# Integration of Behavioral and Primary Health Care

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## Who we are...

## Heritage

- Est. March 1956
- Funding
  - o SAMHSA
  - o Fee for Service
  - o State & Local Grants
- SMI and SA
- Patient Base
  - o Medicaid
  - o Uninsured / Low income

#### CHIC

- Est. April 1972
- FQHC
- Federal grant
- Enhanced Reimb
- FTCA coverage
- Primary Health Care
- Patient Base
- Medicaid
- Uninsured/Underinsured

# **Previous Collaborative Efforts**

- United Way Funded Collaboration
  - o Primary Care at OASIS
    - Basic health care services at homeless shelter
  - Psychiatry services at CHIC
    - Medication management

- Support and consult for primary care providers
- Mental Health Bd Funded Project
  - Referral services at CHIC by Heritage BH Specialist for entry into Heritage services

**Note:** Diagram of *Rethinking the Format of Visions* is contained in the attached PowerPoint

# The SAMHSA Project

Heritage Behavioral Health Center received a SAMHSA Grant in September 2010 for its Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) program.

# **SAMHSA Program Goals**

- Health and Illness Background Information
  - Used both as a screening and as a means of documenting diagnoses (PH and BH) as well as important medical/health history variables SF-36 (short form)
- Person Centered Healthcare Home Fidelity Scales and Protocols
  - Developed by our evaluator, TriWest
  - o Based on the conceptual work of Barbara Mauer and collaborators
  - o 2-day collaborative assessment process

# Accomplishments

- Established a Health & Wellness Suite, including a Primary Care Office at Heritage
- Contracted with CHIC Primary Care Clinic to place a Primary Care Physician's Assistant on site - this is proving invaluable
  - o Relationship with team members
  - Labs Drawn on Site picked up = results available to Nurse Care Managers online quickly
- Already seeing many positive health outcomes
  - o Weight Loss; Blood Sugar Stabilization; Blood Pressure Improvement

#### **Health and Wellness Activities**

- Food Pyramid Education weekly
- Healthy Cooking Classes weekly
- · Chair Zumba twice per week
- Modified Yoga weekly
- Daily Walking Activity
- Healthy Food Shopping As Needed
- 1:1 Food Counseling and Review of Food Tracker as needed
- Weekly Off Site Exercise

# **Health and Wellness Objectives**

## Our opportunity to provide Holistic Care

- Extending Wellness Model throughout organization
- · Decrease smoking clients and staff
  - Provide fully certified smoking cessation classes internally with clients connections with staff
- Health Education, i.e., diabetes education, nutrition, and exercise
- Have peer support/mentors as part of the program

# Challenges

#### Electronic Health Record

- Training time
- o Reduced productivity
- Separate records / duplication of data

#### Cultural / Organizational

- o Communication obstacles between program staff Time consuming and laborious
- Supervision / Direction for Primary Care Provider
- o Streamlining processes in different organizational systems
- Different funding streams
- o Internal "Marketing" Clients and Staff
- o Adding in number of hours from Primary Care PA
- Productivity still not up to expectations

# Larger Issues

- o Time required to get CIS approved with HRSA and Medicare / Medicaid enrollments for new site
- o Sustainability challenges with low productivity volume grant imperative for start up
- o Unreimbursed costs time required for administrative and support staff

#### Lessons learned......

#### What worked well?

- Existing partnership top down driven
- Shared patient base
- Advantage of having most of BH services in one site and then integrating Primary Care into that site and working as a team
- Took time to hire the "right" staff
- Having positive client outcomes part of RAND "drill down" for successes

#### What would we do differently?

- Leader who was on staff every day (although current leader an excellent choice she wishes she was around more for the staff)
- Conduct all-staff informational meetings and annual updates
- Develop improved processes for patient reminders

#### Health Homes / Behavioral Health Homes

## Timing is good

- The Illinois Innovations Project has asked for health homes
- Establishment of Managed Care and Case Coordination Entities
- Affordable Care Act Healthcare Reform

# We are seeing some early positive clinical outcomes - indicators through our SAMHSA project

- Weight loss + BMI change
- Blood Sugar Stability
- Blood Pressure hypertension rates much improved

**Note:** Diagram of *Heritage Behavioral Health Center's Person-Centered Healthcare Neighborhood* is illustrated in the attached Power Point

#### **Number Served**

Number of Consumers Served - FFY12	Annual Goal	Number Served	% Received
Heritage	250	247	99%
64 PBHCI Programs Nationwide	22,727	21,532	94%

Note: Now up to 345 enrolled clients

# Nights of Care Out of Home

Nights/Times in Trouble! (past 30 days)	Baseline (n=65)			12 Months (n= 65)		
	% Any	Mean	Total nights	% Any	Mean	Total nights
Nights Homeless	9.1%	2.18	144	3.1%	0,89	58
Nights in Hospital (for M.H.)	13.6%	1.18	78	7.7%	0.43	28
Nights in Detox	4.8%	0.32	21	3.1%	0.06	4
Nights in Jail	0.0%	0.00	0	0.0%	0.00	0
ER Visits	12.1%	0.27	18	1.5%	0.02	1
Total Nights*	27.3%	3.95	261	12.3%	1.4	91

<sup>\*</sup>t(17)=2.84, p=.011

**Note:** Diagram of Baseline vs. 12 Months: Total Number of Nights Homeless, In Psychiatric Hospital, In Jail, In Detox, and in the Emergency Room in 30 Days prior to assessment (N-=65) is in the attached PowerPoint

# **Current Challenges.....**

- We are approaching smoking cessation much more aggressively. Each visit we will be asking if the client would like help with cutting down or smoking cessation.
- Some are beginning to tell the team they want to decrease or have set a stop date
- Experiencing some staff turnover.