



Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center

PBHCI Cohort 7

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Questions?
Please type your questions into the question box and we will address them.



POLL QUESTION 1

Our organization currently uses a risk stratification model to triage patients.

- **True**
- **False**
- **Not Sure**

POLL QUESTION 2

We understand the essential elements associated with risk stratification.

- **True**
- **False**
- **Not sure**

PITTSBURGH MERCY LEGACY

A HERITAGE OF HOPE



“We will lead care and service that transforms lives and discovers new possibilities, constantly putting people at the center of everything we do.”



INTEGRATED PRIMARY CARE: PITTSBURGH MERCY HEALTH CENTER

PMHS Patient Population:

- In 2010, 33,000 individuals were receiving BH or ID care at PMHS - 50% were not receiving *any* routine primary care
- Chronic co-occurring SMI and Medically complex with high risk social determinants



Replicating the ACT model in Primary Care

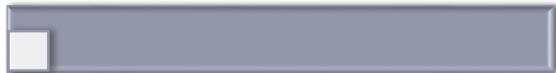
- Highly engaging team meets the patient where they are in their lives
- Multidisciplinary and cross-community
- Rapid review of highest risk patients for enhance case management

Reverse Integration

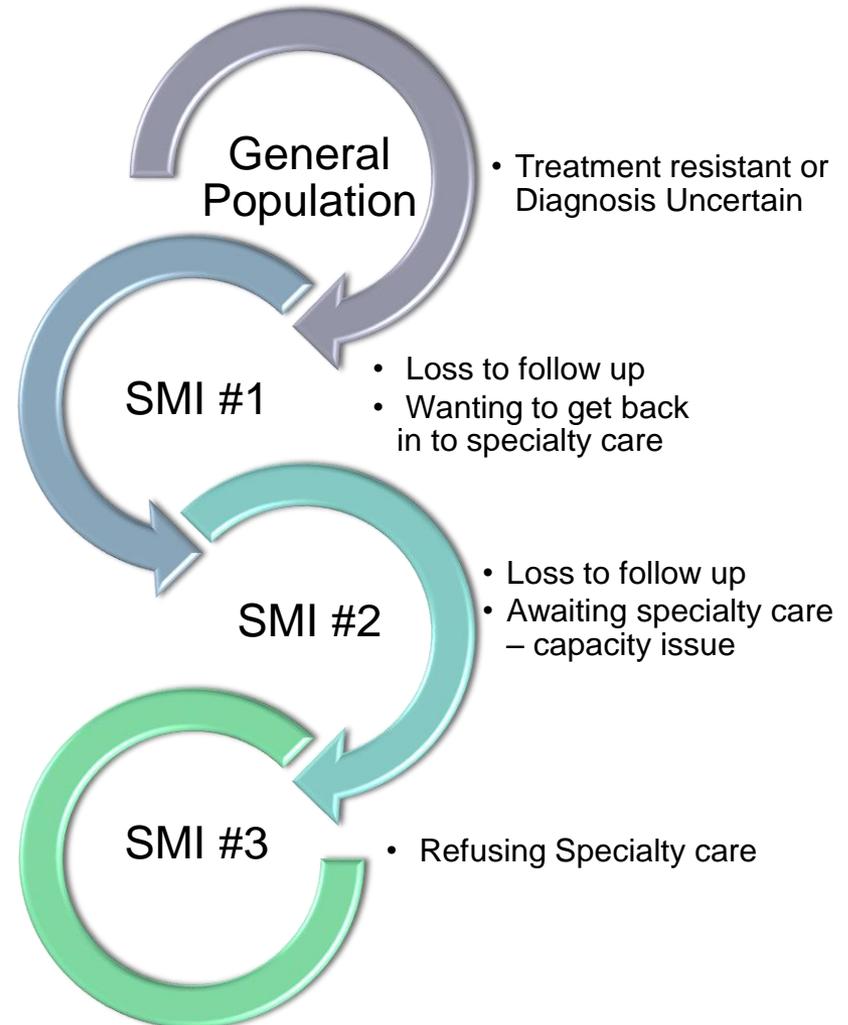
- Community Mental Health Center embedding Primary Care within its programs

TEAM BASED POPULATION MANAGEMENT

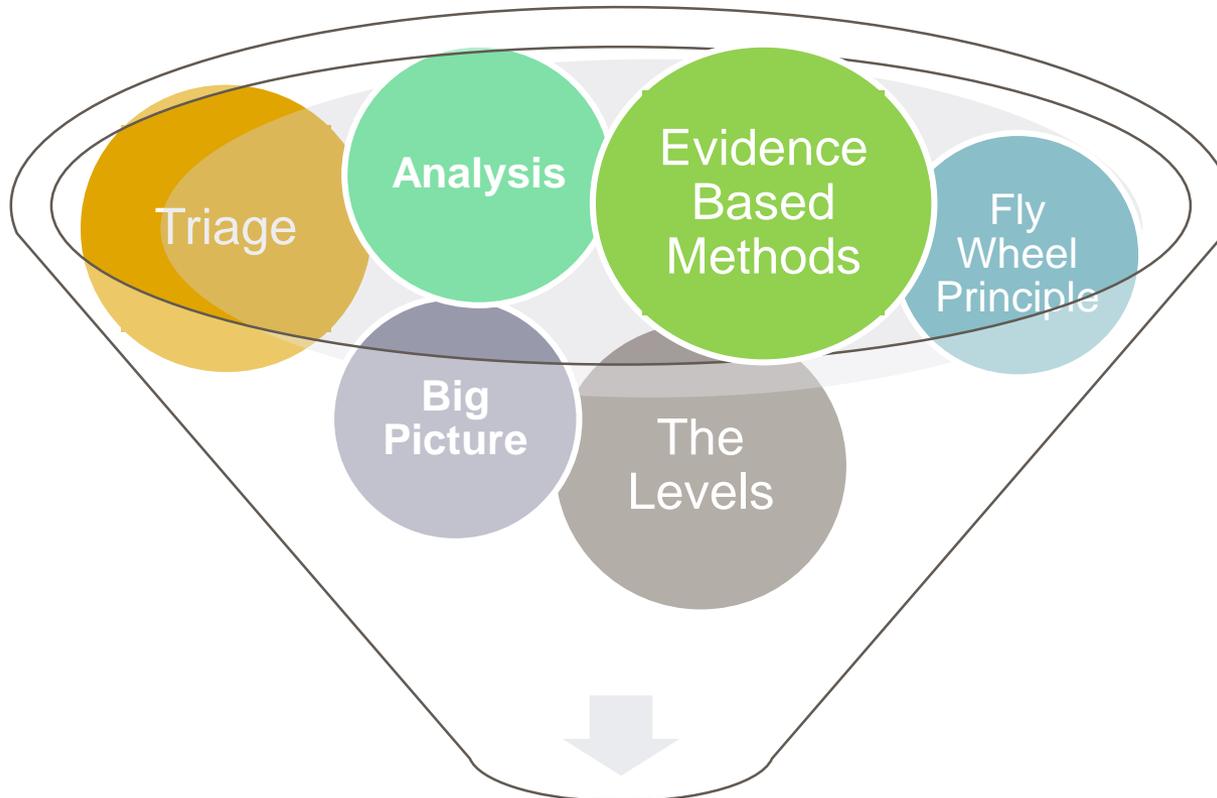
Our Team



- Primary Care Provider
- Consulting Psychiatrist
- Care Manager
- Peer Support Coach
- Tobacco Cessation
- Medical Assistant
- Social Service Program



GENERAL CONCEPTS FOR RISK STRATIFICATION



The Secret Sauce

TRIAGE

Triage ([/'tri:ɑ:ʒ/](#) or [/tri:'ɑ:ʒ/](#)) is the process of determining the priority of patients' treatments based on the severity of their condition. This [rations](#) patient treatment efficiently when resources are insufficient for all to be treated immediately.



BIG PICTURE

- **Biologic:** Chronic Disease, Stability, Medical Complexity, Compliance, Diagnostic Uncertainty
- **Psychological:** SMI, Stability, Compliance, Diagnostic Uncertainty, Treatment Resistant
- **Social:** Meaningful Activity, Social Supports, Housing, Safety
- **Health System Engagement:** Appropriate Utilization, Hospital And Payor Data

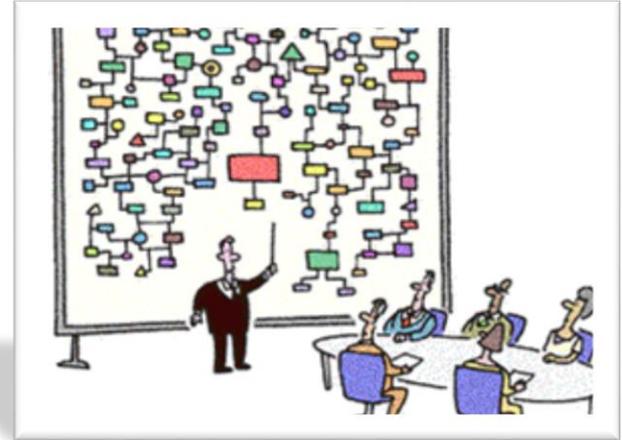
THE LEVELS

PMFHC Risk Stratified Patient Care

	Biological	Psychological	Social	Health Services / Engagement
Level I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Active Medical Problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Coping Skills No Mental Health Concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meaningful Work/Activities Stable Housing Supportive Relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insured Good Access to Care Good Treatment Experience Good Communication with Medical Team
Level II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear Diagnosis Mild Symptoms No Impairment in Function Low Risk for Morbidity/Mortality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mild Mental Health Symptoms that do not interfere with Functioning Good engagement with system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable Housing, Job, but no Activities Mild Interpersonal Problems but has Support, sometimes Unreliable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Limitations to Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial, Cultural Geographic
Level III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Health Symptoms that interfere with Functioning Chronic Disease present and Not Well Controlled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Mental Health Symptoms which interfere with Functioning Non-Adherence to Treatment and Engagement Hostility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate Social Dysfunction Unemployed, but has Leisure Activities Poor Social Supports Unstable Housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor Coordination, Communication Mistrust of Medical System Limited Insurance
Level IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe Symptoms that interfere with Function Multiple Diseases Difficult to Diagnose & Treat (Non-Physical Reasons) High Risk for Morbidity & Mortality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe Mental Health Symptoms that interfere with Function Criminal Behavior Minimal Coping Skills Not Engaged with System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Housing Unemployed No Leisure Activity No Family or Friend Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No insurance No Coordination of Care Very Fearful & Distrustful of Health Care System Unwilling to Engage with Treatment

ANALYSIS

- Don't get “analysis paralysis”
- Pick a level and move along
- Use technology
- “Dummy” billing codes
- Split up the population into smaller teams depending on geography, services, etc.



EVIDENCE BASED

- Follow the ACT Team Model
- Meet regularly (or at least as much as you can)
- Team – who is team?
- Make it brief – fast, organized and actionable
- Set outputs
- Do one thing – Find the patient, change a treatment, add a service, get everyone on the same page.

DIVERSIFYING OUR TEAM

Letting the population drive how you use The Team

Consulting Psychiatry



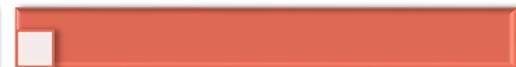
- Treatment Resistance
- Could this be Bipolar?
- D&A masked as MH
- Personality Disorders
- Somatization
- Borderline
- Obsessive Compulsive

Care Management



- Engagement
- Drug & Alcohol Counseling
- CBT
- Brief Intervention
- Chronic Disease Education
- Housing and Social Support

Peer Support Coach



- Empathy – shared experiences
- Social Supports
- Building Independence
- Engagement

THE FLYWHEEL PRINCIPLE – JIM COLLINS

- <http://jimmyzimmerman.com/wp-content/uploads/flywheel.swf>
- Be persistent
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ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE



Community
Visits

Same Day
Appointment

24 hour Call
Coverage

Daily Calls
for
"Frequent
Flyers"

MEASURING OUTCOMES

PMFHC participants experienced
 67% fewer psychiatric
 hospitalizations

Table 1. Psychiatric hospitalizations for PMFHC and non-PMFHC participants (7/2013 to 7/2014)

# of stays	PMFHC participants (n= 84)	non-PMFHC participants (n=73)
0	76	38
1	6	25
2	1	4
3	0	3
4	1	3
<i>Average</i>	0.143	0.782
<i>Range</i>	0 - 4	0 - 4

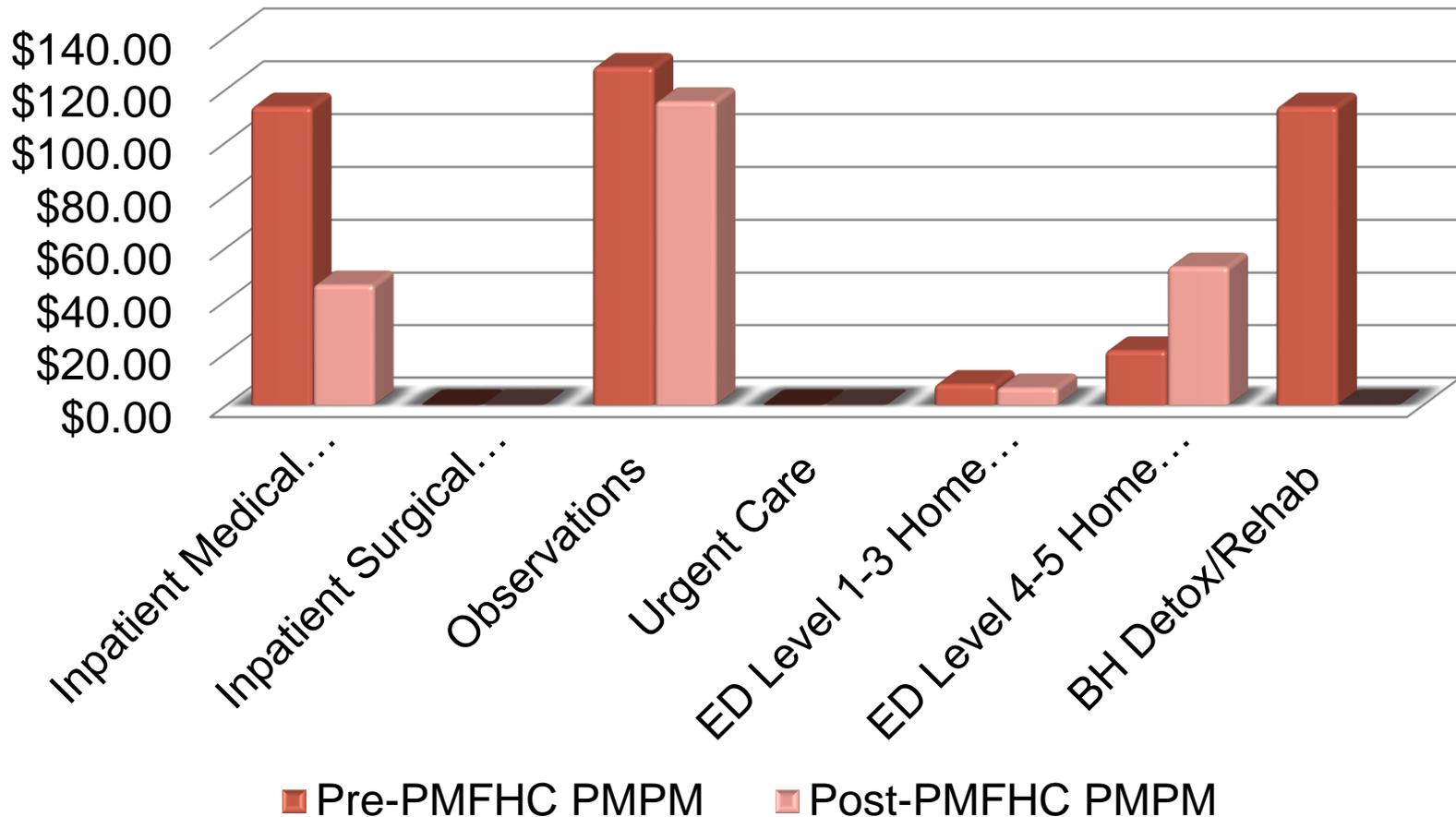
PMFHC participants spent
 significantly less time in
 psychiatric hospitals within the
 past year

Table 2. ALOS, Median LOS, and Range of Stays (in days) for PMFHC and non-PMFHC participants (7/2013 to 7/2014)

Measures (days)	PMFHC participants n=8	non-PMFHC participants n=37
<i>Average</i>	15.6	39.4
<i>Median</i>	10.5	30.5
<i>Range</i>	1 - 47	3 - 113

MEASURING MEDICAL COSTS

Pre and Post Hospital Utilization – Per Member Per Month



QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?