USCA HRSA Track: Moving Forward on the HIV Continuum of Care

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Outline

- About the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)
- Who we serve
- The RWHAP HIV continuum of care
- Next steps
- Today's seminar





Ryan White CARE Act 25th Anniversary





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"Moving Forward with CARE: Building on 25 Years of Passion, Purpose, and Excellence"





Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Overview

- Part A (Cities)
- Part B (States and Territories)
 - ADAP AIDS Drug Assistance Program
- Part C (Community-based Organizations)
 - Early Intervention Services and Capacity Development
- Part D (Women, Infants, Children and Youth)
- Part F (Other Programs)
 - AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs)
 - Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS)
 - Dental Programs
 - Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and Healthcare

- The RWHAP supports a dynamic and complex system of care; it is not an insurance program for discrete services
- The need for an HIV care system for lowincome PLWH remains until the outcomes on the HIV care continuum are addressed and there is a cure





Who We Serve

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Served half a million (524,675)

people 2013

Care Engagement ~2 out 3 PLWH engaged in

medical care served by RWHAP

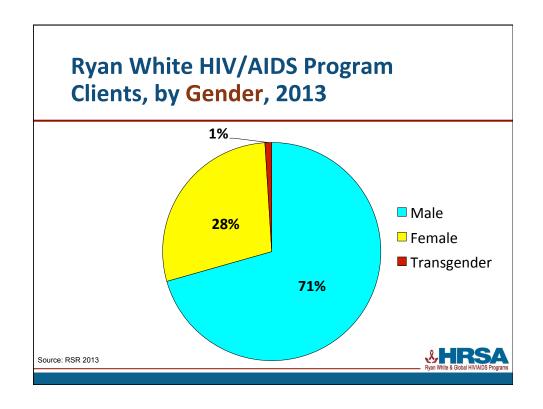
Demographics 47% Black/African American

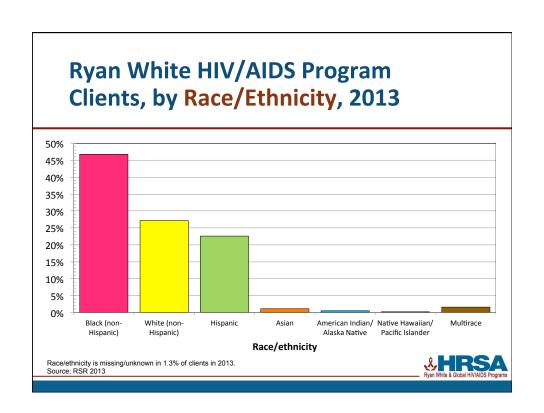
23% Hispanic (2013)

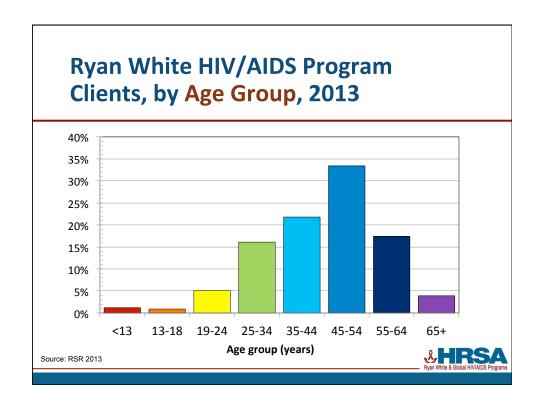
~90% living at/below 200% Federal Poverty Level (2013)

Source: RSR 2013

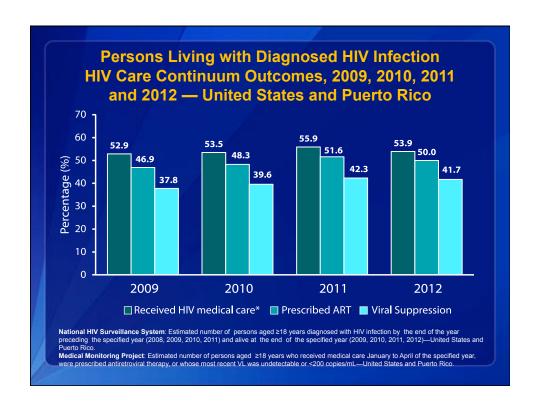


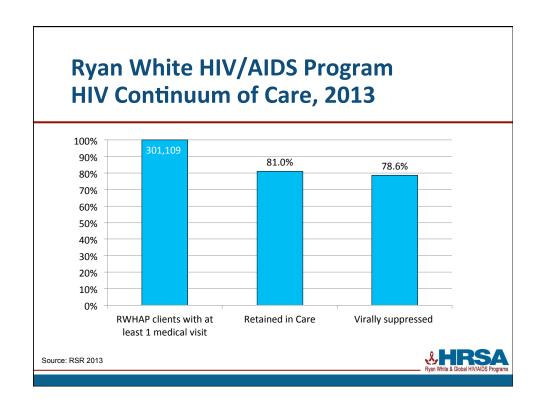




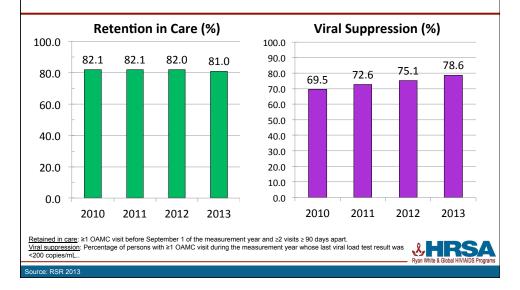




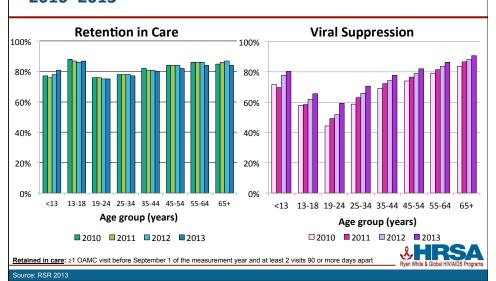


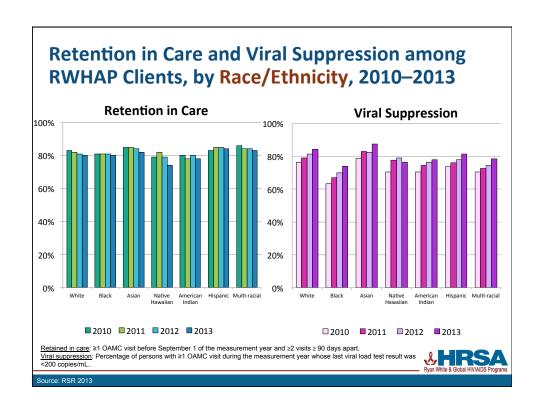


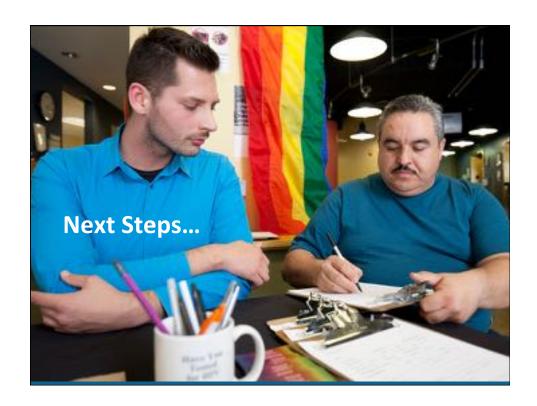
Retention in Care & Viral Suppression among Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clients 2010 – 2013



Retention in Care and Viral Suppression among Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clients, by Age Group 2010–2013



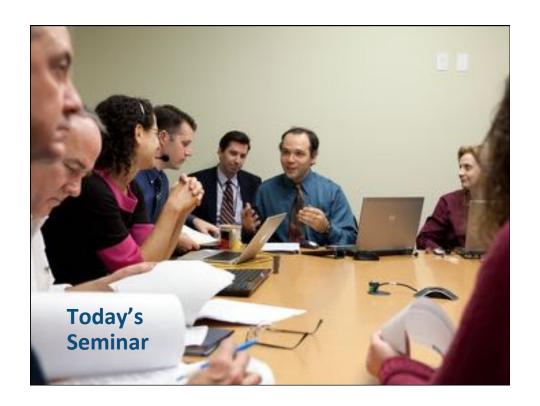




Next Steps...

- Use data and information from key informants to bridge the gaps in care and treatment for those not achieving optimal health outcomes
- Evaluation and analysis projects to identify areas of strength and of need
- NHAS 2020 planning activities





Data and Interventions: Innovative Practices to Enhance Outcomes along the Care Continuum

Facilitating HIV Data Sharing Agreements Between States: A South Carolina/Georgia Collaboration

Eric Jalonen

Data and Care Improvements along the HIV Continuum of Care

Anne Rhodes

Data to Care: Improving Health Across the HIV Care Continuum in Colorado

Todd Grove

BREAK - 10 Minutes

Better Planning and Care Using the HIV Care Continuum

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Kate Burnett-Bruckman

NC-LINK: North Carolina Systems Linkage &

Access To Care Initiative

Kristen Sullivan, Byrd Quinlivan

Innovative Practices to Enhance Outcomes along the Care Continuum

Ashley King

BREAK - 5 Minutes

BREAKOUT SESSIONS – 45 Minutes (three 15-minute rounds)



Resources

HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: http://hab.hrsa.gov/

25th Anniversary, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: http://hab.hrsa.gov/ryanwhite25/index.html

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program data resources: http://hab.hrsa.gov/data/index.html

TARGET Center: https://careacttarget.org/

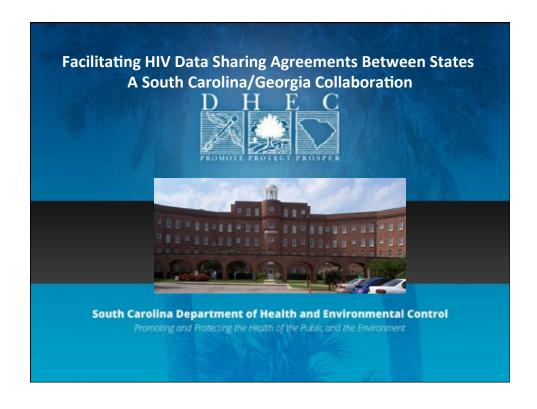
CDC HIV reports, slide sets, fact sheets: http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/index.html



Thank You

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Outline

- HIV epidemic in SC.
- Why was data sharing agreement needed?
- What is included in Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)?
- · Results from data sharing initiative.
- Lessons learned.
- Resources to complete process.
- Continuing steps.



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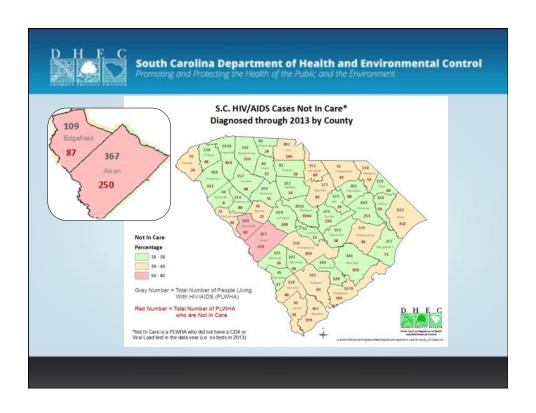
HIV Epidemic in SC

- PLWHA (Persons Living with HIV/AIDS) in SC: 16,312 (as of Dec 31, 2014).
- New cases in 2014: 831.
- Per CDC: Ranked 13 in both Prevalence (2012) and Incidence rates (2013).
- Per CDC:3 Metropolitan areas rank in the top 50 for incidence and prevalence rates: Columbia (14th), Charleston (19th) and Greenville (45th).



HIV Epidemic in SC

- African-Americans make up:
 - 73% of PLWHA.
 - 71% of new cases (2013).
- 49% of PLWHA in SC are over 49 years-old.
- 41% of new cases (2013) between 20-29 years old.
- MSM make up 40% of PLWHA in SC.





Reasons for Data Sharing Agreement

Primary Reason for Data Sharing – to obtain accurate and timely linkage to care data.

Secondary Reason for Data Sharing – to facilitate data collection for HIV/AIDS status, living/deceased status, and mode of transmission.



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Timeline

- June 2014 discussed using secure portals for transfer of data and MOA.
- September 2014 signed MOA sent to contracts department for final approval.
- November 2014 MOA approved by contracts department.
- March 5, 2015 first transfer of data between states.



MOA Components

Sections:

- I. Purpose.
- II. Legal Authority.
- III. Data Exchange.
 - Criteria for selection of cases and expectations for exchange of data.
 - Data Source and variables.
 - Method of Data Transfer.
 - Frequency of Data Exchanges.



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MOA Components (2)

- IV. Points of Contact.
- V. Payment.
- VI. Confidentiality and Security.
- VII. Liability, No Agency Relationship.
- VIII. Amendments to the Agreement.
- IX. Penalties.
- X. Disposition of Data.



MOA Components (3)

- XI. Terms of Agreement.
 - Termination of Agreement.
 - When reviewed.

Attachments:

- Fields for Data Transfer.
- Program Security and Confidentiality Manuals.
- **CDC Data Security and Confidentiality Guidelines.**



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Methodology

- The same SAS code was used in both states to generate Excel files. Files represented cases going back to 1981.
- Records Sent to South Carolina from Georgia N= 33,433, representing 1,820 unique cases.
- Records Sent to Georgia from South Carolina N=29,665, representing 1,608 unique cases.



Methodology (2)

- A secure portal was set up to transmit the encrypted files between the two states.
- The transmitted files were processed using SAS code.
 Lab records from cases already in SC eHARS were converted to a format that allowed for importation into eHARS.
- Records that represented information unknown to South Carolina (i.e. death information, risk information, cases not known to SC) were printed for further entry and/or processing.



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Linkage Results

Approximately 30,000 lab records received from Georgia were imported into South Carolina eHARS.

Represents cases of HIV who live in South Carolina but who receive their care in Georgia.

Only includes cases that were previously known to both states.



Linkage Results (2)

213 – Number of cases previously unknown to South Carolina who were identified in the Georgia database as having a South Carolina address at some point since their diagnosis. (Many of these cases have been deceased for years).

South Carolina HIV Surveillance staff are working with Partner Services to determine a plan for entering and initiating the cases.



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Linkage Results (3)

- 97 Number of cases identified in South Carolina eHARS as an HIV case, but identified as an AIDS case according to Georgia records.
- 13 Number of cases in South Carolina eHARS that were previously identified as living, but who were identified as deceased in Georgia.
- 71 Number of cases in South Carolina eHARS with no previously identified risk, for which a risk was identified in the Georgia database



Linkage Results (4)

Percent of HIV cases identified as Not in Care in 2013.

Prior to Importing Georgia Lab Data.

Aiken – 68% Edgefield – 80%



After Importing Georgia Lab Data.

Aiken – 41% Edgefield – 62%



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What Did We Learn?

Prep work:

- Discuss MOA with legal and prevention staff prior to working with other state.
- Create plan for new cases.
 - Prioritization for DIS
- Determine best method of data transfer.
- Decide on information you want early.

Diligence:

Ensure you have dedicated staff to serve as liaison.



Resources Needed for Successful Data Sharing Between States

- Patience The project took 10 months from first contact to first data transfer.
- Need The effort is more useful when states are neighboring and when many patients cross state boundaries for care.
- Means of Secure Transmission Set up secure portal between the states. Good encryption software is a must.



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Staff Needed for Success

- Experienced, highly motivated staff in both states are essential to the success of the project.
- HIV surveillance coordinators in both states to facilitate and coordinate data sharing processes.
- Agency Leadership need to obtain their support.
- IT Staff to ensure security of data transmission.
- Experienced SAS programmers to set up code, process files, and prepare data for importing.
- · Legal staff to review MOA.



Future Directions/Benefits



- Continue exchanging data with Georgia on a regular basis.
- Begin the process of setting up a data exchange with other states (i.e. North Carolina, Florida).

Benefits:

- Smaller RIDR and UNCL lists.
- More complete eHARS data.
- Prevention services offered to more cases.



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Thanks Are in Order!

The South Carolina HIV program wishes to thank the Georgia HIV program for their efforts to work with us in undertaking such a large-scale data sharing project.

Both states will agree that the time-intensive work necessary to accomplish the linkage is justified in order to ensure that states have the most accurate, complete, and timely HIV Surveillance data.



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Data and Care Improvements along the HIV Continuum of Care

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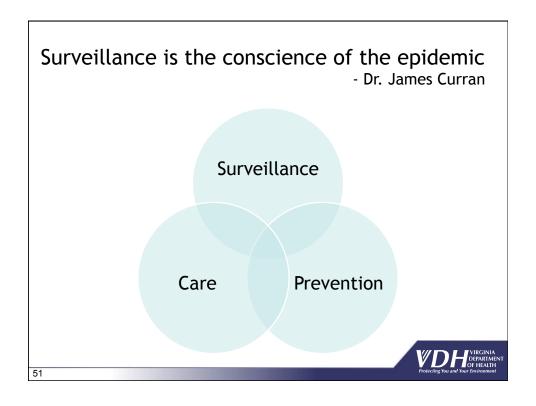
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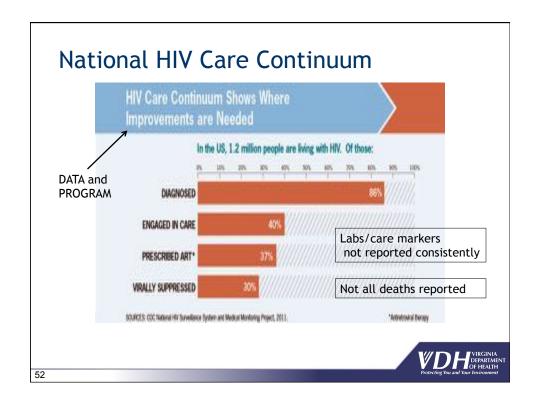


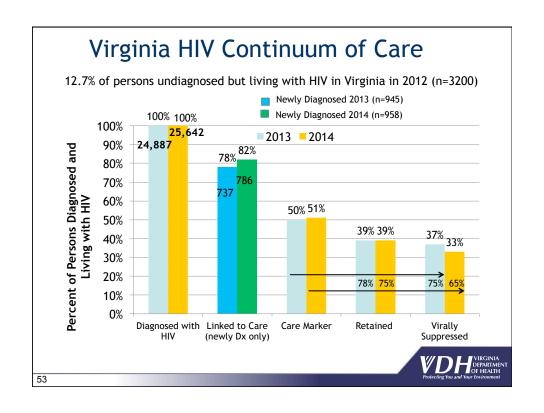
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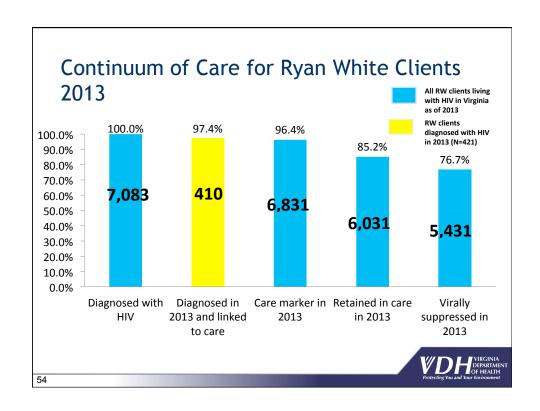
- Improving Care Continuum Data
- Data to Care Efforts/Pilot Results
- · Evaluating Interventions with Care Continuum Data
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps

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Black Box: Real Time HIV Care Continuum Data

- Pilot project from Georgetown, funded by NIH
- Involved DC, MD, and VA Departments of Health
- Utilized privacy technology for sharing surveillance data among jurisdictions where an algorithm for matching was set up in the "black box" and returned matches of varying strengths (Exact to Very Low) to each jurisdiction

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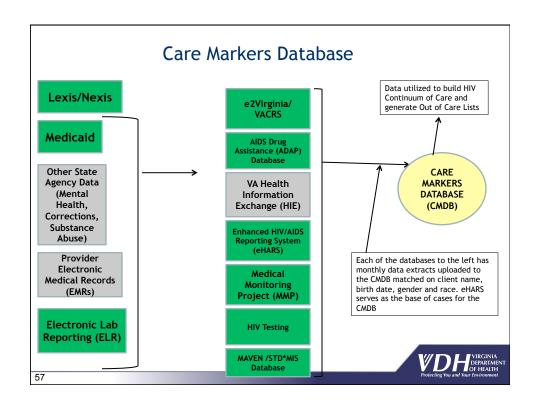


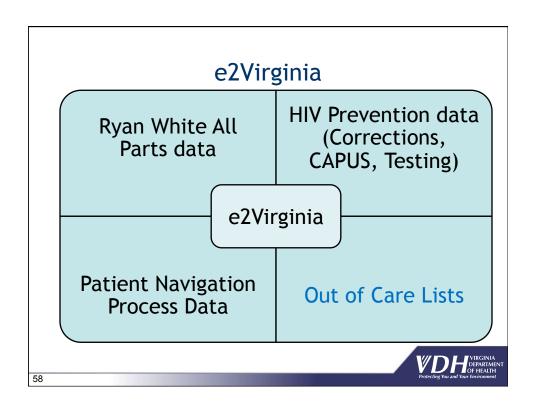
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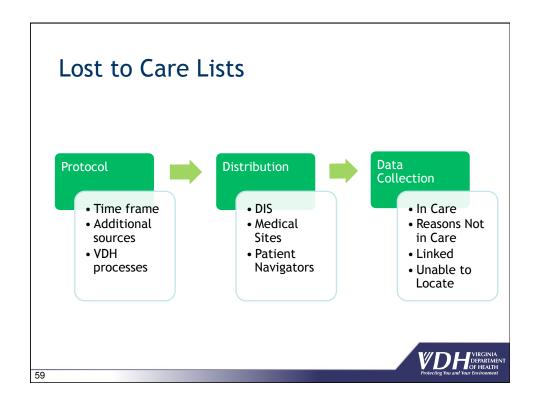
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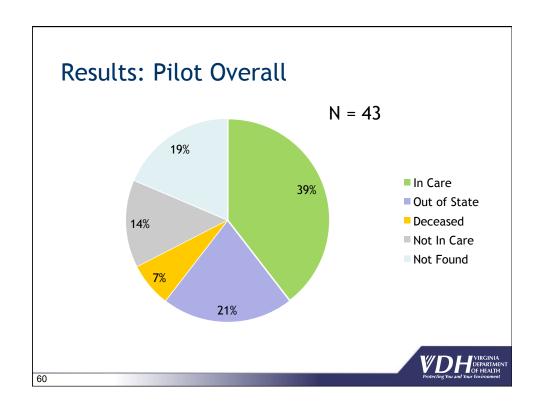
Person matches across jurisdictions:	Exact	Very High	High	Medium High	Medium	Very Low	Total
DC-MD*	4,013	5,907	53	268	645	482	11,368
MD-VA*	856	2,343	11	117	377	865	4,569
VA-DC*	1,064	3,340	15	149	438	529	5,535
Total	5,933	11,590	79	534	1,460	1,876	21,472











Overview of Strategies/Interventions

Active Referral:

Referral process that requires Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) to actively link patients directly to care via Patient Navigators (PNs) or medical providers.

Sites: Statewide coverage

Populations Targeted: Newly

diagnosed

Outcomes: LINKAGE

Patient Navigation:

A client-centered PN model

- 90 days of services focused on linking client to care and 12 month retention support
- Use Fidelity Monitoring (FM) to evaluate Motivational Interviewing (MI) skills

Sites: VCU, Carilion, and Centra Populations Targeted: Newly diagnosed and lost to care

Outcomes: LINKAGE,

RETENTION, SUPPRESSION

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Overview of Strategies/Interventions

· Mental Health:

Standardized screening and referral process to provide mental health (MH) services for clients with MH barriers for linking and retaining in care.

Sites: Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

Populations Targeted: HIV-positive persons with MH needs

Outcomes: LINKAGE, RETENTION, SUPPRESSION

· Care Coordination:

Coordinated access to medical care and medications for inmates released from Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) and Virginia Local/ Regional Jail (VLRJ) facilities.

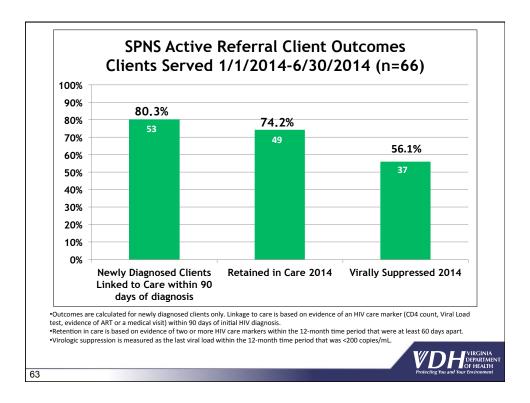
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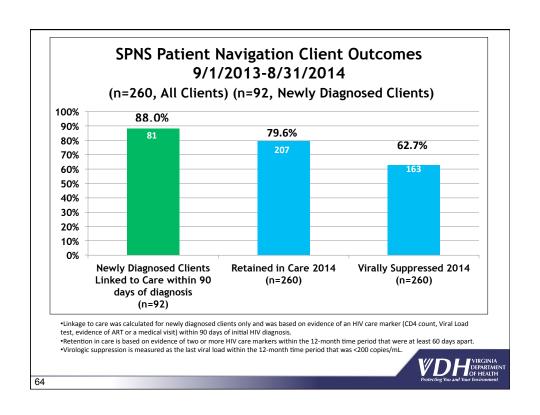
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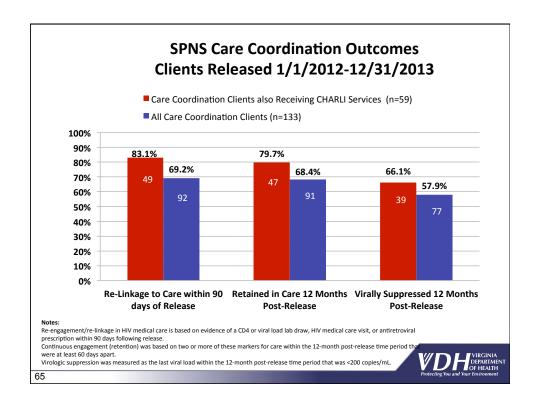
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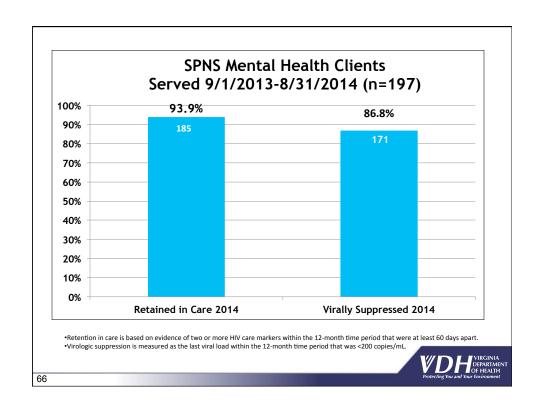
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Next Steps/Future Directions

- Data to Care Staff hired at VDH to review out of care lists internally (Lexis Nexis, other sources) and work with HIV prevention and HIV care contractors to determine missing/other potential data sources, including EMRs
- SPNS Linkages interventions all continuing after demonstration grant funding with ADAP/Ryan White/ ACA funds
- Black Box project expanding to include other jurisdictions and exchange data on care

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Lessons Learned

- HIV Care Continuum is a tool for examining both data and care issues and requires investigation of how data are collected, reported and analyzed for persons living with HIV
- Utilizing data for public health action requires merging of multiple sources of information across systems and funding streams
- Interventions that leverage resources across different areas of HIV (prevention, care, surveillance, disease investigation) are effective



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Data to Care: Improving Health Across the HIV Care Continuum in Colorado

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Background: Integrate Care & Prevention Programs

COLORADO'S CARE, PREVENTION, AND SURVEILLANCE UNITS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITHIN ONE BRANCH AT DOH

- Programs historically siloed due to concerns about HIV statute and community concerns
- HRSA / CDC guidance telescoped the need to integrate
- Prevention and Ryan White Services delivered mostly by the same CBOs
- Need for consolidated approach to evaluation, data, and capacity building
- Same State staff now provide both care and prevention contract monitoring

TREATMENT CASCADE: DATA WAS NOT FULLY TELLING THE PICTURE

- Failure to capture all data required for reporting to surveillance
 - Particularly CD4 and Viral Load
- No report of CD4 over 500/ undetectable VL
- HIV statute and historical community concerns made information sharing with State by contractors controversial
- Board of Health approved changes to the regulation to address data sharing needs

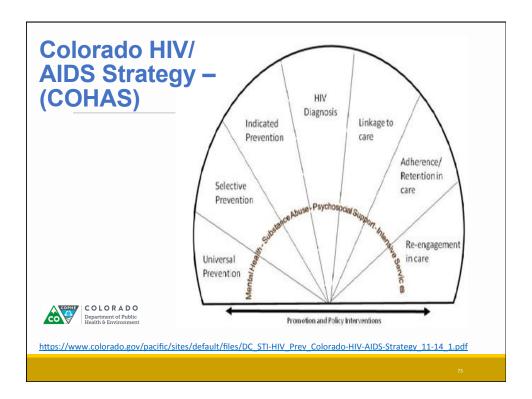


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Reorganization of the Colorado Planning Bodies

- Planning topics crossed boundaries between prevention and care
 - Overarching goal: Helping clients link promptly to care and achieve viral suppression
- HIV testing: entry point for HIV care and other services
- Basic life issues drive BOTH vulnerability to becoming HIV infected AND transmitting to others
 - e.g., substance use disorders
- Health care reform creates opportunities for prevention and care services, and requires careful planning
- Increased direction from HRSA and CDC to develop joint plans and planning processes





CDPHE Highlighted Initiatives

DATA to CARE PROJECTS:

- 1) Data Sharing Projects
- 2) Adherence & Recertification
- 3) Linkage/Retention in Care
- 4) Critical Events

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Data to Care Initiative One: Data Sharing a) Medicaid

- Relationship with Medicaid has improved. Previous issues with data sharing a result of interpretation of HIPPA regulations and Business Associate Agreements
- Previously unable to have direct access to Medicaid eligibility database to check on enrollment and had to use an outside provider (Emdeon)
- Healthcare Policy and Finance Department (HCPF) has appointed a member to Part A planning council who has proven to be an ally
- ADAP enrollment specialists will have read-only access to Colorado Benefits Management System
- Data Sharing agreement is complete and CDPHE has received a tremendous amount of data which is beginning to be analyzed
- Will have far better data on medication compliance (as many who got Medicaid dropped out of ADAP, or pay their own small copays)
- Will help to confirm medical visit / lab work is being done and intervention is offered to those out of care

b) Client buy-in of data sharing

Colorado was one of the first states to implement required name-based reporting (1985)

Disease Investigation and "Public Health Order" process led to substantial community activist concerns about the health department

In the meantime:

- 。 Both HRSA and CDC have encouraged wider data sharing
- State initiatives continue to grow (CORHIO, APCD, etc.)
- 。 Clients are experiencing more data expectations and burdens

The Task Force on Data Sharing and Client Privacy has met for over 3 years

o Consists of advocates, shareholders, and the Department

The Task Force principles strive to balance client privacy concerns, legal rights, and improving client experiences and outcomes.

What are the pluses of providing more information from ADAP?

- If data sharing includes client contact information, all providers will be better able to reach clients and assure retention in care
- If data sharing does not include all information required for RSR, the contractor's reports will not be accurate
- Absolutely accepted that NO case notes or MH /substance abuse services would be shared
- If data sharing were to include CD4 or VL information, it could facilitate consumer access to critical events system, facilitate case manager understanding of client issues, and potential other benefits to clients.
 - Data sharing group determined that it was permissible for CDPHE to share these items with contractors, as well.
 - For enrollees of ADAP, there will be one source recertification available statewide.

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c) Data sharing with other Ryan White Parts:

Data sharing agreement is being developed between Part A (Denver), Part B (State) and Parts C/D clinics

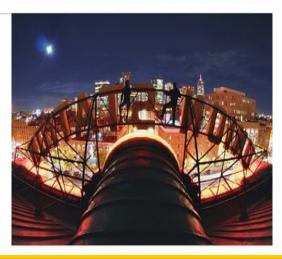
What can/should be shared?

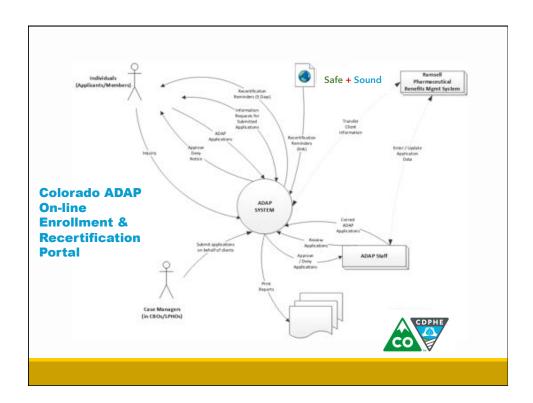
- The beginning and ending dates of the current ADAP certification period
- Client's most-recently reported place of residence
- · Client's most-recently reported income level and household size
- Client insurance enrollment status ("vigorous pursuit")
- Other data needed for an accurate RSR report
- $^{\circ}$ Client enrollment in the Critical Events Assistance Program
- CD4 VL values and dates
- Provided with encrypted URN, so entities would only have data on those clients which they match
- OPT OUT LANGUAGE IS INCLUDED IN APPLICATIONS

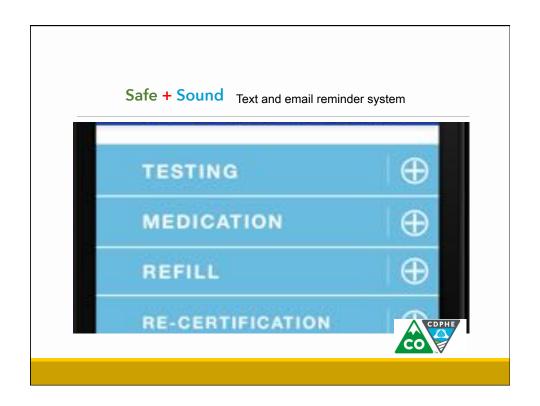
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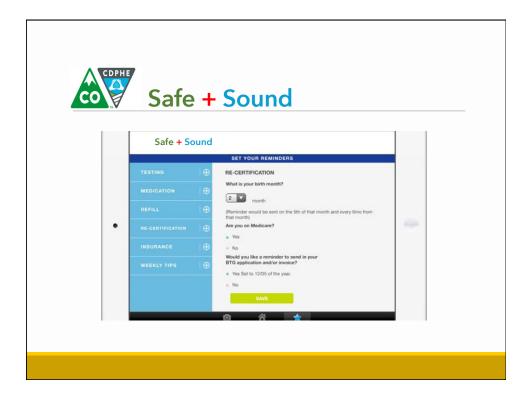
Data to Care Initiative Two: Adherence and Viral Suppression

- Recertification frequently late (up to 41%)
- Endangers payment of insurance premiums and timely access to medications (as well as services)
- Consumers with Medicaid opting to drop ADAP due to reporting burden, complicating CHURN
- Over 85% of complaints to ADAP are regarding the burden of recertification









Data Initiative Three: Linkage/ Retention in Care, and referral for interventions for high-risk negatives

Front-line health department staff and community HIV partners are in a unique position to identify seronegative individuals at a pivotal moment: when clients are most potentially at highest risk for HIV infection but have not yet acquired the virus, and HIV positive individuals are not reaching viral suppression

- Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS)
- Comprehensive Risk-Reduction & Care Services Providers (CRCS)
- Linkage to Care Staff (LTC)
- Biomedical Intervention Coordinator
- Integrated Care & Prevention Staff Members
- Community Based Organizations and Partners



• The majority of State HIV Care and Prevention staff are funded using both Ryan White and CDC funding so that they can work with high risk negative population.

Public Health interventions to find highrisk negative clients and those who are most infectious

- Identify through labs and CD4/VL who have dropped out of care (or uncontrolled virus) to offer support and make certain they are maintained in care.
- Use disease reporting and state statute to identify high-risk negatives
- Staff will address other medical or mental health /substance abuse concerns to support engagement and retention in care/prevention services.
- Address barriers to care and develop a care plan with the client.
- Work with Health Care unit staff to establish medical coverage if needed.
- Referrals to case management (CBOs/ASOs) to ensure client has adequate support moving forward
- Utilize Critical Event Program if necessary to address barriers

Data sources used to verify or update care

Health Department Sources	External Data Sources
eHARS	TLO Lexis/Nexis
PRISM (DIS, STD database)	Social Media (e.g. facebook, white pages)
ADAP database	Post Office Searches
State Vital Record databases	Driver Motor Vehicle database
ARIES database	State Medicaid databases
	Hospital Electronic Medical Records
	Jail databases
	Shelter searches

Partner Services: Linking to Prevention and Care/ Support Services

After HIV serostatus has been determined and any newly identified STIs have been treated and addressed (partner services), staff offer a <u>variety</u> of <u>upstream prevention options:</u>

- Behavioral interventions
- Linkage to medical home (if indicated)
- Biomedical intervention referral

All seronegative clients are screened for PrEP eligibility and offered rapid response nPEP services if indicated.

Clients are also referred to needle-exchange and harm reduction resources as needed (IDU).



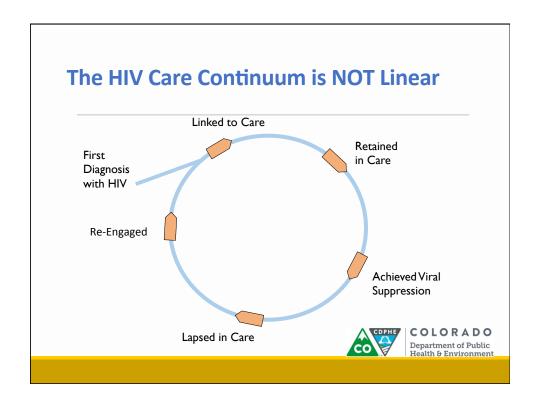


Linkage to Care Outcomes

January through December 2014

- Identified a total of 134 clients needing Linkage to Care of which 70% accepted services and were successfully linked
- °94% (345/367) of new HIV diagnoses in Colorado were linked to care within 90 days of diagnosis





Initiative Four: Critical Event Initiative

What is a "critical event"?

- An event that makes it much more likely a client will drop out of medical care or never seek medical care to begin with.
- A "marker" for a destabilizing crisis.
- A severe challenge to a client who wants to achieve and maintain viral suppression.





Current Targets: To be eligible, must be:

 Newly diagnosed with HIV (within the prior calendar year)

OR

- Lapsed in care more than 365 days
- Over 100,000 viral load.

AND must have one of the following:



Critical Events

- Homeless
- Recently unemployed (within prior 90 days)
- Diagnosed with gonorrhea, syphilis, or chlamydia
- Worsening health status due to hepatitis C
- Named as a partner, to a person recently diagnosed with HIV
- Intimate partner violence or sexual assault

- Diagnosed with another acute illness requiring complex medical treatment or hospitalization, such as cancer
- Evidence based screening shows potentially severe addiction or drug dependence.
- Evidence based screening shows potentially severe mental illness
- Pregnancy



Lessons Learned

Legalities of sharing data.

Integration across the STI/HIV/VH Branch and community partners is essential.

Building relationships; clients and providers to show them the benefits of the program.

Building understanding of the LTC role both internally and externally.

Critical Events program to immediately address clients with highest need to retain or reengage them in care, offer prevention support.



Questions?

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This morning we will review:

- An overview of The Ryan White Part A Cleveland TGA
- Analyzing data gaps and planning accordingly
- Adaptions used to create a local Part A Care Continuum
- Presenting care continuum information to planning bodies
- Presenting care continuum information to subgrantees
- Intersecting care continuums and quality improvement projects



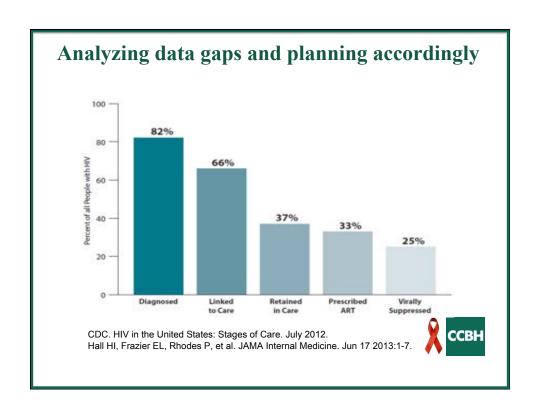
Ryan White Part A Cleveland TGA



The Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) serves as the Administrator of the Cleveland TGA Ryan White Part A Grant which serves a six county region in Northeast Ohio with an urban core in the city of Cleveland.



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Analyzing data gaps and planning accordingly

Data gap summary:

- Ohio historically did not mandate centralized reporting of CD4 or Viral load counts so we have no statewide data for how many individuals are currently in care.
- Because of the lack of state-wide data, we decided to only focus on clients who have received a Ryan White Part A funded service, however that still left us with a large gap because we have historically only collected clinical data for those that received OAMC services funded through Part A.

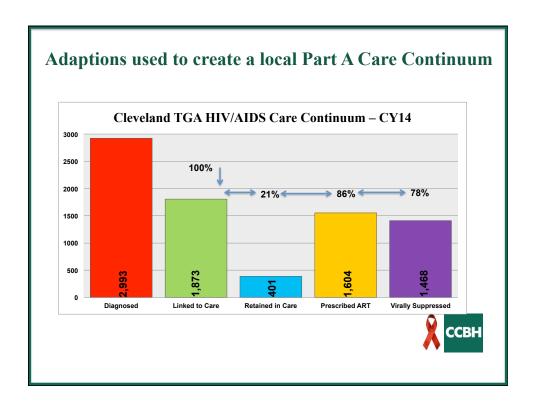


Adaptions used to create a local Part A Care Continuum

Cleveland TGA Care Continuum Definitions

- Diagnosed: Total number of HIV positive individuals receiving a RW Part A funded service.
- Linked to Medical Care: Number of HIV positive individuals who received at least one RW Part A funded Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care (OAMC) visit.
- Retained in Care: Number of positive individuals who had a minimum of two RW Part A funded medical visits at least 90 days apart during the measurement year.
- Prescribed ART: Number of positive individuals prescribed HIV antiretroviral therapy in the measurement year.
- Virally Suppressed: Number of positive individuals with an HIV viral load less than 200 copies /mL at last HIV viral load test during the measurement year.



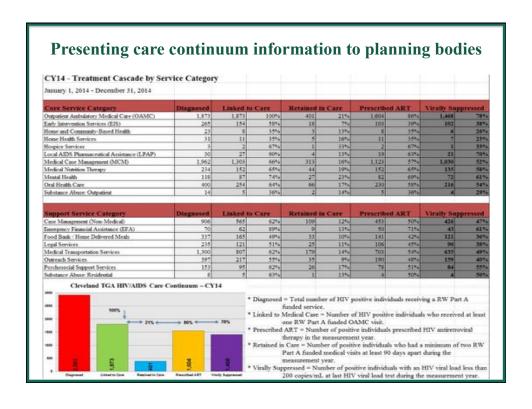


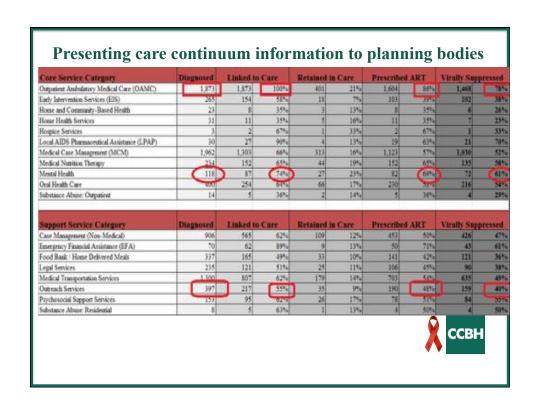
Presenting care continuum information to planning bodies

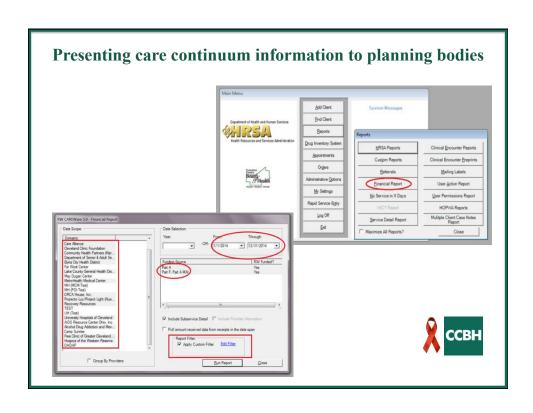
Working with our CAREWare / data consultant, a simple one page document was created to begin to familiarize planning council members with the continuum of care.

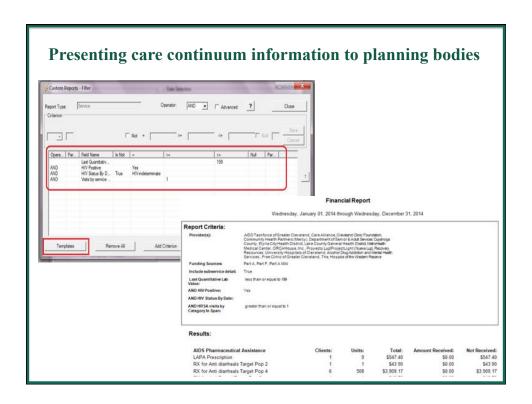
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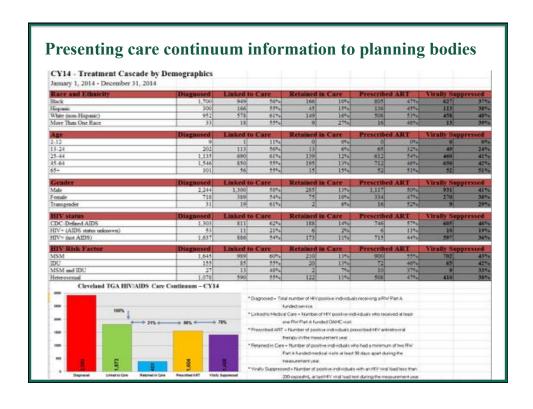
This form will be presented at both the Quality Improvement sub-committee meetings and the larger planning council group meetings on a quarterly basis.



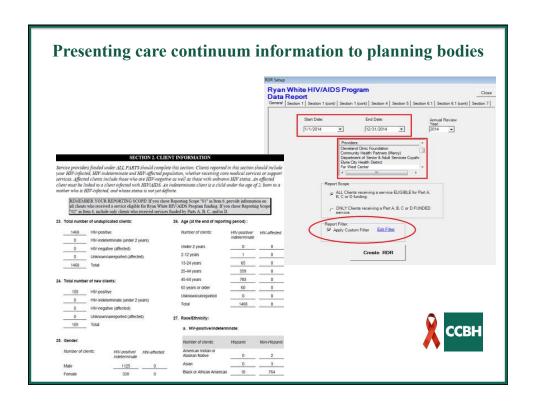


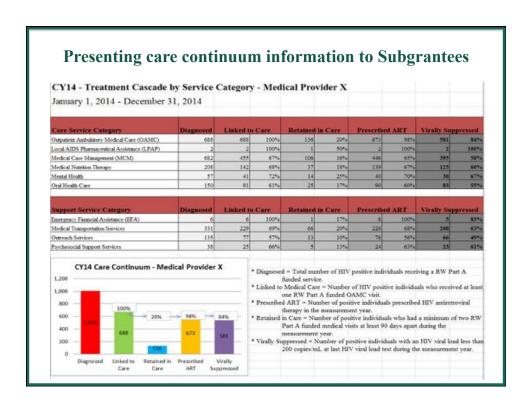


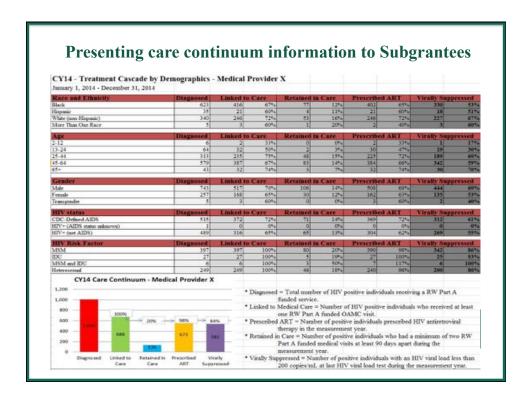




Race and Ethnicity	Diagnosed	Linked to	Care	Retained in	Care	Prescribed	ART	Virally Supp	ressed
Black	1,700	949	56%	166	10%	805	47%	627	37
Hispanic	300	166	55%	45	15%	136	45%	113	38
White (non-Hispanic)	952	578	61%	149	16%	508	53%	458	48
More Than One Race	33	18	55%	9	27%	16	48%	13	39
Age	Diagnosed	Linked to	Care	Retained in	Care	Prescribed	ART	Virally Supp	ressed
2-12	9	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0
13-24	202	113	56%	13	6%	65	32%	49	24
25-44	1,135	690	61%	139	12%	612	54%	460	41
45-64	1,546	850	55%	195	13%	712	46%	650	42
65+	101	56	55%	15	15%	52	51%	52	51
Gender:	Diagnosed	Linked to	Care	Retained in	Care	Prescribed	ART	Virally Supp	ressed
Male	2.244	1,300	58%	285	13%	1,117	50%	931	41
Female	718	389	54%	75	10%	334	47%	270	38
Transgender	31	19	61%	2	6%	16	52%	9	29
HIV status	Diagnosed	Linked to	Care	Retained in	Care	Prescribed	ART	Virally Supp	ressed
CDC-Defined AIDS	1,303	811	62%	188	14%	746	57%	605	46
HIV+ (AIDS status unknown)	53	11	21%	6	294	- 6	11%	10	19
HIV+ (not AIDS)	1,637	886	54%	173	11%	715	44%	597	36
HIV Risk Factor	Diagnosed	Linked to	Care	Retained in	Care	Prescribed	ART	Virally Supp	ressed
MSM	1.645	989	60%	210	13%	900	55%	702	43
DU	155	85	55%	20	13%	72	46%	65	-
MSM and IDU	27	13	48%	2	7%	10	37%	9	33
Heterosexual	1,078	590	55%	122	11%	508	47%	410	38

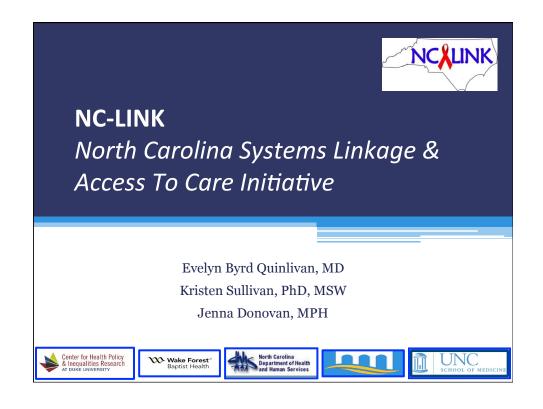


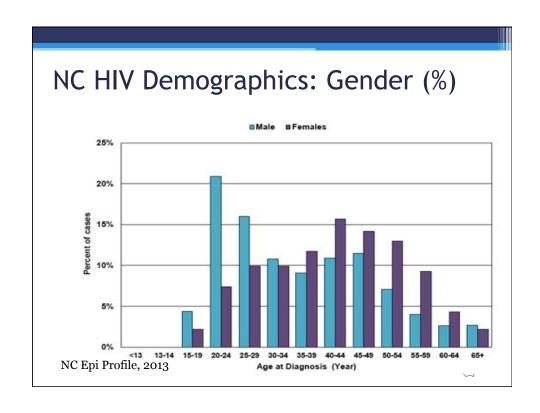


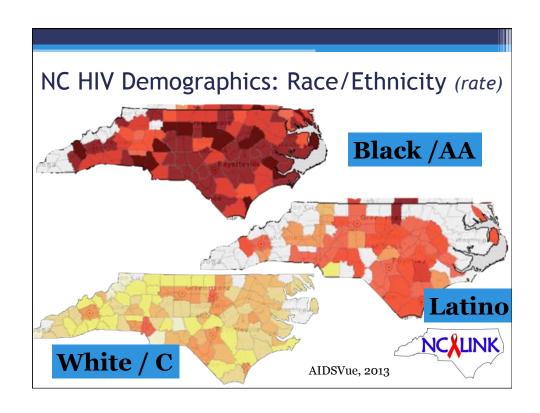


■ Agencies provided with exported client ID lists for those that are not virally suppressed on a quarterly basis. ■ 20% improvement goal on viral load suppression rates throughout the TGA. (dif = 81) ■ Ohio is also one of five states currently participating in the National Quality Center's H4C initiative.









Challenges to Continuum of Care in NC

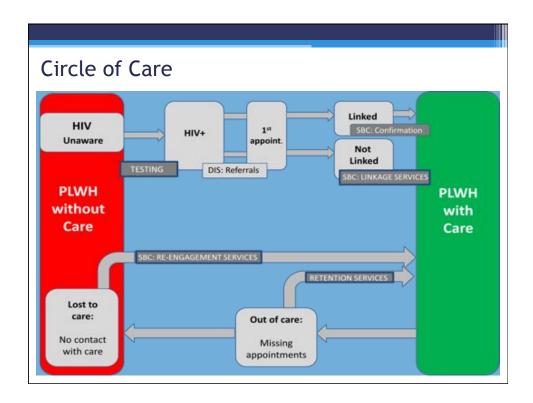
- Large geographic distances
- Limited fieldwork capacity of staff within regions/clinics
- Partner notification, control measures are the key responsibilities of Disease Intervention Specialists
- Processes for locating clients, varied, informal, absent



NC-LINK Pilot Phase (2012-2013)

- · Learning Collaborative Model
- Formal Collaborative Structure
 - Conference calls monthly with pilot sites
 - Stakeholder meetings, at six months
 - Presentations by test site staff
 - PDSA cycles
 - · Availability of team for technical assistance
- 4 clinic, 2 statewide interventions tested
- 4 interventions selected for expansion





Retention Protocol Baseline

- 1 large academic clinic with 2,000 HIV patients
 - Existing procedure irregular intervals (years)
- Large backlog
- Each list was generated independently
- Location and contact strategies Best practices
- Lack of outreach /field skills
- No strategies to prevent gaps in care
- CAREWare Ryan White Data repository
- EMR

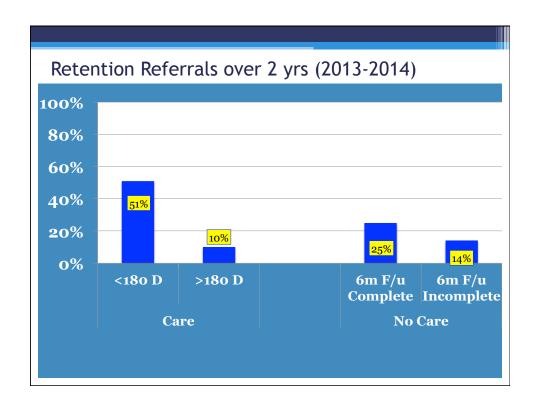


NC-LINK Retention Protocol

- Out-of-care list generated as a report
 - Data manager performs
 - PLWH who have not had a medical care visit in 6-9 m
 - Runs list through clinic EMR or CAREWare (CW)
- Data manager review
 - Remove clients who are not truly out-of-care
 - Have future appointment
 - Special circumstances
- Referral to retention staff
- Retention staff work on locating client for up to 30 days
 - Call all phone #s, contacts
 - Internet search- jails, prisons, death index, Google, Medicaid
 - Contact pharmacy to leave message
 - Letter

Retention Protocol (continued)

- 30-day search period of locating
 - Document efforts and provide outcomes via CAREWare
- Close out clients with definitive outcome
- Lost to care referrals (Unknown/not located clients)
 - Referred to State Bridge Counselor for re-engagement services including fieldwork
- Expanded to 4 Regional Networks of Care, 13 agencies



Challenges

- Staff resources can be limited
 - retention staff usually have many other job responsibilities
 - Turnover/training within retention positions
- Long initial lists (200-300 clients)
- · Hand-off to external field workers required
- Client mobility



Successes

- > 60% are back in care
- Able to determine client status in the majority of cases.
- Processes are streamlined, transparent, documented
- · Lists are shortened after backlog is addressed.
- Long lists can be worked using priorities
 - · Patient Risk: low CD4, time out of care
 - · Public Health Risk: high VL, target population



Linkage *and* Re-engagement by State Bridge Counselors

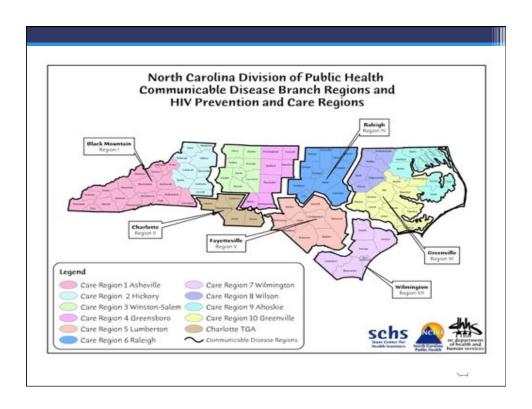
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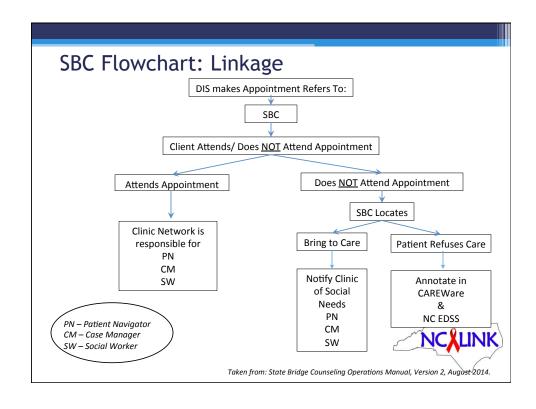


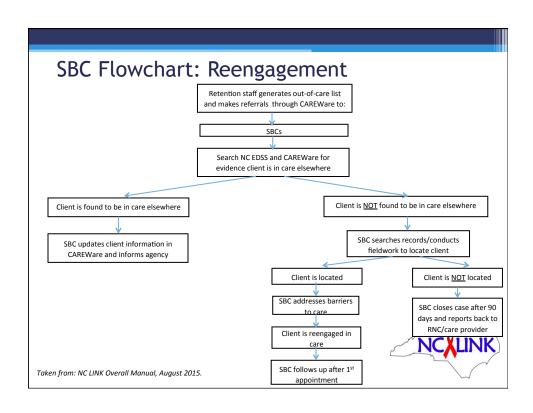
State Bridge Counselors (SBCs)

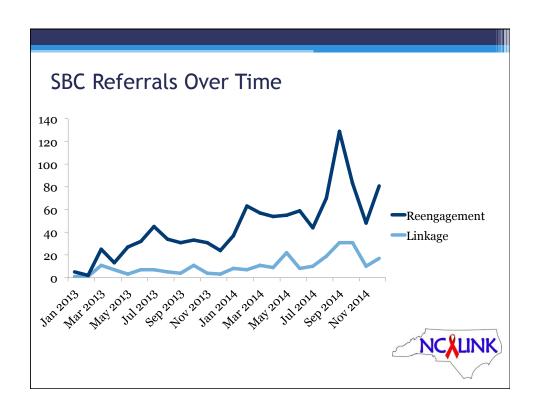
- Positions created within NC Dept of Health and Human Services in 2012
- Purpose is to improve linkage and re-engagement in HIV care
- Collaborate with DIS, case managers, and community partners
- Utilize protocol and strengths-based techniques











SBC Linkage and Reengagement in Care Outcomes

	Linkage (n=247)	Reengagement (n=835)
Viral Load w/in 90 days of referral	134 (54%)	289 (35%)
Viral Load w/in 180 days of referral	162 (66%)	393 (47%)
Demonstrates Viral Suppression (<200) within 180 days	101 (41%)	219 (26%)



Challenges of Implementation

- · Role confusion and delineation
- Legal concerns –control measure violations
- Personnel– turnover, hiring freezes, etc.
- Large geographic distances covered
- Incomplete, out-of-date information in referrals





Summary of Strengths of SBC Program

- Utilization of CAREWare for referrals and documentation
- · Ability to conduct fieldwork and provide transportation
- · Strengths-based approach
- · Unified statewide team with consistent procedures
- Leverage public health resources for client information



Summary of IT Support Requirements

- Software requirements for referrals and documentations
 - Data repository of client information
 - Location for documentation of activities/ outcomes
 - Make referrals and generate work lists for individual staff
- Data Sharing across jurisdictions



Conclusions

- Collaborative, multi-level approach necessary to significantly impact Continuum of Care within NC
- Statewide care data systems can be leveraged to enhance communication and coordination of efforts
- Utilization of existing resources will enhance sustainability of interventions
- Initial analyses suggest approach is effective; evaluation is ongoing.



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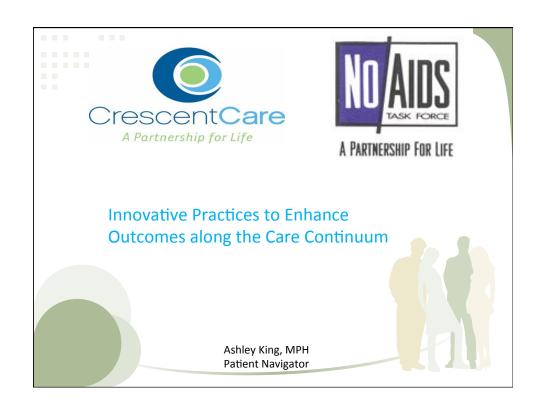
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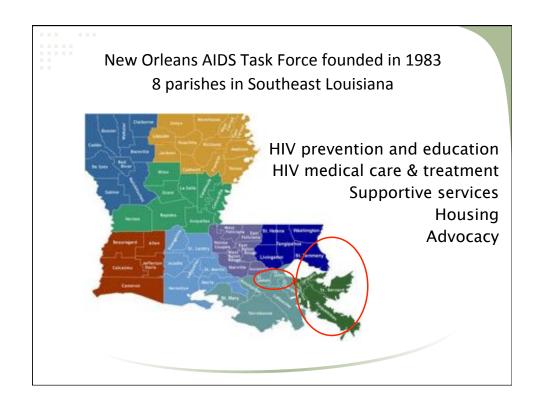


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Overview

- ➤ History of CrescentCare
- Services Offered
- > Transition to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- Current Initiatives
 - ➤ Linkage to Care
 - Data Sharing



Mission Statement

NO/AIDS Task Force

"To reduce the spread of HIV infection, provide services, advocate empowerment, safeguard the rights and dignity of HIV-affected community, and provide for an enlightened public"

Tulane Tower (2601 Tulane Ave.) (CrescentCare Specialty Center)



- ✓ Primary Medical Care
- ✓ Behavioral Health
- √ Case Management
- ✓ Med. Nutrition Therapy
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Housing
- ✓ Peer Support





Tulane Tower (2601 Tulane Ave.)



- ✓ Contract Pharmacy
- ✓ Med. Assistance
- ✓ Food Pantry
- ✓ Support Groups
- ✓ HIV Testing and Counseling
- ✓ Legal Services
- ✓ Admin. Activities



Growth over the years

NO/AIDS Task Force founded in 1983

	2006	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Annual Budget	\$3.5m	\$6.6m	\$11.9m	\$14.8m	\$19m	\$20m	\$27m	\$28m
Paid Staff	36	68	107	131	170	184	220	220+
Volunteers	150	350	400+	400+	400+	400+	400+	400+

2013 2,884 clients (HIV+) receiving supportive services

1,522 in Primary Medical Care (PMC)

2014 4,275 clients (48% client increase)

• 2,774 in PMC (82% PMC increase)

Why become a FQHC?

- ✓ It's all about the community!
- ✓ Provide much needed services in a post-Katrina landscape
- ✓ Broaden our reach in the community
- ✓ Opportunity to expand services
- ✓ Ensure long-term organizational financial sustainability

New brand, new mission

CrescentCare

"To offer comprehensive health and wellness services to the community, to advocate empowerment, to safeguard the rights and dignity of individuals, and to provide for an enlightened public"







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✓ Dental Suite



Successes

For the agency

- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Maintain organization legacy
- ✓ Personnel (skills/expertise)
- ✓ New partnerships

For the client

- ✓ Offer expanded services to the community transgender clinical care, dental services, OB/GYN, HCV testing and treatment, PrEP
- ✓ Improved patient experience (based on patient satisfaction survey)
- ✓ Less stigma
- ✓ Expanded capacity

Challenges

- Recruiting and on-boarding of multiple practitioners is time consuming
- Applying and securing new NPI numbers, 340b registration, CLIA waiver, occupational licenses
- Ensuring new providers are credentialed with 3rd party payers (insurance, Medicaid, Medicare)
- · Keeping staff informed of strategic vision
- Building infrastructure



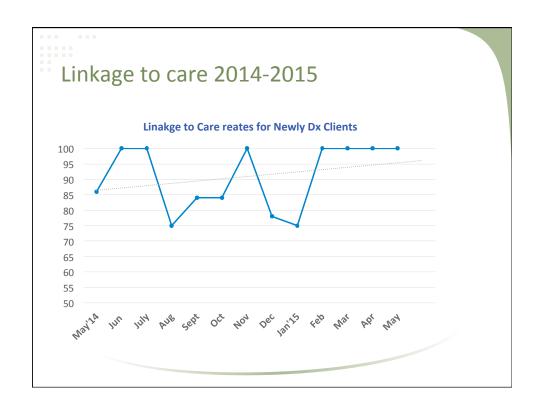
LINKAGE TO CARE INITIATIVE

Linkage to Care

- Prior to our IAHCT (Increasing Access to Healthcare and Treatment) funding for a Patient Navigator (PN), linkage to care rates were around 50% and responsibilities were shared.
- In 2012 we received funding designated to facilitate linkage to care (L2C)/ patient navigation
- Within that year, L2C rates rose to 73% and have continually improved

Streamlining the Process

- All positive tests are funneled through the PN
- The PN ensures all paperwork is completed
- PN contacts the client within 24 hours
- PN meets with the client
- PN helps client enroll in case management
- PN schedules the clients first medical appointment
- Follow-up



Lessons Learned

- ✓ Streamlining the process has increased our linkage to care rates
- ✓ Client is able to link to care immediately after receiving positive results
- ✓ Decreases lost to follow-up
- ✓ Provides for a smooth transition between departments
- ✓ Provides a strong support system for the client
- ✓ Identify competing priorities/barriers for the client and help reduce them

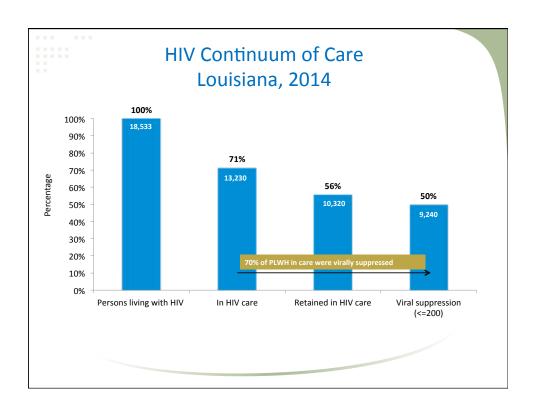
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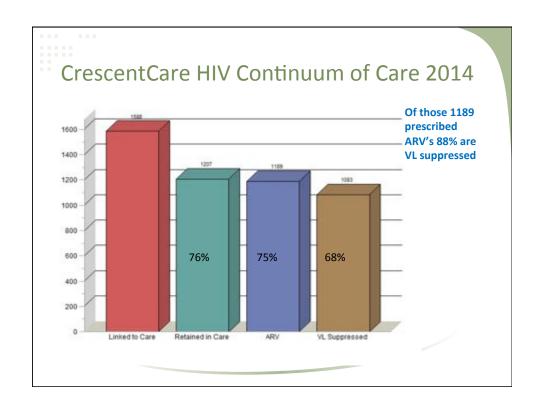
Data Sharing

➤ In January 2015, at the suggestion of our HIV quality consultant, CrescentCare along with six other agencies throughout the state formed the Louisiana HIV Clinical Quality Group.

Participants include:

- > LSU sites
- > RW agencies
- ➤ Louisiana Office of Public Health





Data sharing with Office of Public Health

- "Out of care" initiative
 - Out of Care
 - ➤ Patients who have not had provider appointment in over 180 days
- Compile Data
- Cleaning Data (OPH)
- > Re- engaged out of care clients

Data sharing cont.

- > Statewide surveillance data from OPH
- Clinics interested in establishing a regular feedback mechanism, using facility-based surveillance data
- ➤ Collaborative data analysis

Lessons Learned

- Take advantage of resources other organizations may have access too.
- Partnership has strengthen relationship with Office of Public Health
- Recognize necessity for re-engagement/ retention position
- Initiative still in early stages no hard data on re-engagement

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BREAKOUT SESSION

