
Advancing Million Hearts®
AHA and Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
Partners Working Together in Louisiana

September 25, 2019
Meeting Summary



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Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana



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Meeting Summary

Purpose: To develop a coordinated strategy for addressing hypertension in Louisiana.

Objectives:

1. Increase understanding of the existing hypertension initiatives implemented through various organizations.
2. Identify opportunities for alignment of existing efforts.
 - Increase healthcare provider engagement in hypertension management initiatives
 - Implement self-measured blood pressure monitoring with clinical support
 - Increase community-clinical partnerships for hypertension management
3. Identify gaps in services (populations, geographic regions, etc.)
4. Develop plans for maximizing existing efforts and addressing unmet needs.

Overview

On September 25, 2018, 55 representatives from 22 health organizations devoted to reducing the prevalence of heart disease met in Baton Rouge to advance the mission of the Million Hearts® initiative.

The partner organizations collaborated on ways to align their individual efforts to better meet the Million Hearts® goal of preventing a million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years. Representatives shared information about their organizations' hypertension management programs and resources to identify alignments, assess opportunities to expand efforts and to fill gaps in services.

Participants then separated into breakout groups to discuss and establish action plans around three priority areas:

- Identify opportunities to increase healthcare provider engagement in hypertension management initiatives.
- Identify opportunities to implement self-measured blood pressure monitoring with clinical support.
- Identify opportunities to increase community-clinical partnerships for hypertension management.

The day's discussions helped participants expand their knowledge of existing efforts and initiatives addressing hypertension, initiate opportunities for collaboration and share success and lessons learned with peers.

Approximately 20 of the 51 participants responded to the post meeting evaluation survey. Of those who responded, 44% participated in the discussion about increasing healthcare provider engagement in hypertension management initiatives; and 28% participated in each of the remaining two groups. Feedback reflected the depth and value of information yielded from discussions. Participants appreciated the opportunity to identify new partners, learn about existing efforts, obtain new tools and resources as well as network with colleagues.

Suggestions for next steps include developing a plan for maintaining momentum and continuing regular communication, establishing a regular meeting schedule every 4-6 months and increasing organizational representation on the group.

What excites you about your work in heart disease and stroke prevention?

The follow responses were shared by meeting participants:

- Ways to make Louisiana healthier.
- More information on hypertension that I can bring back to my community.
- Improving the health of Louisiana.
- Identifying opportunities to help us all support heart disease prevention efforts.
- Aligning all our teams together.
- Learning from the partners that we already have to make sure that we collaborate and do more work here.
- Shaping the work that I do each and every day.
- Hearing from all of you and hearing what's working, what isn't working, and figuring out how to pull together.
- Stronger partnerships after today.
- Learning how we can connect the people in the capital area to let them know the resources that are available to them.
- Increase engagement with providers through our provider engagement network.
- Learn how we can collaborate on a few of our relationships.
- Build a bidirectional referral process between our clinic and the physicians' office.
- Build partnerships and to see what other agencies are doing when it comes to managing hypertension.
- Expand our community outreach to prevent heart disease and stroke and better understand the needs of our community.
- Hearing what programs are available for partnering so that we can make an impact in our communities.
- Learning about fun and innovative ways to be able to engage our community and be aware of the hypertension issues that we do have.
- Bring education to our rural community and the capital area.
- Transforming the health care system.
- Take the lessons learned from this process and help other states as well.
- Connect with other groups who can help us and produce health outcomes.
- Looking at the social determinants of health.
- Developing strategic partnerships in Louisiana and to be able to translate this beyond these four walls.
- Take back ideas on how to operationalize blood pressure control.
- Take back information to our providers and then therefore to our patients to help them live a better, healthier life.



Agenda

Time	Agenda Item/Topic	Speaker/Facilitator
8:30 – 9:00 am	Partner Networking	
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome	John Clymer Executive Director, National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Julie Harvill Operations Manager, Million Hearts Collaboration, American Heart Association
	Overview of the Day	
9:10-9:30	Introductions In one sentence, what excites you about your role in heart disease and stroke prevention?	John Bartkus, PMP, CPF Principal Program Manager, Pensivia
9:30 – 9:45 am	Million Hearts® 2022 Q and A - Group Interaction	Tiffany Fell Deputy to Associate Director Policy, External Relations, and Communications Office Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, CDC
9:45 – 10:00 am	Louisiana Department of Health Hypertension Initiatives	Melissa R. Martin, RDN, LDN Well-Ahead Louisiana Director
10:00 – 10:15 am	Quality Insights, Quality Innovation Network	Debra Rushing Cardiac, Louisiana State Lead
10:15-10:30 am	American Heart Association Hypertension Initiatives	Ashley Hebert, MPA Government Relations Director, Louisiana Coretta LaGarde VP, Health Strategies, Louisiana
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break	
10:45- 12:00 pm	Louisiana Partner Hypertension Initiatives Partnering with providers to implement sustainable systems changes Bogalusa Heart Study and Hypertension Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative Sankofa Community Development Corporation Rural Health Center Hypertension Programs	Kenny J. Cole, MD, MHCDS System VP, Clinical Improvement Ochsner Health System Camilo Fernandez, MD, MSc, MBA Senior Research Scientist Center for Lifespan Epidemiology Research Department of Epidemiology, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Veronica Gillispie-Bell, MD, FACOG Medical Director, Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative and Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review Danelle Guillory, MD, PhD Healthy HeartBeats Program Colleen Arceneaux, MPH Population Health Manager, Well-Ahead Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Health / Office of Public Health
11:25 – 11:45 am	Finding Connections and Alignments	John Bartkus
12:00 pm	Lunch	

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12:45 – 2:20 pm	Afternoon Breakouts/Facilitated Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider engagement in hypertension management efforts • Self-measured blood pressure monitoring with clinical support • Clinical-community partnerships for hypertension management 	John Bartkus
2:20 – 2:50 pm	Group Report Outs and Next Steps	John Bartkus
2:50 – 3:00 pm	Evaluation and Feedback Process	Sharon Nelson, MPH Program Initiatives Manager, Million Hearts Collaboration, American Heart Association
3:00 pm	Wrap Up/ Adjourn	

Presentations:


The following are highlights of presentations shared by meeting participants. The full presentations can be found at the end of the report.

Million Hearts® 2022 Update

Tiffany Fell, Deputy Associate Director, PERC

Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention, CDC

Million Hearts® 2022 Priorities	
Keeping People Healthy	Optimizing Care
Reduce Sodium Intake	Improve ABCS*
Decrease Tobacco Use	Increase Use of Cardiac Rehab
Increase Physical Activity	Engage Patients in Heart-Healthy Behaviors
Improving Outcomes for Priority Populations	
Blacks/African Americans with hypertension	
35- to 64-year-olds	
People who have had a heart attack or stroke	
People with mental and/or substance use disorders	

 *Aspirin use when appropriate, Blood pressure control, Cholesterol management, Smoking cessation

We project 279,300 “Million Hearts preventable events” that will occur in LA if we do nothing

- 6% reduction of those events = 16,800 events we hope LA will prevent

Resources:

- **Action Guides**—Hypertension control; Self-measured blood pressure monitoring (SMBP); newly released [Tobacco cessation](#); Medication adherence
- **Protocols**—Hypertension treatment; Tobacco cessation; Cholesterol management
- **Tools**—Hypertension prevalence estimator; ASCVD risk estimator
 - **Messages and Resources**—Undiagnosed Hypertension, Medication Adherence, Health IT, SMBP, Particle Pollution, Physical Activity, Tobacco Use
- **Clinical Quality Measures**
- **Consumer Resources and Tools**

SMBP Forum

- Join the SMBP Forum at <http://bit.ly/SMBPForum>
- Access materials via the SMBP Healthcare Community
Go to www.healthcarecommunities.org and log in to your account (free to register)
Search for ‘SMBP’ under the ‘Available Communities’ tab
Click “Join Community”
- Questions: MillionHeartsSMBP@nachc.org

- [NACCHO Toolkit](#)

- Revised Hypertension Control Change Package- revised version coming in 2019!
- Hospital/Health System Recognition Program- in close collaboration with NACDD, announcement coming in October 2019!
- [Million Hearts for Clinicians Microsite](#)- Features Million Hearts® protocols, action guides, and other QI tools; Syndicates LIVE Million Hearts® on your website for your clinical audience.

Louisiana Department of Health Hypertension Initiatives

Melissa Martin

Well-Ahead Louisiana Director



See video!

11 different programs that touch heart disease and prevention efforts

- Community resource development and Healthy Community Coaching- includes community-clinical partnerships to increase access to programs for their patients. For ex- SMBP programs in the community. Maintains a resource guide found on their website to support individuals and providers (ask Melissa for link?). Additional efforts to enhance infrastructure for CHWs.
- Wellspot Designation <http://wellaheadla.com/WellSpots/Find-WellSpots> - over 16 chronic disease programs such as self-assessments for health.
- SMBP Programs and Clinical Support
- Barbershop projects- Cutting the Pressure and other pilot projects. 3 barbers have been trained to do SMBP programming. Based on the outcomes, they will share lessons learned.
- Quit with US. LA- shared partner brand for the 1800 Quit Now quitline offering NRT and cessation counseling via phone, web, and soon text.
- WISEWOMAN
- WELL AHEAD <http://wellaheadla.com>
- Practice Coaches- working in clinical setting working with providers who are interested in these initiatives
- Population Health Cohort- focused on quality initiatives.
- Medication Adherence and Therapy Management- working with clinical pharmacy in several interventions.
- Stay connected at www.walpen.org

QIO Hypertension Initiatives

Debra Rushing

Cardiac, Louisiana State Lead

The QIN-QIO Program's Approach to Clinical Quality



Cardiovascular Health

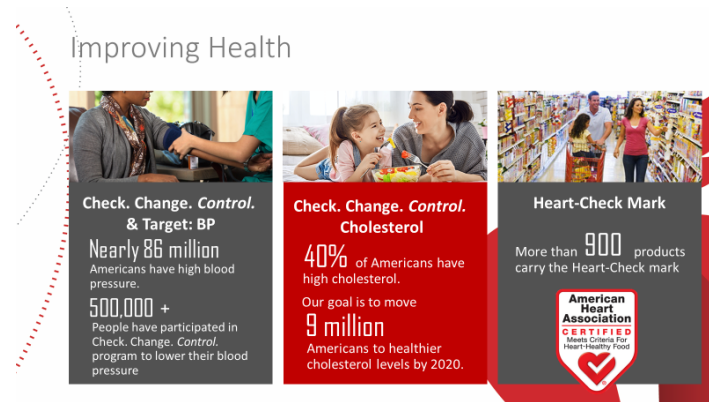
- Directives - Stroke prevention, HTN and smoking cessation
 - Promoted Million Hearts website, best practices, resources
 - Encouraged/increased use of BP protocols in practices and HHAs
 - Promoted use of HHQI's cardiovascular data registry in home health setting
 - Developed/promoted Quality Insights resources specific to stroke & BP
 - Innovative resource distribution to beneficiaries through food commodity boxes in rural areas, Meals on Wheels
- Work with clinician practices on whether they have a protocol in place and they help them get one in place.
- Work with data registry.
- All the QIO work is free and you can get CEU's by being trained through various resources.

American Heart Association Hypertension Initiatives

Ashley Hebert, Government Relations Director, Louisiana

Coretta LaGarde, VP, Health Strategies, Louisiana

- Check.Change.Control
- TargetBP
- Get With the Guidelines
- HeartCheck products in grocery stores- working with New Orleans and Baton Rouge grocery stores
- A newer initiative- Know Diabetes By Heart- combat diabetes across Louisiana
- Spotlight on Louisiana- listing hospitals involved in Stroke care
- AHA Advocacy- Healthy Eating/Active Living and Tobacco Free



Online Tools

- AHA Louisiana Facebook Page
- Sign up for You're the Cure; <http://www.yourethecure.org>
- My Life Check
- Heart Attack Risk Calculator
- AHA's Smoking Cessation Tools and Resources
- AHA's Workplace Health Solutions

Resources

- EmPowered to Serve
- Get With The Guidelines; www.heart.org/quality
- Target: BP
- Check. Change. Control. Cholesterol.

Know Diabetes By Heart

Louisiana Partner Hypertension Initiatives

Kenny Cole, Systems VP

Clinical Improvement, Ochsner Medical Center

Measure Up Pressure Down AMGA program

Evidence Based Program-

- Includes key steps in measurement, goals, ancillary testing, life style modifications, and patient engagement strategies
- Flows pathway for medication prescription and follow up visits based on how far BP is out of control
- Identifies additional tests for treatment resistant hypertension
- Lists drug names, dosages, and notes by medication category for both mono therapy and combination therapy

Quality Blue Primary Care

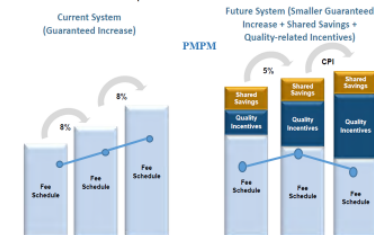
Traditional Fee-for-Service
provider Reimbursement

Value Based
Reimbursement

- Incentivizes collaboration among providers, patients and employers
- Everyone has “skin in the game” and is motivated to improve health outcomes and lower costs
- The key is..... getting providers and health systems engaged and focused on efficiency, appropriateness and excellent clinical outcomes.

Care Delivery Innovation: Value-Based Payment

Innovative payment strategies gradually shift accountability for quality outcomes and cost onto provider



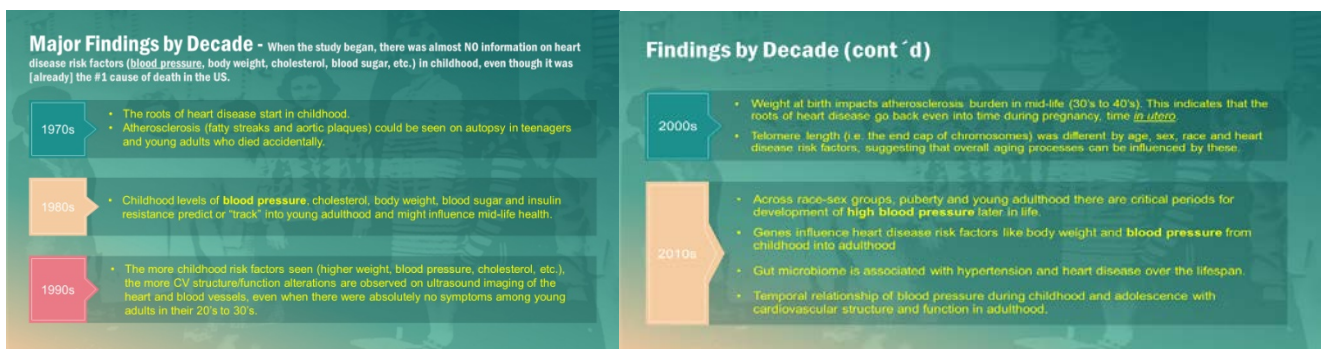
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Bogalusa Heart Study and Hypertension

Camilo Fernandez Alonso

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New Orleans, Louisiana

- One of the longest on-going studies of a biracial, semi-rural community in the Southern US. Our focus is on understanding the impact of cardiovascular and metabolic changes on health throughout the lifespan.
- 170+ studies/sub-studies have been conducted over the years, which include special studies on socioeconomic evaluations, blood pressure studies, a lipids study, genetic/epi-genetic studies, exercise, heart murmur studies, newborn cohort, diabetes, pathology, and CV imaging
- More than 1,000 publications, five textbooks and numerous monographs have been produced describing observations on more than 12,000 children and adults in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

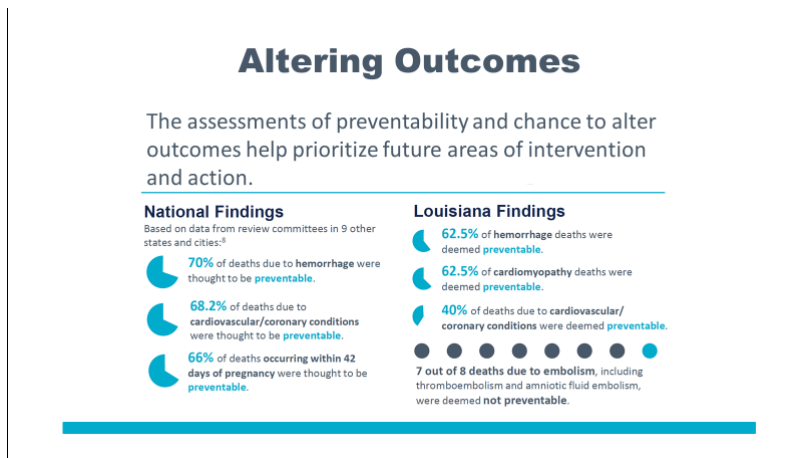


Addressing Maternal Mortality in Louisiana

Veronica Gillispie-Bell

Medical Director, Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative and Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review
Obstetrics & Gynecology

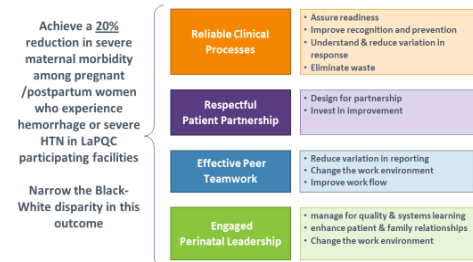
Louisiana Maternal Mortality Review Report 2011-2016



What is the LaPQC?

- Formed in 2016, became an Initiative of Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and the Prevention of Infant Mortality in 2018.
- A network of perinatal care providers, public health professionals and patient and community advocates who work to advance equity and improve outcomes for women, families, and newborns in Louisiana
- Required for Level 3 and Level 4 Hospitals
- 37 of 52 birthing facilities are participating

LaPQC Change Package



Sankofa Community Development Corporation

Danelle Guillory, Healthy Heartbeats Program

Program Overview

Our programs shape health, influence systematic change and address the social determinants of health that trigger and sustain inequalities

Program Goals

- To create a local environment that promotes positive health outcomes & long-term community well-being
- To promote personal wellness in alignment with healthy families as the cornerstone of a thriving, cohesive community, for cohesive communities
- To build healthier communities for present and future generations



Multi-pronged evidence-based lifestyle change program for management and risk reduction of hypertension among high risk and under resourced communities



- Peer leadership by Community Health Ambassadors (CHA)
- CHAs trained as peer educators and provide ongoing guidance and advisement on program growth and development
- Hypertension and nutrition education using the American Heart Association EmPOWERED to Serve curriculum
- Self-monitoring blood pressure and health measurements
- Access to fresh produce
- Health care provider treatment

Healthy HeartBeats Program Highlights (August 2017 to July 2018)



132 participants at six sites completed the Healthy Heartbeats (HHB) program with an average attendance of 79%.



Average BP fell from 138/81 to 128/76** (p<.001)

50.8% (64 out of 122 of participants) reduced their systolic or diastolic BP by 10% or more.



95.6% (108 out of 113 respondents) said they "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that they had increased their physical activity after the program.



95.1% (116 out of 122 respondents) said they "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that they had changed their diets to eat more heart healthy, including reducing sodium, saturated fat, and sugar and eating more fruits and vegetables after the program.



47.9% (57 out of 119 participants) improved knowledge of one or more nutrition topics.



Breakout Group Discussions:

Meeting participants selected one of the following discussion sessions in which to participate.

Group	Topic	Co-Facilitators	Support
1	Physician Engagement in Hypertension Management Efforts	Chelsea Moreau Latraiel Courtney	Melissa Martin Julie Harvill John Clymer
2	Self-measured Blood Pressure Monitoring	Coretta LaGarde Danielle Guillory	Katelyn King Kelly Flaherty Sharon Nelson
3	Clinical Referral to Community-based Hypertension Management Programs	Colleen Arceneaux Brian Burton	Ashley Hebert Erin Leonard Julia Schneider

The following notes were taken during each discussion.

Group 1: Provider Engagement in Hypertension Management Efforts

ACTIVITIES / RESOURCES

What is each organization doing? What's working? What isn't? What resources can be shared?

Describe Strategies/Approach employed to Increase Provider Engagement.

- **Team-based care**
- **Collaborative Practice Agreements with Pharmacists**
- **Clinical Decision Support Systems**

- Get with the Guidelines AHA, recognition
- Barbershop and Salon programs – AHA, Our Ladies of Angels
 - Taught how to take using digital monitors, referral mechanism back to ER, provider, etc.
 - Showing or creating the best place to measure blood pressure
 - Importance of medications
 - Posters and resources
- Reassess how blood pressure is being measured
- HTN Management – quality checks, FQHC
 - EHS – Energy
 - Providers have walk in appointments am and pm;
 - One clinic is going to try a half a day on Saturday

Describe Successes that resulted.

Describe Challenges/Barriers you've encountered.

Describe Resources you are able to share.

- How we are accessing hypertension in the first place
- AMA Target BP training – check list on proper BP measurements
- Target BP.org numerous resources
- Meds to Beds - Pharmacy in house
- Patient Assistance next works
- Translatable Resources
- Chelsea Moreau – AHA
- Initiatives – get persons in before their meds run out
- Continuing education – provider meetings
- Level sets
- Well Ahead Resource Guide – great tool, can't praise enough
- Assess our communities and see why you need to be included and heard
- Know Diabetes by Heart, can implement a Target BP time program in your clinic

ALIGNMENTS / CONNECTIONS

Where can we support each other?

What alignments and connections across our organizations do we want to pursue?

- Pharmacists – interested in self-help / engagement for their patients of chronic diseases
- Connecting pharmacy and primary care – writing collaborative practice agreements
- Medication therapy management practice agreement – Pharmacists alert physician RX did not get filled.
- Physician can run a report and follow-up.
- Insurance is now following up
- Clinical Decision Supports – EHR can do a lot for your practice, great reports by Athena Automated triggers, project ECHO coming to Louisiana.

Out of the University of Mexico – rural health clinic providers, NP, PC, sending their complicated diabetics to specialty based upon the payment structure, lack of knowledge and training, uses other allied health professionals to provide a virtual - similar to grand rounds when in med school, those engaged in online training, can have the cardiologist may recommend how a primary care provider can treat their patients, make those clinical decisions to not have to refer out.

- Getting to a specialty provider – patients must wait a long time –
- Tool – can expand to multiple topics

Working with patient navigators or community health workers?

What can we do next and how can we work together?

- Webinar during lunch time frame and with meals
- Training – disease process updates – CEU’s – more provider engagement

What is needed – works in IT Department – case management point of view, back to their provider.

- Have you kept your appointment, what barriers do you have?
- Patient Navigator (staff)
- CQM data

NEXT STEPS (TAKING ACTION AND SUSTAINING MOMENTUM)

WHAT DO WE DO NEXT? HOW DO WE KEEP THE EFFORT MOVING AND GET RESULTS?

- Identify the resources and make sure providers get them and use them
- Provider as the speaker/trainer
- Identify opportunities to use EHR data to support hypertension control
- Elevate the value of CHW/patient navigation
- Provider and system score cards increase accountability

WORKGROUP TEAM ROSTER

Name	Organization	Email Address	Phone
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Group 2: Self Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring Programs and Clinical Supports

ACTIVITIES / RESOURCES

What is each organization doing? What's working? What isn't? What resources can be shared?

Describe Strategies/Approach employed for Self-measured blood pressure monitoring with clinical support: Patient monitoring of blood pressure at home or elsewhere with clinical support including training on use of BP monitor, tracking home BP reading and guidance as needed.

- Prepare the care team to support SMBP (e.g., train staff on proper blood pressure measurement, identify staff to provide clinical support, implement standardized treatment protocols).
- Select and incorporate clinical support systems to track BP readings
- Empower patients to monitor their blood pressure (selecting the “right” monitor, taking accurate measurements, tracking measurements, providing access to monitor if needed)

Describe Successes that resulted.

1. Community Health Workers
2. Operationalizing initiatives through Cohorts instead of Individuals
3. Barbershop Initiatives
4. Champions (Community and Clinic-based)
5. Incentives
6. BP Cuff Loaner Programs

Describe Challenges/Barriers you've encountered.

1. Sustainability
2. Bandwidth to Implement (Time Overall)
3. Clinical Support and Care Team Resources
4. Blood Pressure Cuffs
5. Easy Online Access in ALL Communities

Well Ahead Louisiana – Need a champion to be present in the community is very important. They must check in and make sure everything is running smoothly and help where necessary. Vision is to work in Barber Shops and expand work to non-profit and faith-based organizations; councils on aging.

Challenge: Gaining clinical support at the beginning of the project. The community can be ready, but the clinical support side may not be. Tooling people to be best ambassadors possible. But can have all the community support, but without the clinical support, won't work.

Questions: How do we remove the barriers to clinical support and help them? Need capacity in the clinic to do education. How to get them the resources they need?

Bunkie General Rural Health Clinics - Working with pharmacists on SMBP to be the blood pressure check point. Getting machines to home health care workers, hospitals, pharmacists. Two, pharmacies, 1 church, and the Council on Aging have contributed BP cuffs.

Challenge: Getting BP cuffs to those who need them Dr. Alonso recommended getting cuffs donated by a manufacturer. SpaceLabs, SunTech; Omron are manufacturers interested in helping. Can also get newer instruments they want to test – already validated, but not enough testing conducted yet. He also suggested applying for AHA innovation grants or other funding institutions for devices.

Challenge: How to increase patient compliance with monitoring? Patients may not have access to the resources to do so – transportation, cuffs, etc.

Challenge: How to get physicians in hospitals to take the actions necessary. How do you get them the time they need to support the program?

Parish Health Units– standardizing screenings; got lots of engagement; new guidelines released same timeframe, but high reading from health units not confirmed when referred to personal physician– may have been a one-time spike, using old guidelines, or other. Empowering patients.

Utilize telemedicine (from Tulane) to train providers or others to take BP. Can contact them to get the training.

Patient education on AHA site – target BP – how to take BP, but not hands on. AHA also has blood pressure booklets to track readings. AHA resources are great; easy to understand; shows what to do; what happens with undiagnosed hypertension. Patient education materials good resource too – easy to relay messaging to the barbershops. Patients began to tell the nurses and doctors how to do it.

Challenge– not having enough bandwidth to implement. FQHC with LSU medicine partner to meet the need and meet the patients where they are. Certintell offered remote patient monitoring program.

Empower to Serve Curriculum modified to create community ambassadors that are culturally relevant. Input and feedback on what would resonate with peers. Community Health Ambassadors run a 10-month program of classes and they follow up with participants who don't come. Grant funded through AstraZeneca. Can you provide an incentive to get them to come? i.e voucher for a free haircut to come to the barbershop talk.

Other incentives that work – water bottles, key chains, competitions with barbershops who get the most screened. Could work on clinical side; who is doing the best job of promoting...bragging rights.

Healthcare in the clinics is changing. Documentation, preventative, quality of care – big challenge for the nurses in the clinics. Inundated with change clinics struggling with referrals. Referrals for Cessation – as an example; some docs follow through; some don't. Trying to do an online process through QuitLine, but patient must be willing and ready to quit. And there is a cost to it.

Stories to illustrate the cost of not adopting healthy lifestyle. Example of African American male smokers. They don't go to the doctor. Needed Non-traditional cessation practices. Positive reinforced messages. Didn't know about Quitline or free resources available. Takes time to educate them about risks, resources. Phase 2 – make the ask – to get them to quit. Trained tobacco consultants; job centers, faith-based centers, etc – non-traditional spaces.

- Prepare the care team to support SMBP (e.g., train staff on proper blood pressure measurement, identify staff to provide clinical support, implement standardized treatment protocols).
- Select and incorporate clinical support systems to track BP readings
- Empower patients to monitor their blood pressure (selecting the “right” monitor, taking accurate measurements, tracking measurements, providing access to monitor if needed)

Describe Resources you are able to share.

1. Million Hearts; AHA; AMA
2. Barbershop Toolkits (and other Toolkits)
3. Donations from Spacelabs, Omron and Suntech for cuffs
4. Tulane Telemedicine Training on SMBP (FREE) Can be done Virtually or Face to Face
5. Utilizing Community Partners such as Pharmacies, Councils on Aging, Job Centers and Faith Based Institutions

ALIGNMENTS / CONNECTIONS

Where can we support each other?

What alignments and connections across our organizations do we want to pursue?

This group develops training for Community health workers; educating about chronic diseases. (Medicaid can provide reimbursement for but need certain certifications, etc. – large undertaking)
Identify, Train and Deploy Community Health Workers (Healthy Heart Beat Ambassadors, Practice Coaches, LaCHON)

Population health dynamics are growing in importance. Chronic care management is coming. Someone has to figure it out. Need continuity to work on it. Meet regularly to keep the ball rolling. Bigger health system groups will start coming together.

Can we tap AMA training if we have enough numbers? Rural population health cohort – programmatic umbrella through Dept of Health.

Toolkit for Louisiana on how to implement SMBP in your area.

Join the SMBP Forum that is part of Million Hearts.

Healthcarecommunities.org SMBP community within. By the National Association of Community Health Centers. Different resources for different audiences. Can be looking for models.

Promote Telemedical Initiatives

Provide Universal Training (specifically to Population Health Cohort) Please note that going forward, AMA-led practice facilitation will be available only for healthcare organizations serving over 100,000 adult patients with hypertension.

NEXT STEPS (TAKING ACTION AND SUSTAINING MOMENTUM)

What do we DO Next? How do we keep the effort moving and get results?

Connect with Obesity Commission – initiate/create BP Sub-Committee or Hypertension Advisory Council
 Well-Ahead to put together a Statewide toolkit with resources for training and information on how to get funding
 Engage Payers | Insurers to pay for blood pressure cuffs or provide at no cost
 Medicaid Reimbursement services for Community Health Workers
 Touch – Communicate – Outreach

Create network for region
 Determine how to pursue Medicaid reimbursement
 Group should meet monthly or bi-weekly
 Well ahead is putting together a list of resources
 Develop initiatives and trainings
 What is the sustainable infrastructure to support the work through Well ahead obesity commission? or other channels.
 To Do for All: Join SMBP Forum (Million Hearts to send link) and healthcarecommunities.org for the most up-to-date info.

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Group 3: Clinical-Community Partnerships for Hypertension Management

ACTIVITIES / RESOURCES

What is each organization doing? What's working? What isn't? What resources can be shared?

Describe Strategies/Approach employed for Clinical-community partnerships for hypertension management: Connecting community programs with health systems to improve chronic disease prevention, care, and management.

- Working with community partners to provide self-management support and education
- Engaging Community Health Workers in the health care team
- Working with pharmacists to provide Medication Therapy Management
- Implementing referral systems and tracking patient participation in lifestyle change programs

Describe Successes that resulted.

MCO is really focused on NQF18. They have a number of quality measures that the SHD holds the MCO accountable for. If BP became more of a policy focus, it would trigger more activity.

How do we educate SNAP benefits how to cook healthy foods and how to pick out healthy foods?

Community education

- SNAP “buy this, not that”
- School-based events/gardens
- Resources

Leverage existing community partnerships

Community benefit dollars- where is the 340B dollars going; hospitals need education on where to invest these funds especially on social determinants of health. A lot of opportunity to provide input as the hospital is planning.

Tobacco cessation resources for the quitline

Describe Challenges/Barriers you've encountered.

HTN needs more of a state focus on the policy level- state accountability in contracts?

Every community in LA is so different so even though there could be an overarching healthy foods policy in the state it would be different in every community.

Challenges with referral to quitline given high cost. There should be a referral in the EHR system and there are a lot of systems and there were a lot of challenges. They do fax to quit but a lot of clinics are no longer using fax. We don't want to create a system just for cessation/quitline if there is an opportunity to unite with another initiative.

1. Community needs to know what resources are available-does the community have the resources to begin with
2. They need to be able to be able to access a physician or CHW that can refer them-linking to the resources

ALIGNMENTS / CONNECTIONS

Where can we support each other?

What alignments and connections across our organizations do we want to pursue?

- Value in hyper targeted work groups
- What is the best system to capture resources in a community.
- Local community level-Which ones work best
- LSU AG-gap analysis
- Q10-QIN coalition meetings
- Chamber of Commerce-how to push activities into the community
- Coalition lenders

How do we unite to find discretionary dollars for the programs we need rather than be given money for prescribed programs?

For ex- SSB tax can't be taxed on an even year and locals are preempted to do it themselves.

Well Ahead Obesity, Diabetes and Tobacco Coalitions- should we combine to develop a Chronic Disease Collaborative and also include HTN since they involve similar partners

NEXT STEPS (TAKING ACTION AND SUSTAINING MOMENTUM)

What do we DO Next? How do we keep the effort moving and get results?

Action Items- Explore Obesity Commission- can we make the group actionable by adding HTN as a focus-

- LDH will lead; AHA (Ashley) to back up

Increased communication amongst us

Hyper focused workgroups

Greater understanding of what's happening and what's needed- attend local coalitions needed

Linking partners to Quality Systems training

Community assessment to identify GAPS- LSU maps

Chamber of Commerce engagement

Engage Coalition Leaders and find a way to communicate with them

- Louisiana Healthy Community Coalitions
- Rapides Foundation

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Working Together in Louisiana – September 25, 2019

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**Advancing Million Hearts®:
AHA and State Heart Disease and Stroke
Partners Working Together in Louisiana**

September 25, 2019 – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM Central
Louisiana State University – Lod Cook Alumni Center
3838 West Lakeshore Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana


8:30 am – Networking
9:00 am – Meeting Starts



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Overview of the Day

JULIE HARVILL
Operations Manager, Million Hearts® Collaboration
American Heart Association



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Agenda

- Welcome & Overview of the Day
- Introductions
- Million Hearts® 2022 Update
- Louisiana Department of Health Hypertension Initiatives
- Quality Insights, Quality Innovation Network
- American Heart Association Hypertension Initiatives
- Louisiana Partner Hypertension Initiatives
 - Partnership with providers to implement sustainable systems changes
 - Bogalusa Heart Study and Hypertension
 - Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative
 - Sinkville Community Development Corporation
 - Rural Health Center Hypertension Programs
- Lunch @ 12:00 noon
- Facilitated Discussions / Breakouts (x3)
- Group Report Outs and Next Steps
- Evaluation and Feedback Process
- Wrap up / Adjourn

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**Welcome and
Opening Remarks**

JOHN CLYMER
Executive Director
National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
Co-chair, Million Hearts® Collaboration



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Million Hearts® in Action (2013-2019)



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Introductions

JOHN BARTKUS
Principal Program Manager
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**Welcome and
Opening Remarks**

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


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Purpose and Outcomes

Meeting Purpose:
Connecting staff from AHA Affiliates, state health departments and other state and local heart disease and stroke prevention partners to establish and engage in meaningful relationships around Million Hearts® efforts and identify strategies for Million Hearts® priorities.


Meeting Outcomes:
Attendees will have expanded their knowledge of evidence-based programs, collaboration strategies, tools, resources and connections to align programs and new initiatives that support Million Hearts®.



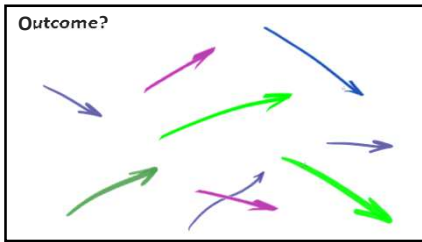
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Alignment

- “We’re all Arrows”
- Look around the room. Identify something to focus on.
- Close your eyes.
- Fully extend your arm to point at it. *(Watch out for your neighbors)*



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Alignment and Connections

One of the sheets in your packet is "My Alignment Notes"

Opportunities I found to:

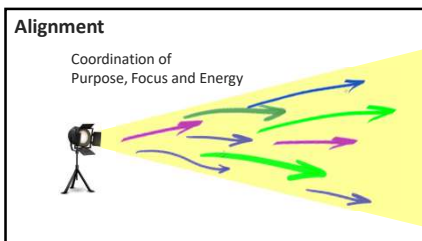
- * Align with My Organization's work
- * Align with Others' work

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Million Hearts® 2022 Overview and Update

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Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Alignment and Connections

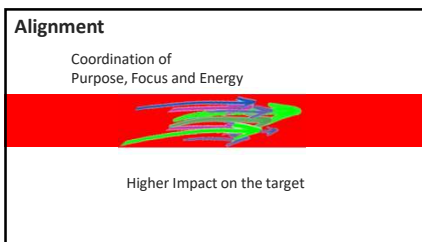
Leverage your **Partner Profiles** which came from the pre-meeting questionnaire.

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Preventing 1 Million Heart Attacks and Strokes by 2022

Tiffany Fell
Deputy Associate Director, PERC
Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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15 Second Introductions

Name & Organization

"One thing I want from today is ..."
(One Sentence)

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Million Hearts® 2022

- Aim: Prevent 1 million—or more—heart attacks and strokes by 2022
- National initiative co-led by:
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
 - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Partners across federal and state agencies and private organizations

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Slide 17

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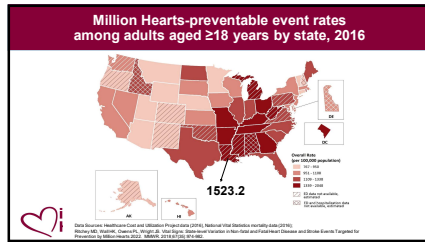
Heart Disease and Stroke in the U.S.

- More than **1.5 million** people in the U.S. suffer from heart attacks and strokes per year¹
- More than **800,000** deaths per year in the U.S. from cardiovascular disease (CVD)²
- CVD costs the U.S. **hundreds of billions** of dollars per year¹
- CVD is the **greatest contributor** to racial disparities in life expectancy²



1. Benjamin S. Franklin, Chouinard M, Das SR, Das R, et al. Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics—2019 Update. *Circulation*. 2019;140(10):e596–645. 2. American Heart Association. *Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics: A Report From the American Heart Association*. Dallas, TX: American Heart Association; 2019. Available at: <http://www.heart.org>.


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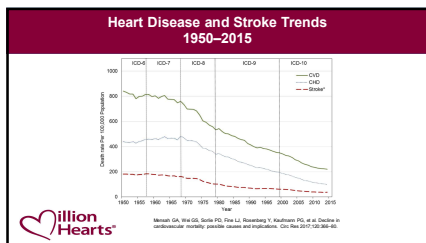
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Keeping People Healthy

Goals	Effective Public Health Strategies
Reduce Sodium Intake Target: 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance consumers' options for lower sodium foods • Institute healthy food procurement and nutrition policies
Decrease Tobacco Use Target: 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enact smoke-free space policies that include e-cigarettes • Use pricing approaches • Conduct mass media campaigns
Increase Physical Activity Target: 20% (Reduction of inactivity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create or enhance access to places for physical activity • Design communities and streets that support physical activity • Develop and promote peer support programs




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What this means for Louisiana

- We project **279,300** "Million Hearts preventable events" that will occur in LA if we do nothing
- 6% reduction of those events = **16,800** events we hope LA will prevent




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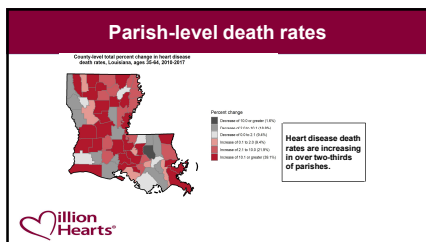
Optimizing Care

Goals	Effective Health Care Strategies
Improve ABCS* Target: 80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Performers Excel in the Use of... • Teams—including pharmacists, nurses, community health workers, and cardiac rehab professionals • Technology—decision support, patient portals, e- and default referrals, logistics, and algorithms to find gaps in care
Increase Use of Cardiac Rehab Target: 70%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processes—treatment protocols, daily huddles, ABCS scorecards, proactive outreach, finding patients with undiagnosed high BP, high cholesterol, or tobacco use • Patients and Family Support—training in home blood pressure monitoring, problem-solving in medication adherence, counseling on nutrition, physical activity, tobacco use, risks of particulate matter, referral to community-based physical activity programs and cardiac rehab
Engage Patients in Heart-Healthy Behaviors Target: 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Performers Excel in the Use of... • Teams—including pharmacists, nurses, community health workers, and cardiac rehab professionals • Technology—decision support, patient portals, e- and default referrals, logistics, and algorithms to find gaps in care

*Targeted when appropriate. Most preventable events. Cholesterol management, Smoking cessation



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Million Hearts® 2022 Priorities

Keeping People Healthy	Optimizing Care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Sodium Intake • Decrease Tobacco Use • Increase Physical Activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve ABCS* • Increase Use of Cardiac Rehab • Engage Patients in Heart-Healthy Behaviors
Improving Outcomes for Priority Populations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blacks/African Americans with hypertension • 35- to 64-year-olds • People who have had a heart attack or stroke • People with mental and/or substance use disorders 	


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Improving Outcomes for Priority Populations

Population	Intervention Needs	Strategies
Blacks/African Americans with hypertension 35- to 64-year-olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving hypertension control • Improving HTN control and statin use • Decreasing physical inactivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted protocols • Medication adherence strategies • Targeted protocols • Community-based program enrollment
People who have had a heart attack or stroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing cardiac rehab referral and participation • Avoiding exposure to particulate matter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automated referrals, hospital CR referrals, referrals to convenient locations • Air Quality Index tools
People with mental and/or substance use disorders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing tobacco use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating tobacco cessation into behavioral health treatment • Tobacco-free mental health and substance use treatment campuses • Tailored quitline protocols



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Million Hearts® Resources and Tools

- Action Guides**—Hypertension control, Self-measured blood pressure monitoring (SMBP), Tobacco cessation, Medication adherence
- Protocols**—Hypertension treatment, Tobacco cessation, Cholesterol management
- Tools**—Hypertension prevalence estimator; ASCVD risk estimator
- Messages and Resources**—Undiagnosed Hypertension, Medication Adherence, Health IT, SMBP, Particle Pollution, Physical Activity, Tobacco Use
- Clinical Quality Measures**
- Consumer Resources and Tools**

Million Hearts® 2022 Website: <http://millionhearts.hhs.gov>

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Million Hearts® in Municipalities Toolkit

- MODULE 1: OVERVIEW
- MODULE 2: SETTING GOALS
- MODULE 3: PARTNERSHIPS
- MODULE 4: COMMUNICATION
- MODULE 5: EVALUATION & MONITORING

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Application Process

Applicants can be recognized for— *committing, implementing, or achieving* — for each strategy they intend to address

- Committing** – no data required other than your commitment to implement
- Implementing** – must submit the data per strategy listed as “Required attestation for those implementing”
- Achieving** – must submit the data per strategy listed as “Recommended outcomes for those achieving results”

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Tobacco Cessation Change Package (TCCP)

Access the Change Package at: https://millionhearts.hhs.gov/HTN/Tobacco_Cessation_Change_Pkg.pdf

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Hypertension Control Change Package

http://millionhearts.hhs.gov/Docs/HTN_Change_Package.pdf

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Million Hearts® for Clinicians Microsite

- Features Million Hearts® protocols, action guides, and other QI tools
- Syndicates LIVE Million Hearts® on your website for your clinical audience
- Requires a small amount of HTML code—customizable by color and responsive to layouts and screen sizes
- Content is free, cleared, and continuously maintained by CDC

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Million Hearts® SMBP Forum

- Meets quarterly to facilitate the exchange of SMBP best practices, tools, and resources
- Join the SMBP Forum at <http://bit.ly/SMBPForum>
- Access materials via the SMBP Healthcare Community
 - Go to www.healthcarecommunities.org and log in to your account (free to register)
 - Search for “SMBP” under the “Available Communities” tab
 - Click “Join Community”
- Questions: MillionHeartsSMBP@naccho.org

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Million Hearts® Hospitals & Health Systems

Recognize hospitals working systematically to improve the cv health of population/communities they serve by:

- Keeping People Healthy
- Optimizing Care
- Improving Outcomes for Priority Populations
- Innovating for Health

Applicants must address a *minimum of one* strategy in at least *three of the four* priority areas

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- Million Hearts® e-Update Newsletter
- Million Hearts® on Facebook and Twitter
- Million Hearts® Website
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**Louisiana
Department of Health
Hypertension Initiatives**

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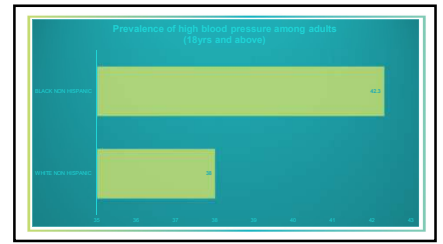


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Connecting Louisiana Residents to a Healthier Future

- State Office of Rural Health
- Medicare Rural Hospital Flex Program
- Small Hospital Improvement Program
- State Loan Repayment
- Rural Provider Support Programs
- Primary Care Office
- HPSA Designation
- State Refugee Program
- Early Care and School Health Promotion
- Obesity and Management Prevention
- Diabetes Management and Prevention
- Heart Disease Management and Prevention
- Oral Health Promotion
- Tobacco Cessation and Prevention
- WellSpot Designation
- Healthy Community Design

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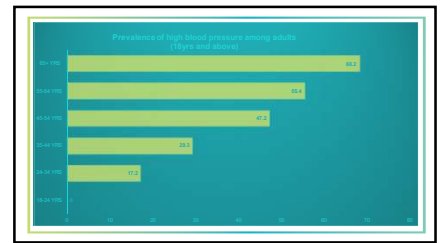
Connecting Louisiana Communities to a Healthier Future,
a focus on Heart Disease Prevention and Management

Louisiana's Health Initiative

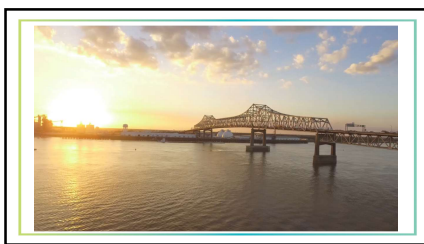
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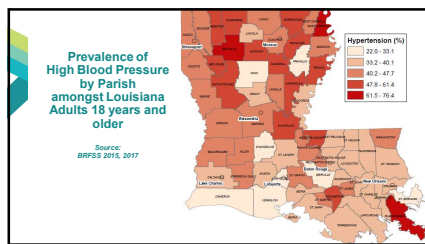
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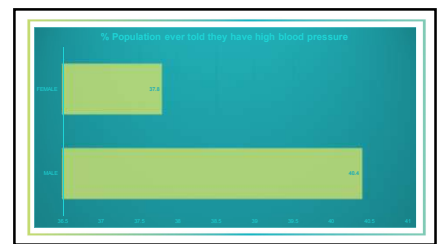
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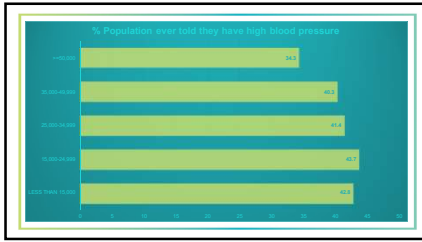
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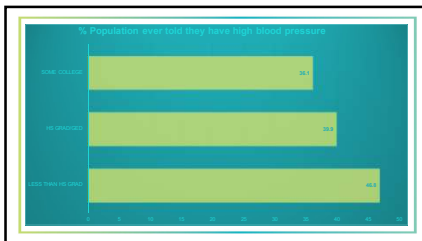
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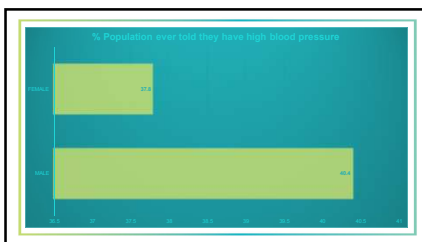
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- ### Public Health Approach: Policy, System, Environmental Change
- **Policy**
 - Interventions that create or amend laws, ordinances, resolutions, mandates, regulations, or rules.
 - **System**
 - Interventions that impact all elements of an organization, institution, or system
 - **Environmental**
 - Interventions that involve physical or material changes to the economic, social, or physical environment.

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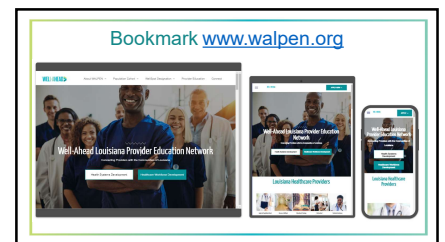
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CMS 2014-2019 Medicare Quality Improvement Projects

- Cardiovascular Health
- Nursing Home Quality
- Quality Reporting and Payment Programs
- Readmissions
- Adult Immunizations
- Palliative Care and Hospice Referrals for Heart Failure Patients
- Quality Improvement in LTACHs
- Transforming Clinical Practice
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- Preventing Adverse Drug Events
- Everyone with Diabetes Counts
- Opioids
- Annual Wellness Visit

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The QIN-QIO Program's Approach to Clinical Quality

Aims

- Make care safer
- Strengthen person and family engagement
- Promote effective communication and coordination of care
- Promote effective prevention and treatment
- Promote best practices
- Make care affordable

Foundational Principles

- Guide innovation
- Foster learning organizations
- Generate insights
- Strengthen infrastructure and data systems

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Hypertension focus

- Cardiovascular Health
- Directives - Stroke prevention, HTN and smoking cessation
- Promoted Million Hearts website, best practices, resources
- Encouraged/increased use of BP protocols in practices and HHAs
- Promoted use of HHQ's cardiovascular data registry in home health setting
- Developed/promoted Quality Insights resources specific to stroke & BP
- Innovative resource distribution to beneficiaries through food commodity boxes in rural areas, Meals on Wheels

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Quality Insights, Quality Innovation Network

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Cardiac, Louisiana State Lead

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Four Key Roles of QIN-QIOs

- Facilitate Learning and Action Networks (LANs)
 - Creating an "all teach, all learn" environment
- Teach and advise as technical experts
 - Teach so learning is never lost
- Champion local-level, results-oriented change
 - Improve data
 - Active engagement of patients; convene community partners
 - Spread innovation and best practices that "stick"
- Communicate effectively
 - Sustain clinician, provider and patient/family behavior change

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Hypertension focus

Diabetes Self Management Program


- Taught DEEP curriculum that included:
 - Cardiac overview
 - BP normal and HTN parameters
 - Nutrition and exercise effects on BP
 - Proper BP cuff placement
 - Tips for BP home readings, monitoring, reporting
 - When to call your health care provider
 - Medication adherence and reconciliation

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CMS Medicare Quality Improvement Projects on the Horizon

5 Broad Aims

- 1. Improve Behavioral Health Outcomes, focusing on Decreased Opioid Misuse:**
 - Decrease opioid related deaths and adverse drug events by 7% nationally
 - Decrease opioid prescribing for Rx > 90mm daily
 - Provide community education regarding HHS Opioid Strategies
- 2. Increase Patient Safety**
 - Reduce ADEs in all settings by 6.5% nationally
 - Reduce ADEs in NH by 13% nationally



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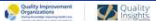

Who we are
The American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association is not just a charity. We are crusaders, innovators, scientists and partners.

Our Mission
To be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.

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CMS Medicare Quality Improvement Projects on the Horizon


- 3. Increase Chronic Disease Self-Management**
 - Cardiac and Vascular Health
 - Diabetes
 - Slowing and preventing ESRD
- 4. Increase Quality of Care Transitions**
 - Decrease ED super utilizers by 12.24%
- 5. Improve Nursing Home Quality**
 - Reduce ADE by 15.2%
 - Improve mean total quality scores by 11%

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American Heart Association Hypertension Initiatives

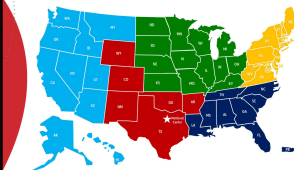
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Our levels of work



- National – Dallas HQ**
 - Education & awareness
 - Risk management
 - Quality & science
 - Advocacy agenda
 - Strategic partnerships & alliances
- 5 regions**
 - Active advocacy
 - State and affiliate education
 - Quality improvement
 - Regional projects
- Local**
 - Grassroots advocacy
 - Outreach & education
 - Building partnerships
 - Recruiting volunteers
 - Community health

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Questions




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Programs and Resources that Align with Million Hearts

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Trends in health improvements

Part of the 2020 impact goal is to improve health by 20% – and we’re currently at 3.82%.

- In adults, we are seeing improvements in smoking rates, healthy diet, physical activity, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose.
- In kids, we see improvements in smoking rates, healthy diet, blood pressure and cholesterol.
- Our work in these areas is being offset by issues such as BMI and blood glucose.

Category	Adults	Youth
NO SMOKING	↑	↑
HEALTHY DIET	↑	↑
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY	↔	↔
BMI	↓	↓
BLOOD PRESSURE	↑	↑
CHOLESTEROL	↑	↑
BLOOD GLUCOSE	↓	↓

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Building a culture of health in the community

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Spotlight on Louisiana

Get with the Guidelines & Mission: Lifeline Quality Awards

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Children's Hospital, New Orleans	100%
Orlando Children's Medical Center, Orlando	100%
East Jefferson General Hospital, New Orleans	100%
Louisiana Orthopaedic Center, Baton Rouge	100%
LSU Health Shreveport, Shreveport	100%
Orlando Medical Center, Orlando	100%
Orlando Medical Center, New Orleans	100%
Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge	100%
Providence Regional Medical Center, Shreveport	100%
Shreveport Memorial Hospital, Shreveport	100%
St. Charles Hospital, Lake Charles	100%
St. Francis Medical Center, New Orleans	100%
St. Landry Parish Hospital, Lake Charles	100%
St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Lake Charles	100%
University Medical Center, New Orleans	100%
West Jefferson Hospital, Lake Charles	100%
West Virginia Hospital, Shreveport	100%

Key to the Awards

Gold Award: 100% of all quality metrics met

Silver Award: 90% of all quality metrics met

Bronze Award: 80% of all quality metrics met

Not Awarded: 70% or less of all quality metrics met

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State Campaigns

Healthy Restaurant Kids' Meals

Sugary drinks are the single largest source of added sugars consumed by people living in the United States. Sugary drinks may increase the risk of hypertension and heart disease, independent of weight gain. Increasing sugary drink consumption by one serving per day can increase a person's risk of hypertension by eight percent and risk of heart disease by 17 percent.

The American Heart Association will be leading a policy effort to make milk or water the default beverage in all kids' meals in Louisiana.

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Improving Health

Check, Change, Control, & Target: BP

Nearly 86 million Americans have high blood pressure.

500,000+ People have participated in Check, Change, Control program to lower their blood pressure.

Check, Change, Control, Cholesterol

40% of Americans have high cholesterol.

Our goal is to move 9 million Americans to healthier cholesterol levels by 2020.

Heart-Check Mark

More than 900 products carry the Heart-Check mark.

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You're the Cure – Advocacy

Through our advocacy efforts:

- 3.8 million babies are screened for congenital heart defects.
- 210 million Americans live in smoke-free communities.
- 2.5 million students are trained in CPR every year.

Local Priorities

- Complete Streets
- Healthy Restaurant Kids' Meals
- Smoke-Free

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Local Campaigns

New Orleans Complete Streets

The New Orleans Complete Streets Coalition had a productive meeting with Mayor Cantrell and key members of her staff this week. Her team will provide a response to the Complete Streets policy recommendations we provided by September 1st. In addition, the Mayor will reconvene the Complete Streets Working Group meetings.

New Orleans Healthy Restaurant Kids' Meals

We met with City Council members and the City's Health Department in moving toward an ordinance that would provide for water and milk as the default beverage for kids' meals at local restaurants. We have a clear path forward for this policy, so stay tuned!

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Know Diabetes By Heart

We're working alongside the American Diabetes Association and others to combat the growing threats from diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

30 million American adults have diabetes, including 7.2 million who are undiagnosed.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for people living with type 2 diabetes.

KNOW DIABETES BY HEART.

A partnership between the American Heart Association and the American Diabetes Association to raise awareness of the link between type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

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Spotlight on Louisiana

Advocacy – Policy Priorities in Louisiana

- Healthy Eating / Active Living**
 - Support efforts to increase active living and healthy eating through policy
- Tobacco Free**
 - Support efforts to decrease tobacco use in Louisiana

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Local Campaigns

Smoke Free Shreveport

Stay tuned for an Advocacy training on comprehensive smoke-free policies, including common tobacco and casino industry tactics.

Smoke Free Lake Charles

The Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Louisiana (CTFLA) has begun grassroots activities in Lake Charles and kicked off the football season right with a smoke-free tailgate for the Southern University vs. McNeese game. Having volunteer-based support, especially from the business community, to push council members to consider a smoke free ordinance is imperative.

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Tools and Resources

Online Tools

- AHA Louisiana Facebook Page
- Sign up for 'You're the Cure'; <http://www.yourethecure.org>
- My Life Check
- Heart Attack Risk Calculator
- AHA's Smoking Cessation Tools and Resources
- AHA's Workplace Health Solutions

Resources


- Empowered to Serve
- Get With The Guidelines; www.heart.org/quality
- Target: BP
- Check. Change. Control. Cholesterol.
- Know Diabetes By Heart



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Break

Resume at 10:45 am



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Life in Louisiana



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Discussion

1. Is there a program you were unaware of that you would like to explore further for implementation or application in the state?
2. On which topics would you like additional information?
3. Other questions?

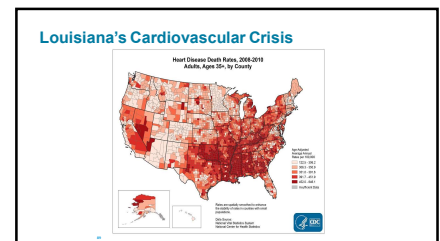


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Louisiana Partner Hypertension Initiatives



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Partnering with Providers to Implement Sustainable Systems Changes

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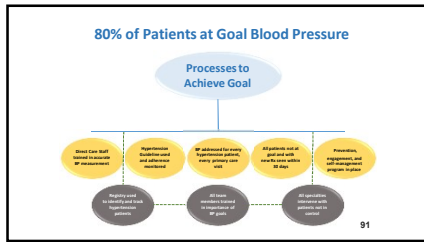
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Measure Up Pressure Down

- Measurable improvements in high blood pressure prevention, detection, and control
 - 80% of patients at goal according to JNCVII
 - 75% of AMGA membership adopt (at least one) campaign plans
- Engage and empower patients to actively manage their health.




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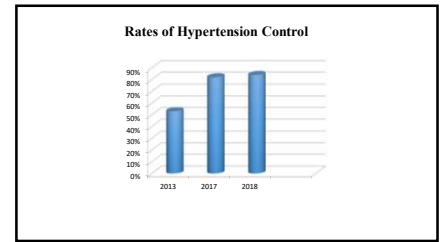


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Nursing Telephonic Outreach for Patient Engagement

- Utilized registry to contact patients about scheduling follow up visits
- Fostered patient engagement by reminding them of the importance of getting BP under control
- Allowed patients to return for a nurse visit to measure BP, avoiding costly copays

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Evidence-Based Protocol

- Includes key steps in measurement, goals, ancillary testing, life style modifications, and patient engagement strategies
- Flows pathway for medication prescription and follow up visits based on how far BP is out of control
- Identifies additional tests for treatment resistant hypertension
- Lists drug names, dosages, and notes by medication category for both mono therapy and combination therapy

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Quality Blue Primary Care

Traditional Fee-for-Service provider Reimbursement → Value Based Reimbursement

- Incentivizes collaboration among providers, patients and employers
- Everyone has "skin in the game" and is motivated to improve health outcomes and lower costs
- The key is... getting providers and health systems engaged and focused on efficiency, appropriate care, and excellent clinical outcomes

Care Delivery Innovation: Value-Based Payment

Innovative payment strategies gradually shift accountability for quality outcomes and cost onto provider

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Bogalusa Heart Study and Hypertension

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Registry of Uncontrolled Patients

MD HES Electronic Medical Record October 20, 2014

Patient Name	Date of Last Visit	BP at last visit	Return Visit Scheduled Date	Note
Joe Smith	10/1/14	160/95	10/27/14	
Jane Doe	10/15/14	166/95	10/29/14	
Mary Jane	10/2/14	162/94	10/16/14	Nurse Kim has left two messages. Will be contact patient.
Pat James	10/1/14	144/83	10/31/14	BP is improving. Can return for nurses visit.

- Utilized EMR to automatically add patients whose BP is out of control
- Monitored daily by physicians and nursing staff to ensure all patients have been scheduled for follow up visits
- Allowed for staff to add notes about problems with engaging patients
- Highlighted patients in need of attention

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Initial Clinical Outcomes Measures

- Optimal Diabetes Care
- Blood sugar control
- Cholesterol control
- BP control
- Non-smoker
- Aspirin
- BP control

Optimal Vascular Care

- Cholesterol control
- BP control
- Non-smoker
- Aspirin
- Use of class of medication known to protect kidneys

Optimal CVD Care

- BP control
- Cholesterol control
- Use of class of medication known to protect kidneys

Healthier Patients

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THE BOGALUSA HEART STUDY

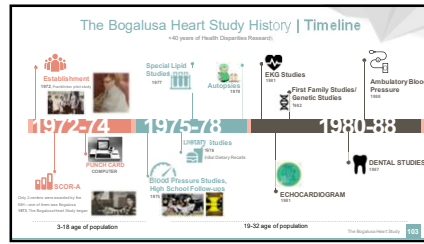
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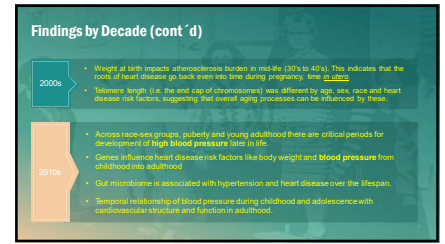
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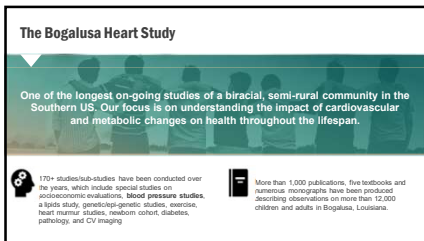
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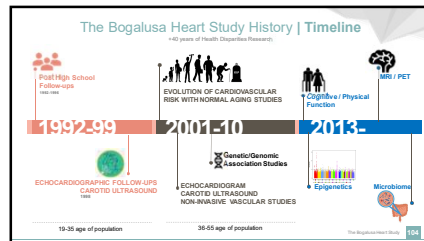
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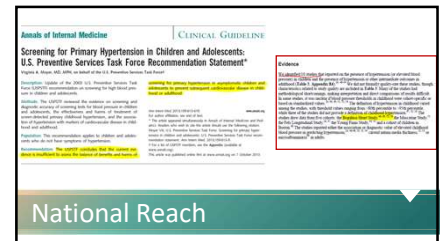
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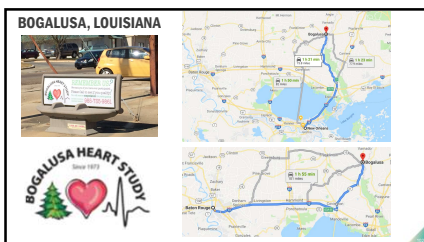
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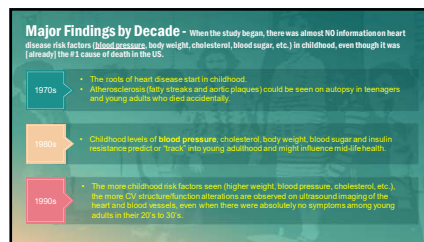
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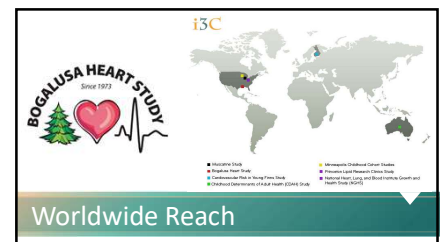
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Our Community

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Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative

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Long-term effects of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy

- Women who experience a hypertensive disorder in pregnancy have an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, stroke, peripheral artery disease, cardiovascular mortality

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Virtual Clinic In-Home Procedures

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Reducing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality in Louisiana: Addressing Severe Hypertension

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Long-term effects of hypertensive disorders in pregnancy

- 4 to 8 times higher rate of cardiovascular disease in women with recurrent pre-eclampsia
- 2 times the risk of cardiovascular disease
- 5 times higher rate of hypertension

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Questions | Collaboration

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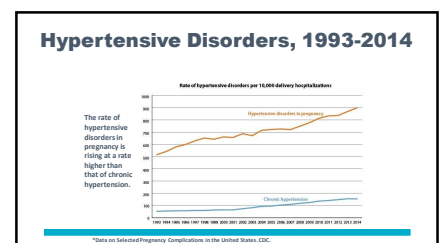
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Objectives

- Long-term risks for hypertensive disorders in pregnancy
- Louisiana Maternal Mortality Report findings
- The Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)

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LOUISIANA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW REPORT 2011-2016

KEY FINDINGS

- Maternal Mortality: a maternal death occurring within 42 days of termination of pregnancy¹
- Between 2011-2016, maternal mortality rate increased by an average of 34% per year
- 12.4 per 100,000 live births

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LOUISIANA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW REPORT 2011-2016

KEY FINDINGS

- Top Contributing Factors: Provider and Facility Level**
 - Failure to screen/inadequate assessment of risk – 36%
 - Lack of standardized policies and procedures – 13%
 - Lack of referral or consultation – 11%
 - Poor communication/lack of case coordination or continuity of care – 11%

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Change = Improvement + Equity

*Leading Answers: Solving Disparities through Payment and Delivery System Reform. leadinganswers.org

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LOUISIANA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW REPORT 2011-2016

KEY FINDINGS

- Leading cause of death**
 - Hypertension related (cardiomyopathy, cardiovascular conditions, preeclampsia/eclampsia)
 - Hemorrhage

42% were deemed to be preventable

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LOUISIANA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW REPORT 2011-2016

KEY FINDINGS

- 4 black women die for every 1 white woman
- Women age 35 years and older were 6.3 times as likely to die as women under age 25 years
- 62% of women who died had Medicaid insurance.

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Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)

- What is the LaPQC?**
 - Formed in 2016, became an Initiative of Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and the Prevention of Infant Mortality in 2018.
 - A network of perinatal care providers, public health professionals and patient and community advocates who work to advance equity and improve outcomes for women, families, and newborns in Louisiana
 - Required for Level 3 and Level 4 Hospitals
 - 37 of 52 birthing facilities are participating

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Altering Outcomes

The assessments of preventability and chance to alter outcomes help prioritize future areas of intervention and action.

National Findings	Louisiana Findings
Based on data from seven countries in 3 other states and states ¹	62.5% of hemorrhage deaths were deemed preventable.
70% of deaths due to hemorrhage were thought to be preventable.	62.5% of cardiomyopathy deaths were deemed preventable.
68.2% of deaths due to cardiovascular/teratoma conditions were thought to be preventable.	40% of deaths due to cardiovascular/teratoma conditions were deemed preventable.
66% of deaths occurring within 42 days of pregnancy were thought to be preventable.	7 out of 8 deaths due to embolism, venous thromboembolism and aortic fluid embolism, were deemed not preventable.

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Why do health disparities exist?

- Implicit bias**
 - Implicit bias is unconscious judgment and/or behaviors that affect how we interact with others
 - Impacts patient-provider interactions, treatment decisions, treatment adherence and patient health outcomes³
 - <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>
- Social determinants of health⁴**
 - Racial residential segregation⁵
 - Health care services
 - Socioeconomic status
 - Healthy behaviors

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Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)

- What is the goal of the LaPQC?**
 - Achieve a 20% reduction in severe maternal morbidity among pregnant and postpartum women who experience hemorrhage or severe hypertension/preeclampsia in participating birth facilities by **Mother's Day 2020**
 - Narrow the Black-white disparity in this outcome

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Sankofa Community Development Corporation

[Presentation Link...](#)

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**Quality Improvement:
Focus on NQI Measures**

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Quality Improvement: Focus on NQI Measures


- Outcomes:
 - All sites were able to produce a report of NQI measures at conclusion of intervention
 - Three sites tracked additional process measures.

	ATC Up to date	Eye Exam annually	Lipid Panel annually	Microalbumin annually*	EKG annually
Pre	63%	9%	66%	9%	33%
Post	76%	19%	62%	36%	41%

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**Rural Health Center
Hypertension Programs**

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Quality Improvement: Focus on NQI Measures


- Approach:
 - Partnership with Louisiana Healthcare Quality Forum practice coaches
 - Provided technical assistance and on-site practice coaching to 14 health clinics, including several Rural Health Clinics and one Federally Qualified Health Center from 2016-2018

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Quality Improvement: Focus on NQI Measures

- Participating site feedback
 - Positive impact: "The action plan was effective, and following this led to an overall improvement in our target measures."
 - Sustainability: "After completion, we have continued to utilize the processes that resulted from this project"
 - Competing priorities: Some clinics were unable to assign a dedicated staff member to this project.
 - Health IT: "We had some persistent difficulties with utilizing our EMR. We addressed with the EMR provider and anticipate future improvements"

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Activities to impact heart disease in the clinical setting

Louisiana's Health Initiative

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Quality Improvement: Focus on NQI Measures

- Intervention:
 - Utilized EHR to produce reports of National Quality Improvement measures for diabetes and hypertension control
 - Identified opportunities and updated processes to improve overall outcomes, utilizing a Plan-Do-Study-Act approach
 - Referral forms
 - Patient surveys
 - Policies
 - Standard Operating Procedures

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**Million Hearts:
Hiding in Plain Sight**

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Million Hearts: Hiding in Plain Sight

- Approach:**
 - Partnership with the Louisiana Public Health Institute
 - Implement the Hiding in Plain Sight protocol outlined by the Million Hearts initiative
 - Identify individuals with undiagnosed hypertension within a Federally Qualified Health Center

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Million Hearts: Hiding in Plain Sight

- Conclusions**
 - Inability to use the EHR to pull the report made this a less sustainable initiative
 - FQHC made improvements to their patient visit workflow in order to ensure future patients met with a provider to receive a diagnosis
 - Staff reviewed proper documentation procedures to reduce the number of missing documented diagnoses

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Really Really Close to Lunch

For the Low, Low Price of a Group Photo!

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Million Hearts: Hiding in Plain Sight

- Intervention:**
 - Staff at the FQHC conducted a manual chart review to identify patients with elevated blood pressure, regardless of the presence of a diagnosis
 - Reviewed over 500 charts

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Conclusion

- Clinical sites were critical and invested partners, highly motivated to achieve improvements for their patients
- Well-Ahead learned key lessons related to our internal capacity to provide practice coaching, which we have enhanced under our new funding with the Population Health Cohort and Regional Practice Coaches
- The use of EHR is a critical component in making QI work efficient and sustainable and remains a challenge for many clinical sites
- Patient outcomes were improved by these interventions

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Lunch

Resume at 12:45 pm

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Million Hearts: Hiding in Plain Sight

- Outcomes:**
 - Identified 100 patients with potentially undiagnosed hypertension

Chart Review	Diagnosis	Current Follow-up	N
Diagnosed in chart	Diagnoses present in chart but missing from EHR	Add diagnosis to EHR	15
Undiagnosed/Resolved	PH had high BP at last visit, but read, did not continue in hypertensive range	No current follow-up needed	19
Undiagnosed at next visit	PH had high BP at last visit but was caught and diagnosed at subsequent visit	No current follow-up needed	9
Misdiagnosed but undiagnosed	Likely receiving PHN medication but diagnosed for something else, i.e. diabetes	Suggest for PCP to review and see if diagnosis should be added	10
Undiagnosed/Undiagnosed	Potential hiding in plain sight cohort	Bring in for blood pressure screening, if high BP reading, bring for a PCP review for diagnosis and treatment	47

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Almost Lunch

Logistics – Preparing for Afternoon Workgroups

1 PROVIDER ENGAGEMENT IN HYPERTENSION MANAGEMENT EFFORTS	2 SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING PROGRAMS WITH CLINICAL SUPPORT	3 CLINICAL - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR HYPERTENSION MANAGEMENT
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ACTION: Before lunch is over, please add your name to the Sign-up sheet for the Workgroup you plan to attend/engage.

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Afternoon Breakouts / Facilitated Discussions

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Breakout Workgroups

Topics based on the LA planning committee priorities...

1	2	3
PROVIDER ENGAGEMENT IN HYPERTENSION MANAGEMENT EFFORTS	SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING PROGRAMS WITH CLINICAL SUPPORT	CLINICAL - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FOR HYPERTENSION MANAGEMENT
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Breakout Workgroups

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Wrap Up / Adjourn

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Workgroup Objectives

- Share Activities / Resources
- Identify Alignments / Connections
- Define Next Steps / Sustainability

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Group Report Outs

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* Notetakers – Please send your filled-in template to Julie Harvill or John Bartkus ! *		

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Alignment and Connections

Leverage your
Partner Profiles
which came from the pre-
meeting questionnaire.

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Evaluation and Feedback Process

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Organization Type *Indicate all that apply*

Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a designated FQHC Look-Alike
 Community Health Center, Non-FQHC
 Multi-Specialty Practice
 Primary Care Practice
 Specialty Practice
 Residency Practice
 Academic Medical Center
 Health Care System
 Department of Health
 Yes National Non-Profit focused on Heart Disease and Stroke

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Target: BP and MAP Framework
 Successes: Team-based approach incorporating treatment algorithms
 Challenges/Barriers: Leadership Buy-In
 Resources to Share: Printable patient and provider resources; Videos for both patients and providers; Free CEUs

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Empower Patients to Self-Manage
 Priority Audience: Hypertensive Patients
 Successes: Reduce Staff Burden and Serve as a Resource for Patients
 Challenges/Barriers: Training Strategies to be Deployed
 Resources to Share: SMBP Training Videos in English and Spanish

Clinical-Community Partnerships

Yes *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Food Insecurity Screening & Linkages
 Priority Audience: Food Insecure
 Successes: Increased Access to Healthy Food
 Challenges/Barriers: Transportation
 Resources to Share: Directory to Food Banks in South Louisiana

Other

Other Strategies: Measuring Blood Pressure Accurately
 Partners: Well-Ahead Louisiana; Feeding Louisiana; Second Harvest Food Bank



Respondent(s): Cindy Peavy

Organization Type *Indicate all that apply*

- Yes Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a designated FQHC Look-Alike
- Community Health Center, Non-FQHC
- Multi-Specialty Practice
- Primary Care Practice
- Specialty Practice
- Residency Practice
- Academic Medical Center
- Health Care System
- Department of Health

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*

Strategies/Approaches: High focus on quality, metrics, transparency. monthly communicatuion both individually and as a group.

Successes: providers more willing to address issues and engage in process when data shared frequently

Challenges/Barriers: PCP provider reliance on specialists to make decisions that can be made at the PCP level.

Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience:

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience:

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies:

Partners:



Organization Type *Indicate all that apply*

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Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*

Strategies/Approaches: Our corporation has monthly provider meetings. All new endeavors are discussed and provider input is included

Successes: Provider buy in is important. They're inclusion and suggestions have resulted in success.

Challenges/Barriers: Some challenges are when providers just don't want to engage/perform the task presented or feel a certain endeavor is time consuming

Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*

Strategies/Approaches: Our organization have care plans and B/P logs for our HTN patiets. Care plan goals are updated at each visit and b/p logs evaluated and analyzed.

Priority Audience: The patient and staff

Successes: We have an increase in b/p management with patient accountability. We have found patients are more compliant when they have to bring their log for analysis.

Challenges/Barriers: Non-compliance

Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

No *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience:

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies: Patient education and educational material is given at each office visit

Partners:

Bunkie General Rural Health Clinics

Respondent(s): Marsha Gauthier



Organization Type *Indicate all that apply*

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 Health Care System
 Department of Health
 Yes Rural Health Clinic

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Education Regarding Programs Available
 Successes: Success of PT compliance
 Challenges/Barriers: Transportation
 Resources to Share: Rapides Foundation

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: EDUCATION ABOUT SELF REPORTING WHEN OUT OF RANGE
 Priority Audience: UNCONTROLLED BP
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers: FINANCIAL
 Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

No *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Priority Audience:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies: PROGRAM CALLED HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
 Partners: RAPIDES FOUNDATION



Respondent(s): Veronica Gillispie-Bell, MD

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- Health Care System
- Yes Department of Health

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*

Strategies/Approaches: Direct email communication; arranging Zoom meetings; plan to arrange regional dinner meetings

Successes: Some slightly improved provider engagement

Challenges/Barriers: providers making time during clinical time to attend learning sessions

Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

No *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience:

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

No *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience:

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies:

Partners:



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 Department of Health
 Yes Medicaid Managed Care Organization

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Provider education of related NCQA HEDIS measures/value based payments focused on Quality measures/HEDIS Health Fairs/Free Clinics
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

No *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Priority Audience:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

Yes *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches: MetroMorphosis/Urban Congress Hair & Health sponsorship
 Priority Audience: African-American men
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies:
 Partners: LPCA, AHA, MetroMorphosis



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 Yes Louisiana Primary Care Association

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Currently 1-2 health centers are implementing the Remote Patient Monitoring Program through Certintell which involves remote BP monitoring; We are currently introducing this to other health centers in Louisiana
 Priority Audience: Federally Qualified Health Centers and their respective hypertensive patient population
 Successes: This program is fairly new so we don't have any data right now to show.
 Challenges/Barriers: This program is fairly new so we don't have information on this right now. We will send out a survey once we get enough health centers on the Certintell platform to collect this information.
 Resources to Share: We are currently in partnership with Certintell Telehealth. We also partner with the Louisiana Department of Health for the 1815 grant that we manage which covers hypertension and diabetes in the FQHC patient population.

Clinical-Community Partnerships

Yes *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches: We have partnered with Certintell Telehealth for chronic care management of hypertensive and diabetic patients as well as Remote Patient Monitoring for blood pressure, diabetes, weight management, etc.
 Priority Audience: Federal Qualified Health Centers patient population for hypertension.
 Successes: This partnership occurred within the last month so we don't have any information on success stories yet.
 Challenges/Barriers: This partnership occurred within the last month so we don't have any information on challenges/barriers yet.
 Resources to Share: Certintell staff, FQHC staff (LCSW, Medical Assistants, HIT staff, Quality staff)

Other

Other Strategies: The Director of Quality normally provides trainings for providers on evidence-based practices for chronic disease management.
 Partners: Louisiana Department of Health, MCO's, etc.



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	Residency Practice	
	Academic Medical Center	
	Health Care System	
	Department of Health	

Provider Engagement	
	No <i>Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?</i>
Strategies/Approaches:	
Successes:	
Challenges/Barriers:	
Resources to Share:	

SMBP Programs	
	No <i>Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?</i>
Strategies/Approaches:	
Priority Audience:	
Successes:	
Challenges/Barriers:	
Resources to Share:	

Clinical-Community Partnerships	
	No <i>Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?</i>
Strategies/Approaches:	
Priority Audience:	
Successes:	
Challenges/Barriers:	
Resources to Share:	

Other	
Other Strategies:	Life style changes, diet, exercise and compliance with medications
Partners:	

North Oaks Health System



Respondent(s): Jherie Ducombs

Organization Type *Indicate all that apply*

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 Department of Health

Provider Engagement

No *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: participate in Target: BP
 Priority Audience: primary care and cardiology patients
 Successes: overall bp reduction
 Challenges/Barriers: organization-wide education
 Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

No *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Priority Audience:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies:
 Partners:



Respondent(s): Debra Rushing

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- Department of Health
- Yes Medicare Quality Improvement Organization

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*

Strategies/Approaches: Blood pressure and medication teaching during rural and underserved Diabetic Education

Successes: Training of peer educators to sustain the program after the CMS contract ends.

Challenges/Barriers: Transportation to class, office staff understanding protocols

Resources to Share: UIC, DEEP <https://mwlaino.uic.edu/deep-program-2/>

SMBP Programs

Yes *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience: rural and underserved medicare beneficiaries

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

No *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*

Strategies/Approaches:

Priority Audience:

Successes:

Challenges/Barriers:

Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies:

Partners:



Respondent(s): Tonia Moore

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Provider Engagement
Yes <i>Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?</i> Strategies/Approaches: Promotion of the Quitline, Fax Referrals to the Quitline, Promote quit resources Successes: Increased referrals to the quitline; Promotion of counseling services for smokers Challenges/Barriers: ease of completing the fax referral Resources to Share: www.quitwithusla.org website; Quit With Us social media sites; brochures and marketing materials

SMBP Programs
No <i>Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?</i> Strategies/Approaches: Priority Audience: Successes: Challenges/Barriers: Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships
No <i>Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?</i> Strategies/Approaches: Priority Audience: Successes: Challenges/Barriers: Resources to Share:

Other
Other Strategies: none Partners: none1



Respondent(s): Dr. Camilo Fernandez

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 Department of Health
 Yes Tulane University, Bogalusa Heart Study

Provider Engagement

No *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

No *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Priority Audience:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

Yes *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches: The partnership facilitates training local barbers to take blood pressure.
 Priority Audience: Our priority audience is hypertensive men with a focus on African Americans.
 Successes: Partnership in the community-clinical area is a success in itself. While the program is still in its infancy, a variety of community and clinical stakeholders participate.
 Challenges/Barriers: One challenge is that the clinical area is new to some community stakeholders.
 Resources to Share: N/A

Other

Other Strategies: All BHS participants have blood pressure measured and are referred to care if elevated.
 Partners: Well Ahead Louisiana, Our Lady of the Angels

Opelousas General Health System



Respondent(s): Jackie Harbour, RN; Kevin J. Lanclos, RN

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 Yes Health Care System
 Department of Health
 Yes General Hospital

Provider Engagement

Yes *Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?*
 Strategies/Approaches: Press Ganey and Leader Rounding on staff and other departments; Quarterly Physician Rounding
 Successes: Issues are discussed in a small multidisciplinary approach and search for solutions; Increased Press Ganey Physician Engagement Scores
 Challenges/Barriers: Financial constraints; Engaging physicians in departmental improvements
 Resources to Share:

SMBP Programs

No *Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Priority Audience:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Clinical-Community Partnerships

No *Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?*
 Strategies/Approaches:
 Priority Audience:
 Successes:
 Challenges/Barriers:
 Resources to Share:

Other

Other Strategies: Patient education sessions held by physicians and health fairs
 Partners: Local physicians

Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center



Respondent(s): Brian Burton; Hobie Fluitt

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	Residency Practice
Yes	Academic Medical Center
	Health Care System
Yes	Department of Health
Yes	Community Based Organization / Public Health Foundation

Provider Engagement	
	Yes <i>Does your Organization implement strategies to Increase Provider Engagement (individual and health system level)?</i>
Strategies/Approaches:	We provide healthcare provider education, CEUs/CMEs for continuing education, capacity building, clinical quality improvement coaching; Well-Ahead initiatives
Successes:	all strategies are used to increase provider capacity
Challenges/Barriers:	the willingness for healthcare providers to take on additional tasks within the time allotted to a patient.
Resources to Share:	Physician Network, CMEs/CEUs to provide to healthcare providers, full time Practice Coach to lead healthcare facilities in clinical quality improvement

SMBP Programs	
	No <i>Does your Organization promote Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring (SMBP)?</i>
Strategies/Approaches:	
Priority Audience:	
Successes:	
Challenges/Barriers:	
Resources to Share:	

Clinical-Community Partnerships	
	Yes <i>Does your Organization engage in Community-Clinical Partnerships to increase hypertension management?</i>
Strategies/Approaches:	Partnership with the Louisiana Health Department to work with healthcare centers to identify opportunities for clinical quality improvement measures for hypertension
Priority Audience:	rural health centers
Successes:	Very new project. We are beginning this process
Challenges/Barriers:	This is a very new project
Resources to Share:	N/A at this time

Other	
Other Strategies:	
Partners:	



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Provider Engagement
<p>Strategies/Approaches: Well-Ahead Provider Education Network; Provider trainings with continuing education credits offered, webinars, toolkits; Population Health Cohort</p> <p>Successes: Successful reach in providers involved in WALPEN (Provider Education Network), reach of provider trainings and webinars.</p> <p>Challenges/Barriers: Keeping up the momentum. Finding time to implement changes in routine to their daily practice.</p> <p>Resources to Share: 1. https://www.walpen.org/ - offers technical assistance regarding workforce and health systems development and provides opportunities for provider education, population health management and collaboration. WAL-PEN accomplishes this through continuing education and training opportunities, providing updated lists of prevention programs to refer patients to learn about and manage their condition, offering tobacco cessation training. 2. is an exclusive collaborative quality improvement opportunity which support the implementation of strategies aimed at improving population health within a primary care setting, with specific focus on chronic disease related outcomes. Louisiana providers and their facilities have the opportunity to have hands-on assistance in implementing evidence-based practices that can improve their quality of care and their patient's health outcomes. ; Available tobacco cessation resources.</p>

SMBP Programs
<p>Strategies/Approaches: Creation of community clinical linkages utilizing community-based organization within underserved populations to identify individuals who are at risk.; Provide technical assistance to organizations interested in starting a Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring Program; Community and clinical based practices;</p> <p>Priority Audience: African American males with undiagnosed high blood pressure; Barbershops, Faith-Based Organizations, Councils on Aging, senior centers and non-profits; Target populations; African American, Low SES, Chronic Disease; Rural Health Clinics</p> <p>Successes: Cutt'n the Pressure in Bogalusa, LA in partnership with Our Lady of Angels Hospital trained 3 barbers to implement SMBP in their shops.</p> <p>Challenges/Barriers: Legalities involved in collecting community member PHI for clinical use while ensuring that completion of consent forms is as minimal of a barrier to participation as possible</p> <p>Resources to Share: Have created a toolkit to provide a template on how to create a successful SMBP Program.</p>

Clinical-Community Partnerships
<p>Strategies/Approaches: Community Resource Coordinators and WISEWOMAN grant; Partnering with specific clinics to provide resources and interventions to those who have barriers accessing treatments. ; We utilize a community resource coordinator to help assist with locating resources within the region.</p> <p>Priority Audience: Low SES, Un or underinsured, chronic disease¹¹; Rural Health Clinics</p> <p>Successes:</p> <p>Challenges/Barriers: Resources are limited in rural areas.</p>

Well-Ahead Louisiana, Louisiana Department of Health



Respondent(s): Kaitlyn King; Erin Leonard; Taylor Reine; Audrey Shields; Rebecca Wilkes

Resources to Share: Community Resources Coordinators work in the community to identify NDPP, DSMES and SMBP programs and link those community resources to health care providers. 2. The WISEWOMAN grant provides health screenings to eligible women to assess their risk for heart disease. Participating women are provided free membership for lifestyle programs, or health coaching to improve their health outcomes.

Other

Other Strategies:

Partners: American Heart Association