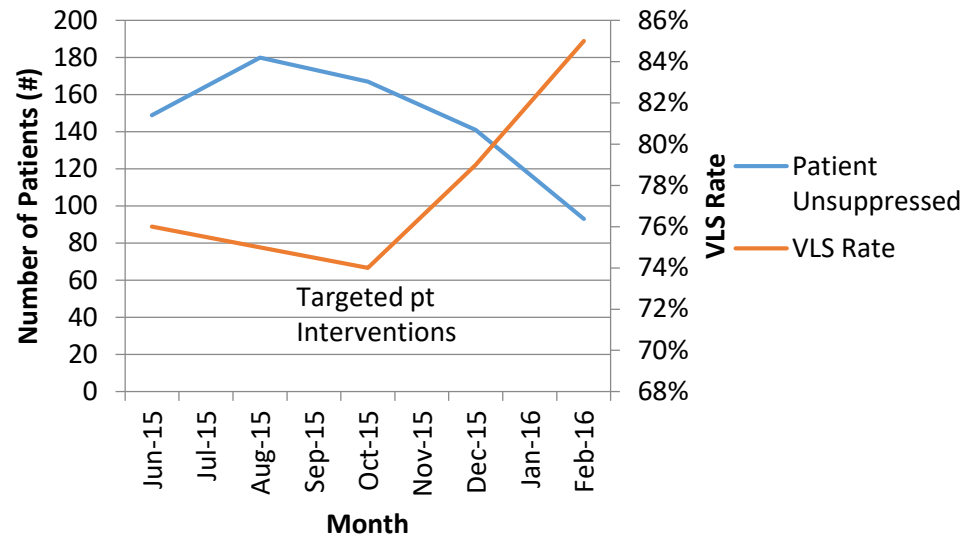
Sustaining Continuous Improvement in Care Coordination



Targeted Interventions June 2016

- teach-back tool,
- daily patient huddle (multi-disciplinary approach),
- re-engage out of care patients,
- new LCSW in February 2016 to address behavioral health issues impacting adherence and retention.
- July 2016 to provide intense medical case management (MCM) to address barriers of non suppressed pts.

Number of Unsuppressed Patients vs. VLS Rate



Improved MCM

Sustaining Interventions and Outcomes above 90% VL suppression

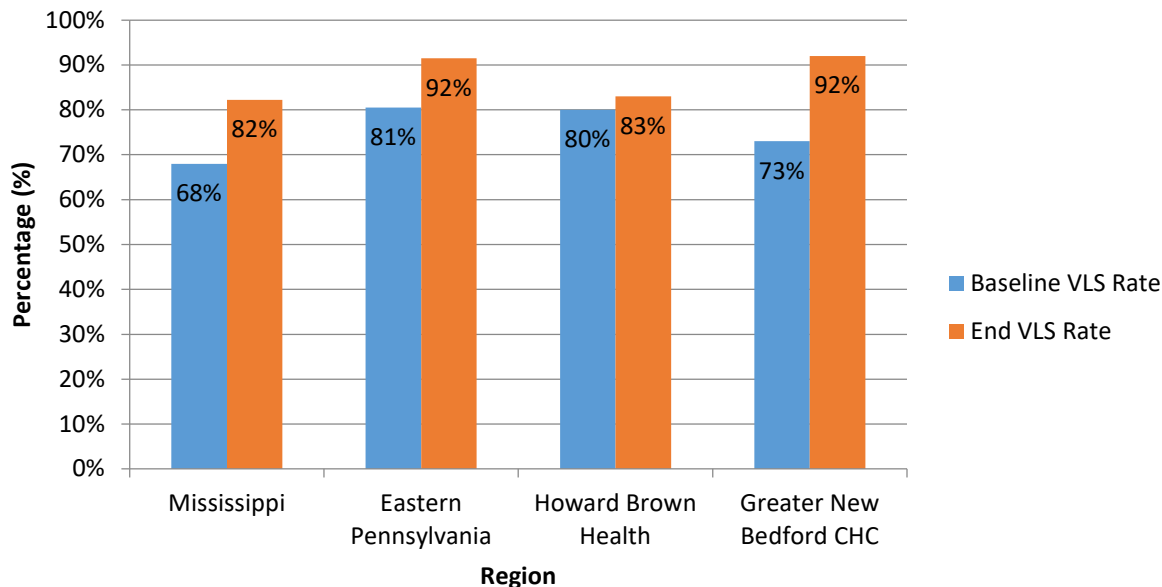
Outreach	Case Management	Treatment Adherence Counseling	Financial Counseling	Social Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lost to Care• No phone• No phone response• Missed appointments• Not virally suppressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intensive support for accessing services• Paperwork help• Needs EFA• Needs housing assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comes regularly• Needs mental health services• Not virally suppressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADAP/• Insurance lapses• Not compliant due to financial issues• Needs ongoing financial support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has immediate need• Needs mental health referral• No need for case management

Is this Approach Evidence- Informed?

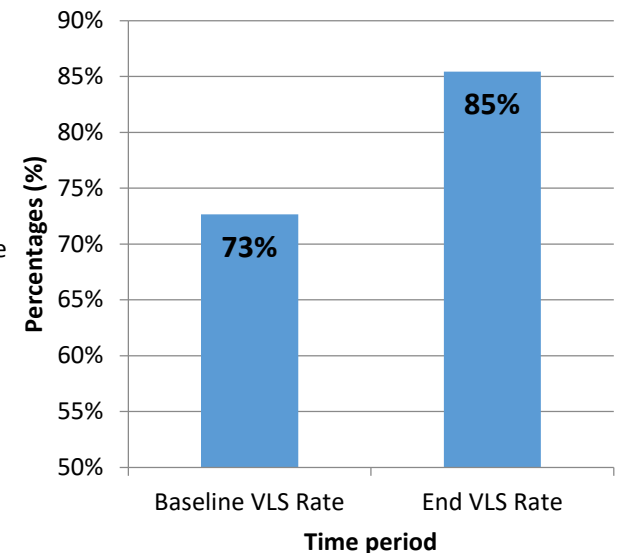
- Use of drilled down data by multidisciplinary teams to target interventions
- A method or technique that:
 - Has consistently shown superior results,
 - Is replicable - implemented across RW programs in varied locations – rural, urban; south, north, central US; different size patient caseloads, and
 - Can be benchmarked.

Results of Improving Care and MCM Coordination: 10 RWHAPs across Chicago, EPA, MA, and MS

Baseline vs. End Viral Load Suppression Rates



Baseline vs. End Viral Load Suppression Rates Across All Program



MS Statewide Care Coordination – Peer Exchange of Successful Interventions

Using Drilled Down Data to Target Interventions	Total: 5 MS RWPs
Transportation	5
Assist with co-pays	4
Mail order meds	3
Reminder calls	4
Pill planners	3
Mental Health Services (psychiatrist)	4
Housing assistance	2
Extra adherence education, Health Literacy Teach Back Adherence Tool	4
Targeted Provider communication	3
Pharmacy verification of meds	3
Refer patient out of care to District SWs	3
Home visits	2
Clinical team response to medication problems	1
Alarms set on patient phones	2

Benefits and Learnings

- Important not to lose bigger picture of ending the epidemic
- More in-depth understanding of our patients
- Expand staff experience in QI and therefore buy-in
 - Data and interventions are integrated into morning huddles
 - Data and results are shared at consumer meetings
- A lot of work, but rewarding to team and patients
- Increasingly allows more time for patients not suppressed
- Continuous process and analysis of data
 - Ex. resulted in hiring bi-lingual peer
- Tweaked ARTAS (evidence-based) to meet needs of sub population – those below the poverty level



Large Group Discussion – Q&A

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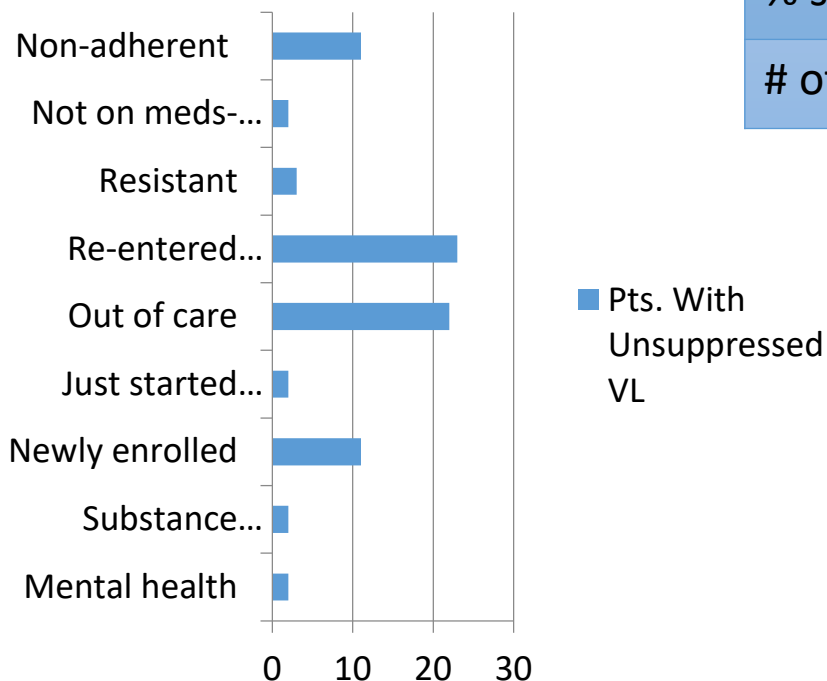
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Viral Load Suppression

Viral Load Suppression: Strive for 80% of patients to achieve VL suppression.

Reasons for Unsuppressed VL- Drilled Down Data



	Baseline	Post intervention
% suppressed	77%	85%
# of patients	121	77

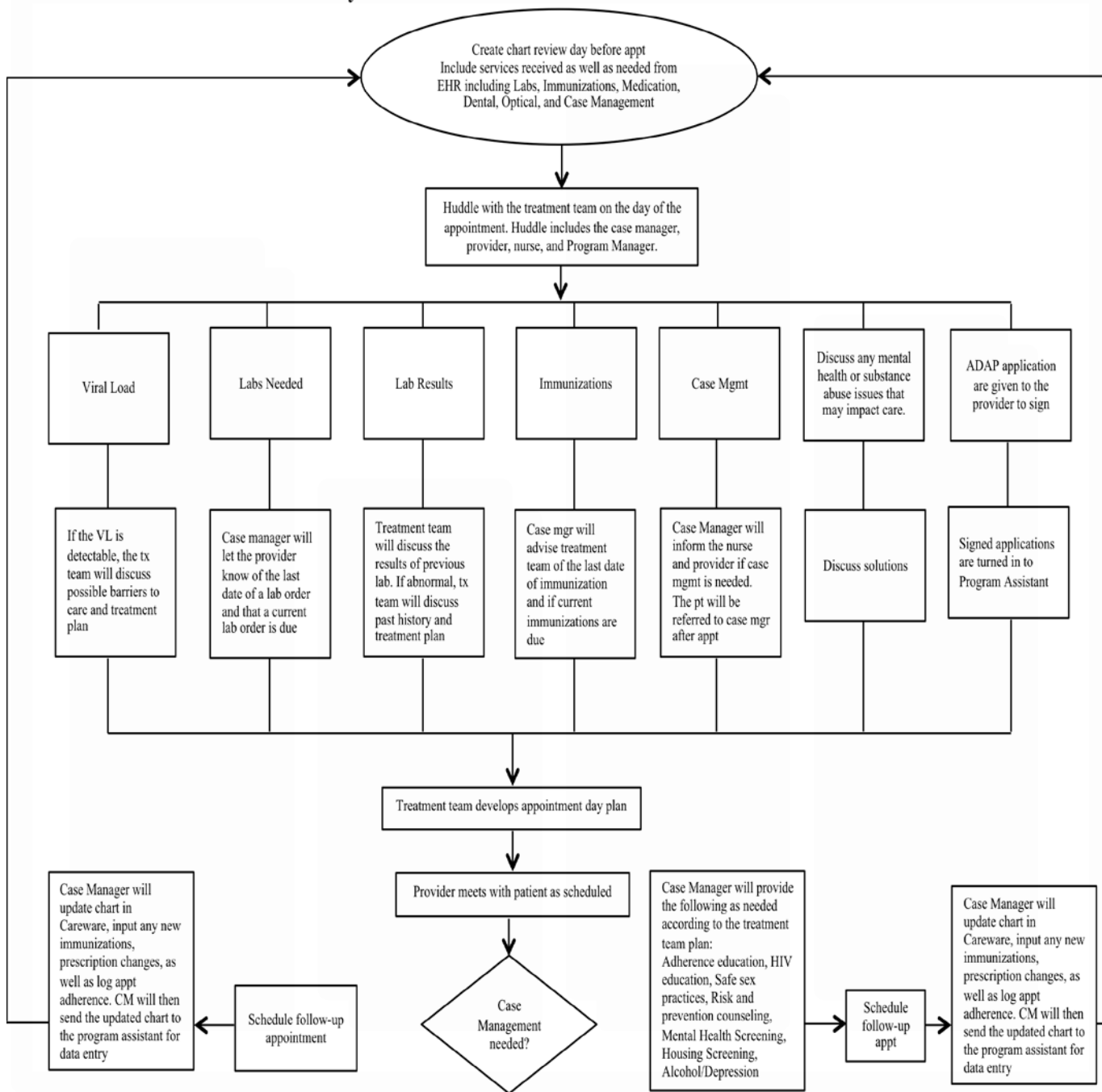
Interventions – Care Coordination

- Medical Case management interventions (HIV & adherence education, addressing barriers to care, etc.)
- Engaging those who are out of care or are soon to be via outreach efforts

Next Steps

- Discuss non-adherent pts. cases in depth during morning huddles to address possible barriers
- Ensure frequent VL monitoring
- Follow-up with pts. either non-compliant or out of care.

Ryan White Process for Chart Review and Huddle



Coastal FHC in Biloxi, MS.

Thus far, a subgroup has met outside of the huddle to identify list of patients not suppressed to agree on a follow up plan to help patients keep their appointments.



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VL Suppression: Interventions and Results

Baseline	District SW/DIS	Care Coordination
65%	69%	80% (164/205)

Reasons	Total 41
Non-Adherent to Treatment Regimen	17
Re-entered Care/Meds Restarted	0
Waiting on Lab Results	0
Transferred	1
Relocated	0
Deceased	2
Out of Care	8
Just Started Meds	2
VL Decreasing/Being Monitored	8
Newly Enrolled	2
Mental Health	1

Targeted Interventions – Improving Care Coordination

Out of Care – continue partnership w DSWs and DIS

Non-Adherent to Treatment Regimen – team approach to discuss concerns w patients

VL Decreasing – monitor patients; check in

Mental Health – partner with client’s caregiver to support importance of medication adherence, distribute pill bottle alarm as a medication reminder





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Family First Health Retention QI Project

Measure	Initial (As of 7/1/14)	Goal	Actual (As of 6/30/16)
Medical visit frequency	70.60%	75%	81.22%
Viral load suppression	85.44%	maintain	90.04%

Improving Care Coordination:

Sub population Intervention: ARTAS – tweaked for sub-population

Policy changes: 5-month limit on medication refills; no refills if lab work incomplete

Process changes: quarterly review of Out of Care client list at provider meetings; weekly huddles to discuss all clients scheduled for a visit; use of DOH field staff to locate clients

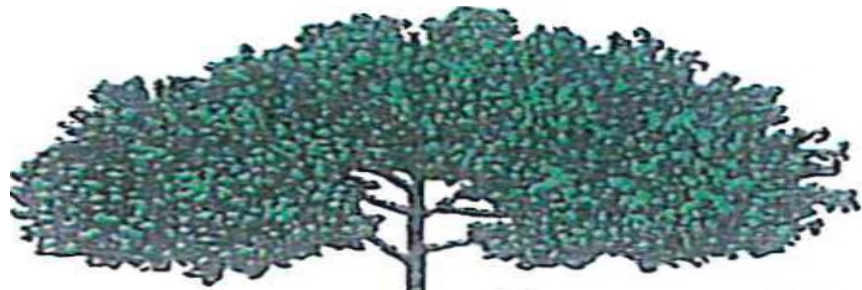
Expected consequence: increase in VL suppression rates!

Results

No disparity except **75% out of care were under 100% poverty** - Sub population of Focus

Drilled down retention by

• Age	• Poverty level
• Risk factor	• Ethnicity
• Gender	• Site (FFH vs sub-contractor)
• By provider	



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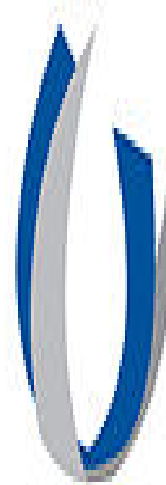
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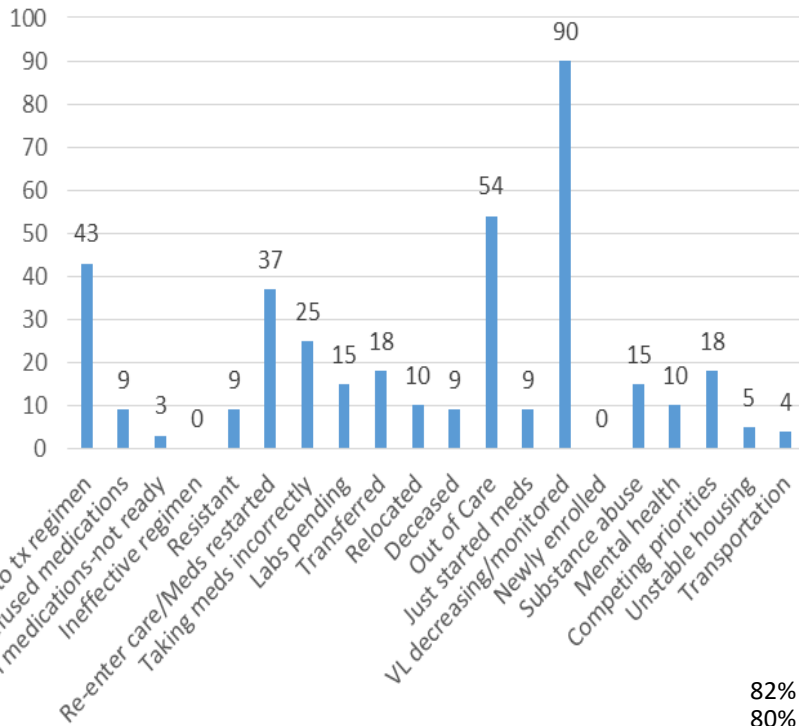
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Drill Down Data for VL Suppression



Increasing VL Suppression

March 2016 – Data analysis excluding transferred, relocated, deceased.

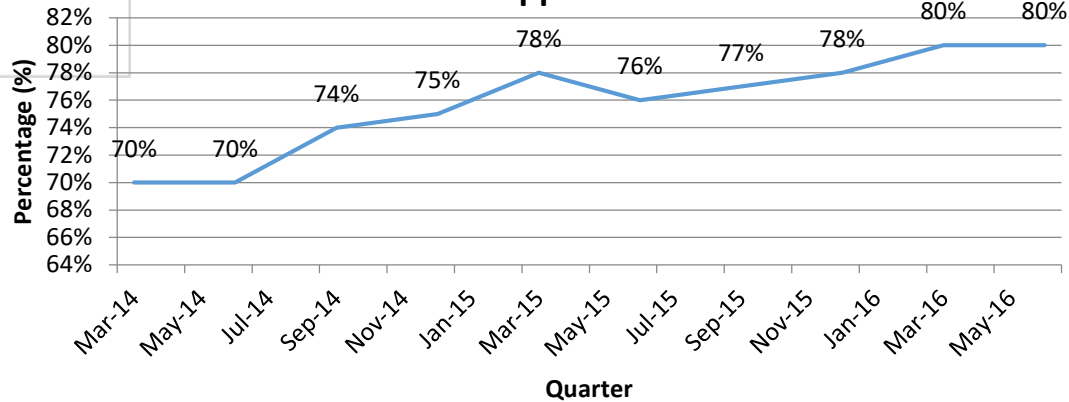
# of pts	383	330
% suppressed	79%	81.6%

Interventions

March 2014 – Adherence Tool

March 2016: =refer out of care patients to MSDH for re-engagement

Viral Load Suppression Rate



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