

Maintaining 90+ VLS Rates: Using 340B to Maximize a Comprehensive Care Model

HOPE @ St. Luke's Hospital Bethlehem & Easton, PA

Katey Ruppert, BS, Program Director
Diana Vargas, BS, Supervisor, Medical Case Management
Shyla Harris, RN, BSN, Clinical Coordinator

Learning Objectives



Participants will learn Ryan White-compliant strategies for using 340B and other resources to develop innovative and integrated solutions that improve patient outcomes and engaged teams

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1. Participants will know how to plan programs compliant with Ryan White PCNs.
- 2. Participants will learn to think outside the box for resolving barriers to care.
- 3. Participants will take away skills to implement and evaluate your comprehensive care integration.

Contents of Presentation



- Components of Comprehensive Care
- How to Budget
- Tracking Expenditures
- Addressing Patient Barriers
- Thinking Outside the Box Innovative Programs and Initiatives
- Evaluation Quality Management
- Q&A

Components of Comprehensive Care



- Funding: Ryan White Part B & C (Case Management & Clinical services); Pennsylvania DOH (Testing, Outreach, STD clinic); Program Income (340B Funds)
- All program services co-located at sites in Bethlehem & Easton, PA
- Services include
 - Clinical Services
 - HIV specialty care, primary care, patient navigation, medical nutrition therapy, health coaching, integrated behavioral health, pastoral care, tobacco cessation assistance, substance abuse screening and linkage, Hepatitis B and C testing and treatment
 - Case Management
 - Access to care & insurance coverage, housing, transportation assistance, resource identification and linkage, social determinants of health screening & assistance, certified medical interpretation
 - Prevention Services
 - · HIV testing, HIV prevention/education, linkage to care, patient navigation, risk reduction counseling
 - STD clinic
 - STD testing/treatment; PrEP services held weekly in Easton location

How to Budget



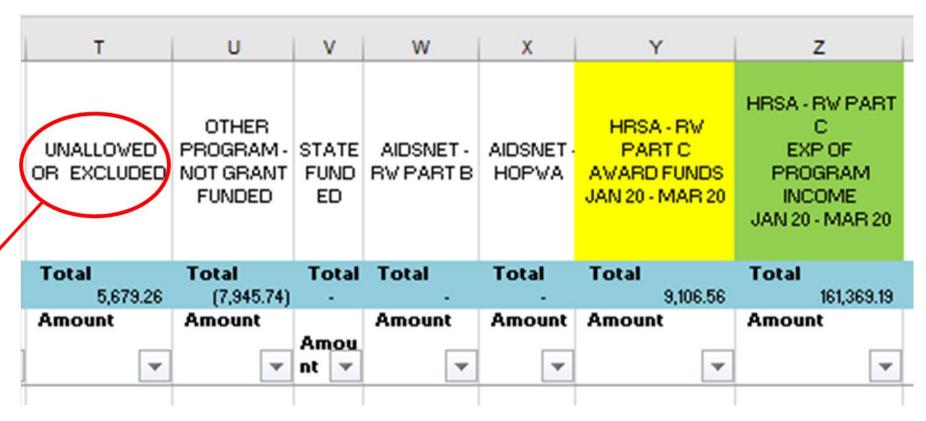
- Ryan White Part C used almost exclusively for Early Intervention Services (EIS)/Core Medical
 - Support clinical staff salaries and benefits
 - Typically between 0.1 and 0.25 FTE per staff member
- Program Income (340B Funds) used for all other Ryan White Compliant costs
 - Administration, Support Services, Quality Improvement
 - Remainder of EIS/Core Medical
 - Additional compliant services identified as program needs



- Develop cost centers and spreadsheets specific to each funding source
- If fortunate, work with hospital accounting department and auditors
 - No accounting department, no problem: Use 340B/Program Income to hire one (or more).
- For 340B, create a "Deferred Account" to keep funds. Release funds to cover costs quarterly.
 - Insures books are accurate with costs.
 - Allows for transparency in spending Program Income first (after MOE).
- Program Director and Finance Officer relationship

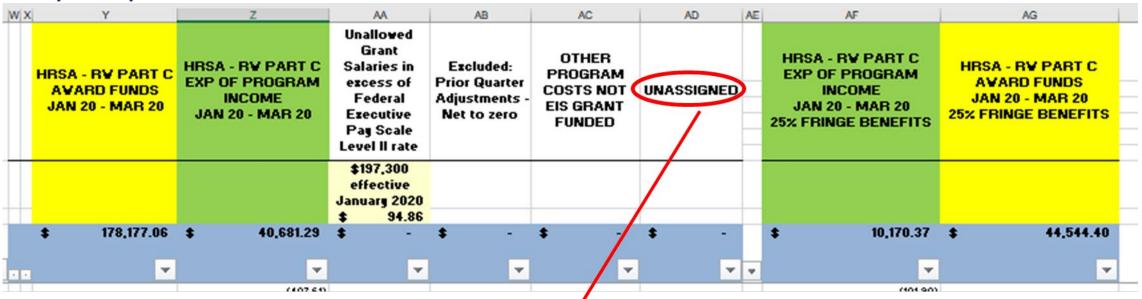


- Sample Spreadsheet for all funding sources
 - Create columns to easily track expenditures
 - Accountant/
 Accounting staff
 record spending
 - For "UNALLOWED",
 Program Director
 identifies whether a
 cost is allowable





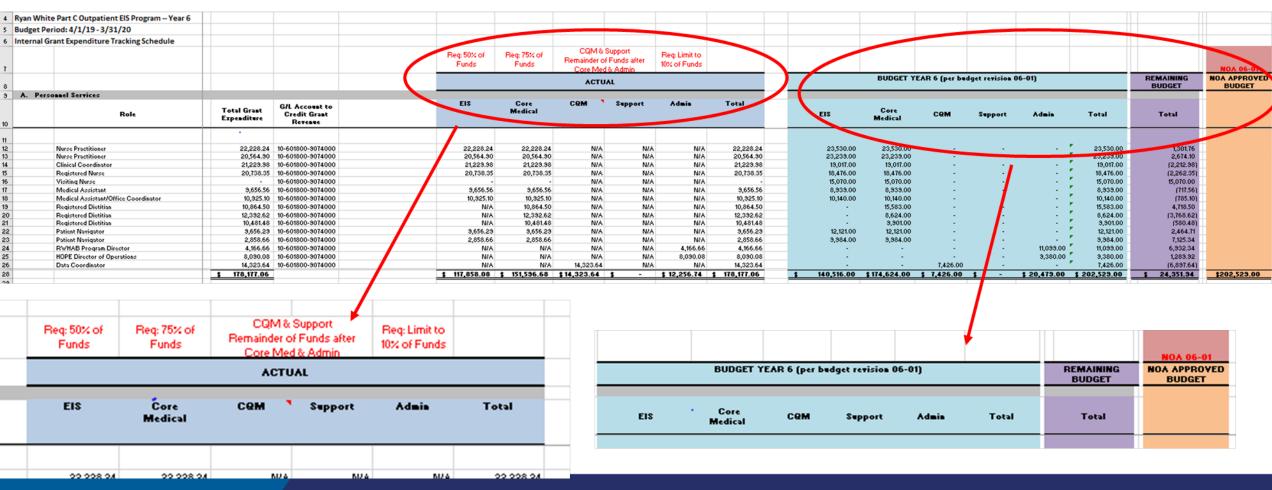
Sample Spreadsheet for Part C



- Create columns to easily track expenditures
- Accountant/Accounting staff record spending
- For "UNASSIGNED", Program Director identifies whether a cost is allowable
- To left of these columns are rows to record Salaries, Benefits, Travel/Training, Supplies, Contracted Services, and Other.



Sample Budget Tracking



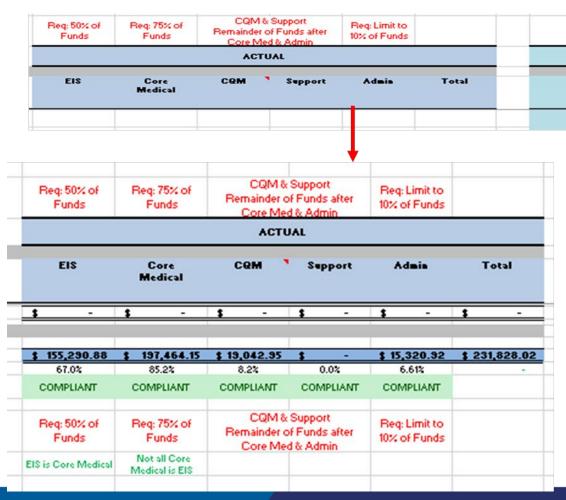


REMAINING

BUDGET

Total

Sample Budget Tracking



 At bottom of spreadsheet, auto-calculates compliance within HRSA Ryan White requirements.

BUDGET YEAR 6 (per budget revision 06-01)

Support

Admis

Total

COM

Core

Medical

EIS

NOA APPROVED

BUDGET

Addressing Patient Barriers



Solutions to common barriers have been addressed utilizing program income to create innovative and Ryan White compliant program initiatives.

- Barriers Addressed:
 - Transportation
 - Behavioral Health
 - Legal
 - Retention
 - Stigma

Transportation



- Client Mileage Reimbursement
- Taxi Services
- Lyft Program
 - Used for patients lacking any other feasible solution for transportation (vehicle, bus, etc.)
 - St. Luke's mission to serve underserved; HOPE chosen to pilot Lyft services
 - Contract developed with legal department; patient must sign Lyft contract prior to receiving services
 - Staff calls St. Luke's dispatch to set up ride and handle payment

Transportation



- Funding:
 - Client Mileage Reimbursement
 - Ryan White Part B Case Management
 - Taxi Services
 - Part C/Program Income (340B)
 - Charged directly to our department credit card and re-classed by finance under Part C or 340B cost center
 - Lyft Program
 - Program Income (340B)
 - Dispatch trained to charge services out to 340B cost center under HOPE program

Behavioral Health



- Behavioral Health Consultants (BHC)
 - Annual mental health screenings with appropriate follow-up
 - Ongoing behavioral heath support
 - Crisis management
 - Linkage to behavioral health and substance abuse services
 - Manage referrals and connections to Network psychiatric providers

Behavioral Health



- Funding:
 - Program Income (340B) funded service
 - Contracted with local behavioral health service provider for staff
 - 340B funds used for contract and salaries

Legal



- Medical-Legal Partnership
 - Contract with local attorney to provide Ryan White compliant assistance for legal barriers
 - Majority of cases related to Social Security Disability, wills, housing, immigration
 - Refers to other attorneys in area for assistance in other areas

Legal



- Funding:
 - Program Income (340B) funded
 - Contract established with attorney and funds used to pay for
 - Must be aware of federal compensation limit for attorney salary
 - Can be difficult to find someone to provider services for a "low bono" rate

Retention



- Patient Navigators & Linkage to Care Coordinator
 - Linkage to Care Coordinator focuses on engaging new diagnoses to care and reengaging those lost to care
 - Patient Navigators play pivotal role in initiating care with program and follow new patients for their first 6 months to establish relationship
 - Additional, on-going duties include:
 - Certification for non-case managed patients
 - Application, resource assistance
 - Re-engagement for patients lost to care
 - Home visits
- Peer Navigator currently developing position as additional support to patients struggling to remain in care

Retention



- Funding:
 - Linkage to Coordinator
 - Start-up funding through capacity building grant
 - Program Income (340B) supporting ongoing salary
 - Patient Navigators
 - Program Income (340) supporting salaries
 - Peer Navigator
 - Program Income (340) to support salary once position filled

Stigma



- Community Centered Health Home
 - Program funded services aimed at reducing stigma by promoting social connectedness and sense of community while simultaneously engaging in health promoting activities
 - Safe space and resource center
 - Yoga and fitness
 - Cooking classes, farm-to-fork
 - Support group
 - Spirituality programs
 - Ultimate goal of reducing stigma and enhancing resiliency is to ensure patients remain actively engaged in their health care

Stigma



- Funding:
 - Program Income (340B) supports salaries and supplies necessary to implement programming developed

Evaluation – Quality Management

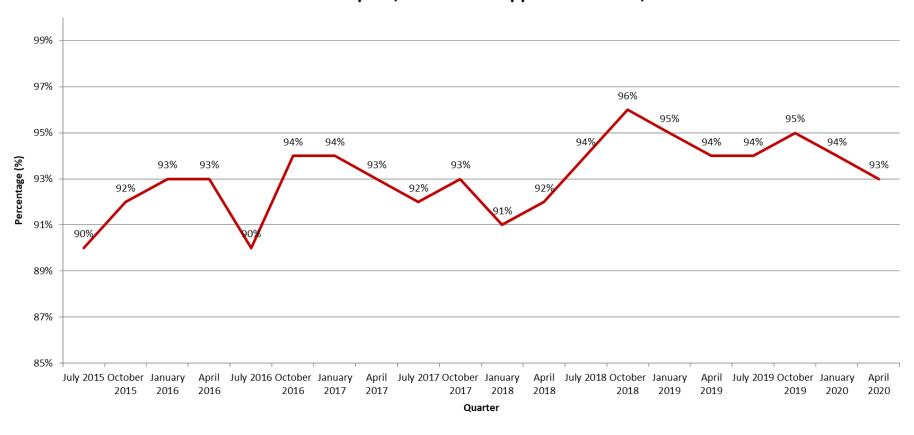


- HOPE is largely guided by our Quality Management (QM) Program
 - Quality Management Committee multidisciplinary committee of leaders and staff monitoring qualitative and quantitative quality data
 - Quality Management Plan overarching document outlining all aspects of QM program from data management, monitoring, improvement efforts, and evaluation
- As the ultimate goal of the program, Viral Load Suppression is the leading marker to evaluate quality of care and services
- As highlighted, Program Income/340B funds have been used to identify services that address barriers impacting patients' ability to reach and sustain viral load suppression

Evaluation – Quality Management



HOPE at St. Luke's Hospital, Viral Load Suppression Rates, 2015-2020



Q&A



- Thank you!
- We will be happy to answer any questions at this time.