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Priority One

In A Correctional Institution

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Clinical Leadership Theme

The Clinical Leadership Theme I have targeted is the development and use of *Informatics and Healthcare Technologies*. As a project manager for the implementation of Jail Information Management (JIM), I will be playing a Clinical Nurse Leadership role in the development of measuring tools within a new more effective and efficient electronic health record (EHR). The tools will measure specific key performance indicators (KPIs) selected by the clinicians and nurses in Jail Health Services to allow us to better assess our services and implement change in areas of weakness. My target goal for the purpose of this paper was to develop the initial quantitative key performance indicators and to specifically measure whether our clinicians were meeting the benchmark of seeing 85% of urgent Priority 1 referrals within 24 hours. I developed metrics that would allow JHS to establish a baseline and track over time JHS's ability to meet the above KPI as requested by our clinician team.

Statement of the Problem

Jail Health Services had been laboring under an EHR that was a very inefficient, disconnected, non-intuitive DOS-based computer system for 25 years. Although state-of-the art at that time, the system currently was very difficult to teach to new employees who had no experience with DOS-based Information Technology (IT) systems. As a result, important health information was continuously being lost within the system. Even when entered appropriately, it took many steps to retrieve the information. For example, to retrieve lab values one would need to move through a dozen or more screens to obtain the information. If I then wanted to check a radiology result, I would need to back out of all those screens and go through another protracted series of screens to obtain my radiology result. Over the course of an average day, this would

take a significant amount of valuable time away from both the clinicians and the nursing staff. We decided to implement a new EHR. While moving through the EHR selection, the clinicians requested measurement tools not available in the previous EHR that would allow them to assess their productivity. The selection and implementation of the EHR was an entire planned process that took well over a year and continues to have ongoing development and support. The creation of KPI's was wrapped into this process in the last two steps of EHR implementation and also continues to be an ongoing process. During steps five and six of our new EHR implementation, my CNL goal was to develop and build into JIM queries that would enable us to track different key performance indicators to determine whether we were meeting national, state and DPH standards of care. Our old system allowed for only very rudimentary query development (Appendix A). For JIM, query development was required for each indicator involving meetings with staff from all areas of the health system and then actual development and data validation with IT. A modern EHR system would allow better and safer organization of information while enhancing assessment, planning, documentation and delivery of care. Developing advanced ways to measure our quantitative productivity and outcomes of care would allow us to continuously improve our care.

Rationale

A primary concern with health care in any jail system is cost containment while providing health care comparable to the care one would receive in the community (Glowa-Kollosch, Andrade, Stazesky, Teixeira, Kaba, Macdonald, Rosner, Selling, Parsons, & Venters, 2014). A second concern within any jail system is providing a positive work environment to retain quality clinicians and nursing staff (Flanagan, 2006). The seeds of my KPI development and tracking were secondary to a request from the clinicians that the new EHR system would be

able to measure how many Priority 1 and Priority 2 patients they were seeing within specific timeframes. The clinicians were unsure how many Priority 1 patients were being seen within 24 hours and whether it was possible to see a greater number of patients. A root cause analysis was done to determine if there was something in the process that would assist in the clinicians seeing a greater number of Priority 1 patients and what would be involved in developing a measurement system to track their percentage of Priority 1 visits seen within 24 hours. The root cause analysis (Appendix B) clearly identified numerous factors affecting the flow of patients to Priority 1 visits and the current inability to track these patients. The flow of patients in a jail is often chaotic even on a productive day. According to Glowa-Kollisch, Graves, Dickey, Macdonald, Rosner, Waters, & Venters (2015), a central challenge for health providers in jail settings is dealing with dual loyalty where the impact of the security setting on the health mission can be stressful and an impediment to the efficient provision of care. Certain prisoner-patients can only be moved with one or two deputy escorts and no other patients can be present in the clinic. If a patient has been placed in a safety cell for danger to self and/or danger to others, the clinician may not enter the cell to assess the patient. The patient may have been transferred to another jail or is in court and unavailable. The jail itself may be in “lockdown” for a variety of reasons (i.e., death) and no movement is allowed. The prisoner-patient may also be unavailable because he/she is working in the jail, attending school, speaking with their attorney or in with another service (i.e., Behavioral Health, Dental). The patient may refuse to see the clinician for a variety of reasons (i.e., psych issues, playing basketball). Measurement of Priority 1 visits also had many influencing factors. The old EHR could only provide a simple count of visits. I needed to create a query for the new system that would tell us how many visits were being completed within a specific time frame in order to produce meaningful data that could be analyzed and reported.

Cost-Analysis

The projected cost analysis will apply only to KPI development. The general benefits of EHR's are well established in the correctional literature. According to Ben Butler of Community Oriented Correctional Health Services' issue paper, "Jails and Health Information Technology: A Framework for Creating Connectivity" (2013), EHR's within the jail setting have many benefits including, but not limited to creating better coordination between providers, reducing unnecessary tests and procedures, integrating mental health questions and decreasing paperwork. The benefits of KPI measurement within the EHR framework from a cost-analysis framework are varied and significant according to David Raths' editorial "How Do You Justify Spending \$50 Million on an EHR?" in Healthcare Informatics (March, 2014). He provides examples of process improvements that occur by being able to flag high risk patients. He also discusses the benefits of measuring processes and outcomes so we can identify problem areas to improve. Better tracking of problem patients, decreased duplication of tests, tracking various KPIs for chronic disease management provides San Francisco County Jail with better patient care and decreased waste. Avoidance of adverse events and decreased Emergency Department trips decreases the chances of litigation that easily reaches into the millions once all the affected cost center impacts are broken out and added up. However, since we are using HEDIS measures for many of our KPIs, we will potentially be eligible to receive incentive payments for the Medicaid meaningful use program if we can meet the 2016 deadline. Appropriate KPI measurement will ideally place us in a position in the future to receive routine reimbursement for eligible patients we have linked to the health care system. Savings from decreased litigation, fewer preventable adverse events and potential Medicare reimbursement in the future greatly outweigh the relatively small expense of my KPI project. An approximate count of 150 meetings were

required for KPI development. Meeting times ranged from 30 minutes to five hours. Our approximate cost was \$138,000.

In addition, the costs of an ER visit are nothing less than astronomical. The average cost of this event is \$10,250. This equates to a typical loss of 34-35% of revenue each visit. Moreover, the number of ER visits has dramatically increased on a consistent basis. From January to June of last year, the number of people admitted into the ER rose by 50%. This trend ripples into the health factor of patients and is another issue that cannot be overlooked.

Here, I have chosen to list our most basic costs at the average wage for this part of the country. Therefore, the medical doctor (\$175/hr), nurse practitioner (\$90/hr) and nursing wages (\$70/hr) were determined from the most recent U.S. News and World Report, Careers, Money Rankings & Advice (2013). I was able to calculate an approximate cost of 150 meetings ranging in length from 30 minutes to five hours. With an estimated expense of \$920.00/hour, we may have spent close to \$138,000.00 for KPI development.

Project Overview and Methodology

The San Francisco Jail Medical Services is comprised of approximately 25 clinicians with five medical doctors and 20 nurse practitioners. Nursing staff is comprised of approximately 120 registered nurses and 35 licensed vocational nurses. We have an average daily census of approximately 1200 prisoners. The nurses process an average of 2000 Medical Care Request's (MCRs) per month. These requests for care result in a monthly average of 160 Priority 1 referrals where the patient should be seen within 24 hours for urgent health care issues. The MCRs generate an average of 600 Priority 2 referrals where the patient should be seen within two weeks for routine health care. The clinicians previously had no way to measure their

ability to see the patients within the benchmark timeframes. My project was to develop the queries to provide the medical staff with this information. We had no history regarding the percentage of Priority 1 referrals being seen within 24 hours, but we did know the clinicians were seeing an average seven to ten patients per day. The clinicians wanted to increase this number overall as well as track the timeframes for Priority 1 referrals. Priority 1 referrals for health care are very important as the early intervention often prevents adverse health consequences and/or sentinel events.

The clinicians' morale was low as our beloved medical director was retiring. Random rumors of quotas for a minimum number of clinician visits per day were being thrown at the clinicians from unidentified sources. For example, the rumor indicated that soon the clinicians would be expected to see 12 to 15 clients per day. Although there was nothing in writing, the clinicians were all consistent that this would soon be the expectation. With the help of our Quality Improvement coordinator, I developed a survey for clinician satisfaction (Appendix C). Our medical director was now gone and morale was lower than ever. The surveys indicated a lot of fear and uncertainty on behalf of the clinicians. I reviewed these comments with the temporary medical director and the CQI Coordinator. The acting medical director (also highly respected by the clinicians) was able to reassure the clinicians quashing their fears and easing their resentments about the rumored quotas.

However, the whole idea of "quotas" created an eagerness on behalf of the clinicians to better understand their productivity when measured against NCCHC and HEDIS benchmarks. They requested my help to assist them in obtaining this data. The timing coincided almost perfectly with my paper.

Methodology

I applied Kotter's *Eight-Step Model of Change* (1995) to the process of creating a framework for the development of KPI data capture. The following guidelines were applicable and implemented into the CNL competency.

1. Establish sense of urgency: The sense of urgency was already in place as the EHR had been in place for approximately six months and the bulk of the initial “go-live” bugs were resolved or in the process of being resolved. However, our support period was limited and so I needed to take advantage of the IT support while available. The clinicians were in a perfect “zone of motivation” to support change and provide input for the project. The biennial state survey was in the near future and the data would be very helpful to the staff and the surveyors. Wright (2008) writes of the urgency and the legal obligation of jails and prisons to meet the serious medical needs of people in custody so as not to violate their Eighth Amendment protection against cruel and unusual punishment. The level of care must also meet the “evolving standards of health care in the general community”.

2. Create powerful guiding coalition: Thankfully, I was surrounded by support from a powerful guiding coalition of JHS leaders who have long advocated for our marginalized and under-served community of prisoners. San Francisco County Jail has long been known for its willingness to be the first to offer education and cutting edge health care to our inmates. Historically, we were using an EHR when first available on the market. This would be our first upgrade providing us the ability to track and trend our care and outcomes. The JIM EHR was the first of its kind and San Francisco County Jail was the pilot test site.

3. Develop a vision: As a result, I needed only to reinforce our vision of providing superior health care while working to create queries to measure our ability to deliver and improve our care. We always had an EHR, but now we would have an EHR with extreme flexibility that is generally not seen in other correctional facilities. Other facilities often use EHRs that were created for hospitals and thus these facilities have limited flexibility to alter the EHR for jail health purposes. Our EHR was written by IT professionals who worked with jail health for a collective 40 years.

4. Communicate the vision: I was able to communicate the above vision through clinician training, information and brainstorming sessions at clinician meetings and listening carefully to clinician and nursing needs and communicating these needs to IT.

5. Empowering others to act on vision: Clinicians were eager to see the results of their labors via graphs that reflected their productivity. The whole process opened their eyes to the infinite amount of clinical data that could be subjected to measurement. This led to a discussion of meaningful data and further KPI development.

6. Planning for and creating short term wins: I communicated and reinforced our short term wins frequently. Every meeting, progress toward a meaningful KPI list was emphasized. We started and ended each meeting with measures of progress completed to date.

7. Consolidate improvements and produce more change: The first big win occurred with our baseline measurement with clinicians seeing 84.55% of Priority 1 patients within 24 hours. The next month clinicians saw 87.50%. Every month there has been a slight increase with clinicians seeing 90.87% of Priority 1 referrals within 24 hours in July, 2015 (Appendix D). I believe this information was a great morale booster and created motivation to keep improving. They could

see their improvement through the data creating a win-win stimulus. I observed and received verbal feedback from the clinicians that indicated their excitement over JHS's new ability to measure change.

8. Institutionalizing new approaches: The institutionalization of this project will be to graph these measures on an Excel spreadsheet and create a dashboard that can be easily updated every month when the numbers are pulled from the EHR. The spreadsheet is complete. The first version of the dashboard will be simple with a September, 2015 target date. Our long term goal is to create a more complex dashboard based on the dashboard developed for the California State Prison System by California Correctional Health Care Services (Appendix E). Per their request, the clinicians now wish to address obesity as a problem within JHS.

Reaching our goal took many baby steps in the form of two to three meetings a week. The easiest way to have a stable number and variety of people involved in the change was to go to them. I met with clinicians every other week. I met with the Executive Committee once a week. I met with CQI once a week. I met with IT software up to three times a week. Meetings would move to every other week and once a month if the tasks to be completed or reviewed were less. But these frequent, time limited meetings were very productive over time. Most importantly, this use of time was supported by the acting medical director and the program director.

Over the course of two months, I was able to establish some initial goals for data queries in our new JIM EHR. Another two months were required for group approval and to build the computer metrics (Appendix F). Once the metrics were built, I met with IT to review the metrics and to refine our numerator and denominator inclusions and exclusions for data capture. Once

initial data pulls were obtained, I needed at least one to two days for data validation. Since that time, we have refined or modified our goals to include meaningful data measures as well as measures the clinicians are simply curious about (i.e., high priority specialty referrals).

A new EHR was mandatory to replace a dangerously outdated DOS-based system. The platforms necessary to maintain the system would soon be extinct within the DPH healthcare network. A new system would allow data collection to be measured against benchmarks developed within the correctional community and to aid in the provision of care that reflects the level of care provided in the community.

The first primary process we aimed to change was providing a more efficient and useful EHR for San Francisco Jail Health Services. Our objectives for this phase of the project included selection of the EHR, working with the vendor to tailor the EHR for our documentation and data collection needs and training staff with ongoing support from the vendor and our dedicated IT analysts. Although the new EHR implementation was not initially a topic in this project, I realized very late in my project development that a clear explanation of how my KPI development around Priority 1 clinician visits came about required an explanation of the JIM EHR implementation project in its entirety. My KPI Priority 1 project was possible only because of a new flexible and current EHR. I would not have been able to develop new measuring systems without our new EHR. EHR implementation required six phases (Appendix G). My KPI study was an inherent part of steps two, five and six of the EHR implementation. Each of these phases had multiple steps. My primary purpose as project manager was to represent and develop the changes requested and necessary from a clinician and nursing perspective. The financial, security and technical preparation was completed in separate Executive Committee meetings. First, we collected and organized thoughts, requests and complaints from clinicians

and nurses. The project managers met and confirmed why the current system was no longer a viable EHR. Then I was required to meet with the clinician and nursing staff multiple times over the course of two months to obtain input regarding what we needed in a new EHR system. The final goals from clinicians and nurses I returned to the group with were to have a system that was time efficient and could grow with advances in healthcare technology. Staff wanted a system that was less cumbersome and time consuming to find results from our partner hospital San Francisco General Hospital. Both clinicians and nurses wanted to be able to tailor screens so that we could collect health information unique to the prisoner-patient population. The second step required me to clarify and prioritize with clinicians and nursing staff what workflows we wanted to keep, what workflows we wanted to get rid of and what workflows we wanted to develop (i.e. KPI's such as measuring our ability to meet Priority 1 benchmark). Our third step was the selection of the EHR. During step three, I reviewed vendor proposals and attended demonstrations often bringing interested front line staff members to obtain their feedback once vendors were narrowed down. Step three also took place over the course of several months as it was considered one of the most important steps in our project. It was here we were able to ask vendors regarding quantitative data collection that would encompass selected KPI's, meaningful use data and data capture required for various grants in the jail. Step four entailed the installation of JIM. This took more time than initially allocated and continues to require more time and expense than anticipated. My primary activity here was participation in the training, mock "go-live" sessions, "go-live" and pilot testing. Again, each section under this step required multiple phases. For example, training required developing a "training" version of JIM, training scenarios and medical files to practice, a training manual, train-the-trainer sessions and schedules to train staff. Our step five is on-going and entails, among other things, tailoring our system to capture

the necessary data necessary for safe, effective and efficient care. Midway through this process, JHS was pulled under the Ambulatory Care umbrella of SF DPH. Prior to restructure, JHS was a stand-alone entity. As a result of our inclusion in Ambulatory Care, we have broadened our step five goals to include the capture of meaningful use data so that we are potentially ready to have our prisoner-patients enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medicare as we move towards our long term goal of seamless community care for our population. In step six, we continue to expand on many of the tasks described in step five. The general aim is to continue training where needed as indicated by weaknesses in documentation during pilot testing, refining data elements we want to capture, changing and adding documentation workflows and screens and finally developing the metrics after defining what data elements we wish to capture for reportable quality measures and our own internal quality measure. I had difficulty clearly defining my project until I realized my project involved changing a process wrapped into a larger process.

My specific aim was to build queries to measure specific KPI's (i.e., what percentage of Priority 1 clinician appointments are seen within 24 hours) to determine if we were meeting national benchmarks for correctional care. My development and selection of KPI's was aided by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and HEDIS measures. The process is ongoing. However, initial KPI selection took over two months. Again, I held multiple meetings at every staff level to obtain input to re-evaluate measurement goals and needs post-EHR implementation. Clinicians were unanimous in requesting feedback on their workflow and productivity. The KPI clinicians were most interested in was whether they were meeting the NCCHC benchmark of seeing 85% of Priority 1 referrals within 24 hours. I worked with IT, clinicians and nursing to develop a workflow that would capture this data. This KPI query was developed simultaneously with several other KPI measurements. I developed multiple KPI's to

track at scheduled intervals based on measures identified by NCCHC and HEDIS. For each query, I was required to first develop the metrics necessary to capture the data (Appendix H). Next, I had to perform initial pulls and perform data validation on the results. Consequently, we were able to achieve a baseline measurement for January, 2015 and monthly thereafter in order to assess whether JHS was meeting the recommended benchmark of 85% of Priority 1 visits being seen within 24 hours. The results were much better than anticipated by the clinicians and nurses alike. The positive results created a whole new wave of enthusiasm for the benefits of measuring our work and looking at other outcome data to improve care. Many of the clinicians confided in me that they had been afraid of what the numbers would show. I took this moment as an opportunity to reinforce the idea that we were hard workers and that measuring our productivity confirmed our ability to provide excellent care. Any numbers that came out lower than we wanted only provided an opportunity to look at the process to see if changes could improve our outcomes. The challenge is to find the low numbers so that we know where we need to improve.

Literature Review

“Improving prison health care requires a robust measurement dashboard that addresses multiple domains of care” per Asch, Damberg, Hiatt, Teleki, Shaw, Hill, Benjamin-Johnson, Eisenman, Kulkarni, Wang, Willaims, Yesus, & Grudzen (2011) in their classic research project identifying indicators of quality care and access that prisons and jails could use to identify performance weaknesses and to guide quality improvement. The KPI measuring the number of Priority 1 patients seen within 24 hours is an access to care measure that will tell us if our patients are receiving timely care. “Priority setting refers to the distribution of resources...among competing patients or patient groups” (Barasa, Molyneux, & Cleary, 2015).

Priority setting within the jail requires that the sickest patients are seen first. Treating the most seriously ill patients and/or the chronically ill patients first, consistently at a high level should minimize adverse events and unscheduled emergency department runs. Access to care and the timing of visits is considered a critical success indicator according to the Division of Correctional Healthcare Services (2006). The DCHS (2006) further elaborates that “a clinical indicator is a tool used to measure, over time, the performance of functions, processes and outcomes of an organization”. Here, I developed an EHR query to establish a baseline and measure over time the clinicians’ ability to see 85% of Priority 1 visits within 24 hours. We then wished to see if an increase of Priority 1 visits would show a correlating decrease in emergency room visits. I selected this KPI and several other KPI’s per the clinicians request and with the aid of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (2014). Correctional health care is only beginning to develop national standards. The NCCHC’s standards are recommended requirements for the proper management of a correctional health services delivery system (Standards for Health Services in Jails, 2014). With the advent of the meaningful use program in jails, we decided to also include HEDIS measures in our KPI’s related to chronic diseases. Although it is unclear when the San Francisco County Jail could meet the many requirements to qualify for Medi-Cal reimbursement, it is still helpful to meet the standards necessary if we hope to participate in the future. Ben Butler, CIO at Community Correctional Health Services, wrote in a June, 2014 issue brief that “EHR development in jails is still in its infancy...in an ideal world, the health care [inmates] received in jail would be connected to the health care that they receive in the community, both to ensure continuity and avoid duplication of care”. This is the goal of JHS within the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The work of Glowa-Kollisch et al. (2014) elaborates nicely the benefits of EHRs in New York City jail system. The study

found that the EHR improved the jail's ability to detect and provide care for patients injured in jail, patients with mental health issues and increased the ability to track trends and improve response efforts. Further, Glowa-Kollisch et al. (2014) found three specific ways data collection within an EHR care contributed to patient safety: a) the ability to change data collected on patient care, treatment and abuse; b) the ability to connect to a health information exchange for continued care and monitoring in the community after release and c) the ability to produce reports based on patient clinical outcome, location, profile and time. I selected an access to care issue because measuring the timing of visits once requested seemed to be a logical place to start in measuring our quality of care. In the 2015 study by Glowa-Kollisch et al., the United States is identified as having the highest rate of incarceration in the world and 95% of these incarcerations occur in jails where the setting can be chaotic, with short stays where patients can nonetheless experience new morbidity and mortality secondary to medication interruption, injury and exacerbated mental health issues during solitary confinement. SFCJ believes that making any patient with medical symptoms and/or a chronic illness requires a Priority 1 referral as this will decrease the chances of worsening health while incarcerated in our jail. The practice of ensuring prisoner-patients in poor health are evaluated within their first day of admission should decrease the chance of an adverse event occurring with that patient while in jail. We wanted to measure the timeliness of our Priority 1 visits and then determine if there was a related decrease in Emergency Room (ER) visits. Espinoza, & Regenstein (2014) explain that a review of the literature shows that engagement with the criminal justice system exacerbates poor health, drives recidivism and weakens efforts to improve health outcomes. SFCJ strives to engage the patient early on so that this does not have to occur routinely with our population. Marks and Turner (2014) describe the potential for benefit to the community's health by elaborating on the critical

link between health care and jails. They explain that jails far outnumber prisons and jails serve as the entry point to the criminal justice system and provide health care to a population that has high levels of unmet needs. A consistent high percentage of completing Priority 1 visits within 24 hours ensures that the health community in jail can begin to establish or re-establish a link to the community when the patient leaves jail. Marks and Turner (2014) also elaborate on the benefits of education of the prisoner-patient on health maintenance and how to access health care in the community. Jail is often the only source of healthcare for many prisoner-patients. Clinicians receive this education and then provide it to the patient beginning with the first clinician visit. If the patient has lost contact with a provider, contact is reestablished through the clinician. Marks and Turner (2014) recommend further studies on jail populations because the jail-population is unique from the prison population with different impacts on the health and public safety of local communities. Jail-involved individuals can cycle in and out of jail with infectious and chronic diseases putting the community at risk. Untreated mental health and substance abuse issues also create a vicious circle in and out of the jail for often low level crime continuously perpetuated on the community. Using the time prisoners are in jail to treat and stabilize diseases and establish community treatment upon release benefits the individual and the community.

Timeline

My KPI project timeline started in with vague thoughts in November, 2014. I began to earnestly address the process to an increasing degree with the most important developments over the past four months. The last three months I have been able to put names to many of the activities in the process. The result is a solid project that will continue to develop as we continue to measure KPIs. The entire process has taken longer than I anticipated, but I feel my goals are

much clearer and more focused. Jail Health Services will reap the benefits as we continue to develop our skills for data collection.

Expected Results

I did not have any expectations regarding outcome although the clinicians clearly felt the numbers would not be good. When the baseline number came back at 84.5% with an average to date of 88.3% of Priority 1 visits being seen within 24 hours, the clinicians were very relieved and happy. They indicated that without any way to know how they were doing, they had assumed the worst especially in light of the “quota” rumor. It was a very joyful experience to see the group respond to all the information provided to them proving how productive they were within the context of Priority 1 visits. As stated earlier, the KPI result was a great morale booster and has generated even more enthusiasm for data review. Overall, when taken with the other KPIs we measured, this project provided some solid positive feedback regarding Jail Health Services quality of care when measured against the recommended NCCHC benchmarks.

Another unexpected bonus from working on this project was that nurses’ also became excited about measuring clinical indicators to provide feedback about care outcomes and productivity. The CNL project forced all of us in Jail Health to learn many things new to us. We all learned about queries and numerators and denominator in the context of query development. We learned about NCCHC standards and benchmarks. We trudged through hours of tedious meetings and metric reviews before we were able to see the information obtained with the end results.

I compared our KPI rates against our unscheduled ED visits. The initial KPI result was just under the 85% standard, but measured above 85% for every month after up to July, 2015.

Developing the KPI and obtaining validated measures with the query made this portion of my project a success.

My second part of this project was to determine if unscheduled ED visits would decrease as a result of adequate and improved Priority 1 access to care timing. When I compared the first six months of ED visits of 2014 and 2015, I found significantly decreased ER admits for four out of the six months in 2015 (Appendix I). However, I realized this could not be clearly linked to the clinician Priority 1 KPI measurements, if at all. We had no KPI measurements from January to May, 2014 as JIM was not implemented until late November, 2014. This portion of the project failed. I could not clearly isolate a KPI Priority1 measure to a decreased ED rate. Other factors that probably contributed more to the decreased ED visit rate would be a new training program for the Triage and Intake nurses and increased clarification of patients Triage would reject until health clearance at SFGH was obtained. I realized the many complexities and nuances involved in any kind of change measurement.

Nursing Relevance

Although I was unable to establish a definitive link of decreased ER visits to increases in the percentage of Priority 1 visits, I was able to develop some of the tools to measure KPIs developed as a team. The learning process was long and at times arduous, but successful and rewarding in many different ways. It brought Jail Health Services together and working towards goals that would not have been possible without our new EHR. This one project brought many people, including myself, to a whole new level of understanding of the benefit of tracking our performance to validate and improve our work. One request by our clinicians sparked the beginning of a process that will be carried forward by the momentum of our initial success. The

enthusiasm created by this initial creation of data collection opens our world to the huge potential of evaluating our work in a continuous manner actually looking for weaknesses in our care delivery now that we have a certain amount of confidence in our work.

We are still at a very early stage in our informatics and technology skills; however, with the help of leaders like the California Correctional Health Care Services, Jail Health Services hopes to continue growing and refining our measurement capabilities to a point where our dashboard will continue filling out with KPIs that help us improve our care and identify weaknesses in our care delivery.

Prisoner/patients enter jail acutely ill (severe ETOH and/or opiate withdrawal) and/or with chronic conditions in poor control (most often secondary to noncompliance or lack of a solid connection to health care in the community) and are at extremely high risk for adverse events once incarcerated (Wang, White, Jamison, Goldenson, Estes, & Tulskey, 2008).

According to Wang and colleagues (2008), patients identified as acutely sick due to opiate withdrawals or other serious health conditions are placed as highly vulnerable for adverse events. Moreover, these conditions have been labeled as a “state of emergency” by Governor Brown claiming it places staff and inmates at a heightened risk while causing unnecessary spending (Prison Overcrowding State of Emergency Proclamation, 2010). San Francisco Jail Health Services believes that timely assessment of these prisoner-patients within 24 hours of admission will ensure intervention that will help improve patient outcomes preserving jail resources by preventing avoidable ER visits.

Developing the practice of immediately trying to link these patients to community care in preparation for release will enhance the future well-being of the patient and the community.

Flegel and Manson (2013) succinctly summarized in their editorial that our responsibilities are to both the prisoner-patient and the community. The better we are able to control the communicable diseases, depression and other mental disorders and chronic, degenerative diseases of patients released back into the community, the lesser the burden on their families and communities. Measuring our care and improving on that care has a long term positive ripple-effect on the overall related health, social and economic costs of the individual, family and community.

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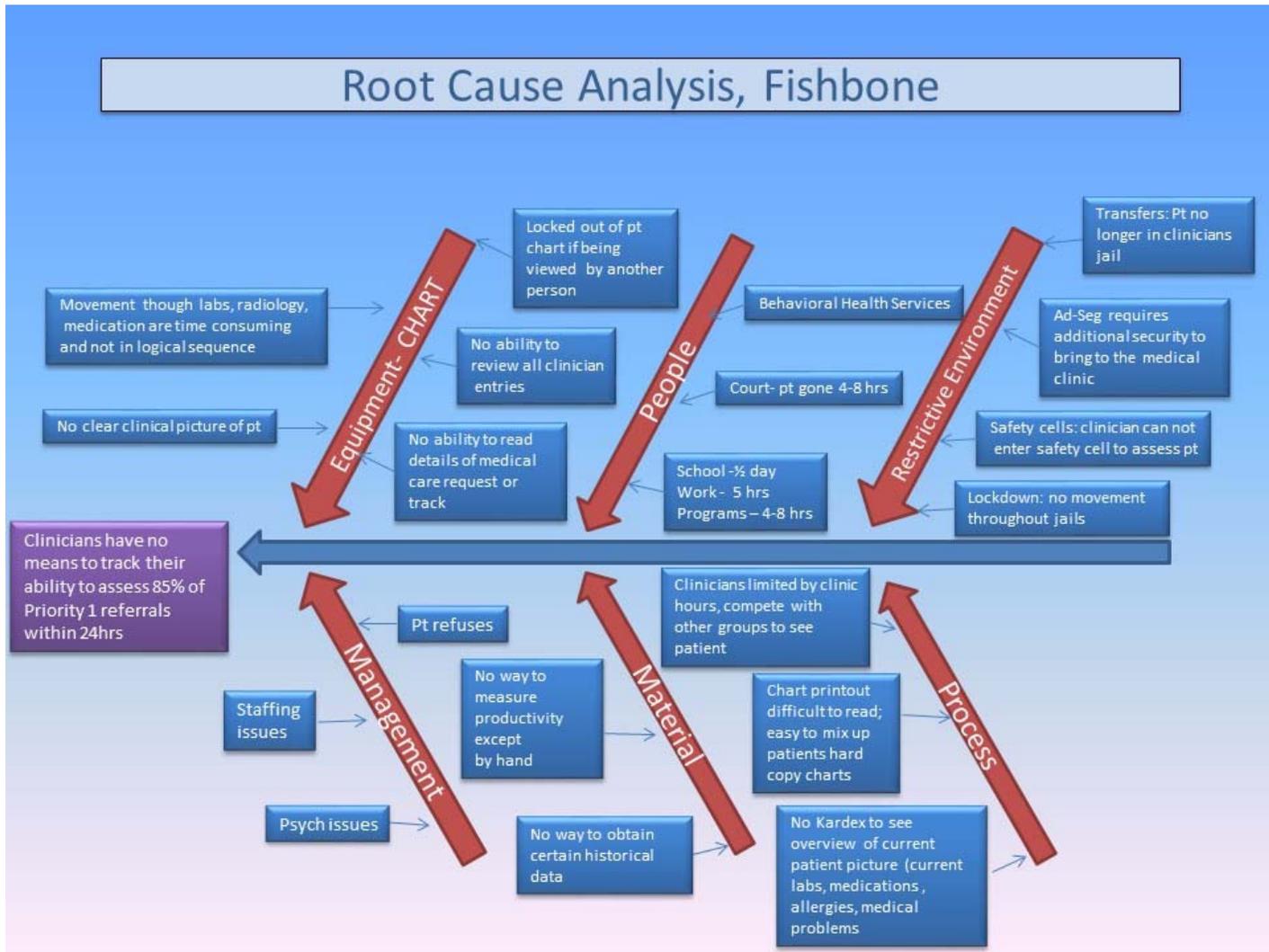
Appendix A

CATEGORY
1. Number Triageed
2. Number Screened
3. Health Inventory Screenings
4. Sick Call Visits
Clinician Sick Call
RN Sick Call
5. Emergency Room Visits
SFGH
6. X-rays performed
7. PPDs Given
PPDs Read
8. HIV Voluntary testing
9. Number of identified HIV nfectd individuals
10. Reported transmissions of infectious or contagious diseases
11. Pharmaceutical Costs
12. Number of Prescriptions
13. Adverse medication reactions
14. In Patient Days
Ward 7D
Ward 7L
15. Deaths and causes thereof
16. Sexual Assaults reported or treated
17. Assaults leading to injury of inmates
18. Dental Visits
19. Mental Health evaluations / initial assessment
JPS Group Therapy

Jail Health Services	External Aud
JPS Individual Treatment	2
JPS Medication Planning	3
Jail Aftercare	
Case Management	5
Collateral Services	7
Discharge Planning	8
Substance Abuse Counseling	
20. Medical Care Requests	4
Number of patients*	6

* Non-Dupli

Appendix B



Appendix C

CLINICIAN SATISFACTION SURVEY

Checking the pulse of our medical staff

The San Francisco Jail Health Services strives to provide a stable medical staff with minimal turnover. Through this survey we hope to begin to measure the satisfaction of our current medical staff and also provide an opportunity for you to express your likes, dislikes, and those job-related issues that matter most. We realize that a satisfied medical staff will, in turn, provide our patients with the highest quality of care.

Please return the completed survey in the addressed envelope

- 1= Strongly Disagree, Very Unhappy
- 2= Disagree, Unhappy
- 3= Ambivalent about this issue
- 4= Agree, Happy
- 5= Strongly Agree, Very Happy

Do you practice in one jail setting? _____

Do you practice in multiple jail settings? _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: If a statement is not applicable to you, please write in N/A

I. RECRUITMENT

The San Francisco Jail Health Services (SF JHS) recruitment objective is to locate qualified candidates, make them feel welcome, and employ those that can succeed in our system.

a.	When I consider my initial attraction to come to the SF JHS, I am satisfied with my decision.	1	2	3	4	5
b.	When I interviewed for employment I was made to feel welcome, felt free to ask questions and had an opportunity to visit my work location, to tour the site and visit with staff.	1	2	3	4	5
c.	The JHS orientation was appropriate and important for me to understand the organization and structure of the San Francisco jail health system.		1	2	3	4 5
d.	I have a good understanding of what is expected of me both by the peers within my service, other medical staff and administration.	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Lifestyle change is a common reason cited by providers choosing to work here. The lifestyle I found after employment is what I had hoped for.	1	2	3	4	5
f.	When I consider my expectations when I joined the staff. I am pleased with how things turned out.	1	2	3	4	5

2. **JOB SATISFACTION**

The SF JHS strives to keep employees satisfied and provide every employee with the tools to meet their personal and professional goals.

a.	When I consider the policies and processes that affect my medical practice, I feel I am provided an opportunity for adequate input into decision-making and policy formation.	1	2	3	4	5
b.	In my clinic setting, I am satisfied with the equality of patient load, hospital admissions (if applicable), and on-call responsibilities (if applicable).	1	2	3	4	5
c.	When I consider my practice setting, I feel I receive adequate support while performing my job functions and taking care of my patients.	1	2	3	4	5
d.	If I had a wish list, it would include having the same nurse in my clinic everyday, being able to supervise that nurse and having oversight of the clinic.	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Considering my practice today, I feel the chief of my service does a good job of communicating the responsibilities of the job and promptly notifies me of updates and changes.	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Overall, I am satisfied with my job and don't anticipate leaving within the next five years.	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Overall I feel the quality of care provided by my service is of good quality.	1	2	3	4	5
h.	I feel I am able to meet my professional and personal goals with my current position.	1	2	3	4	5

3. **APPRECIATION / RECOGNITION**

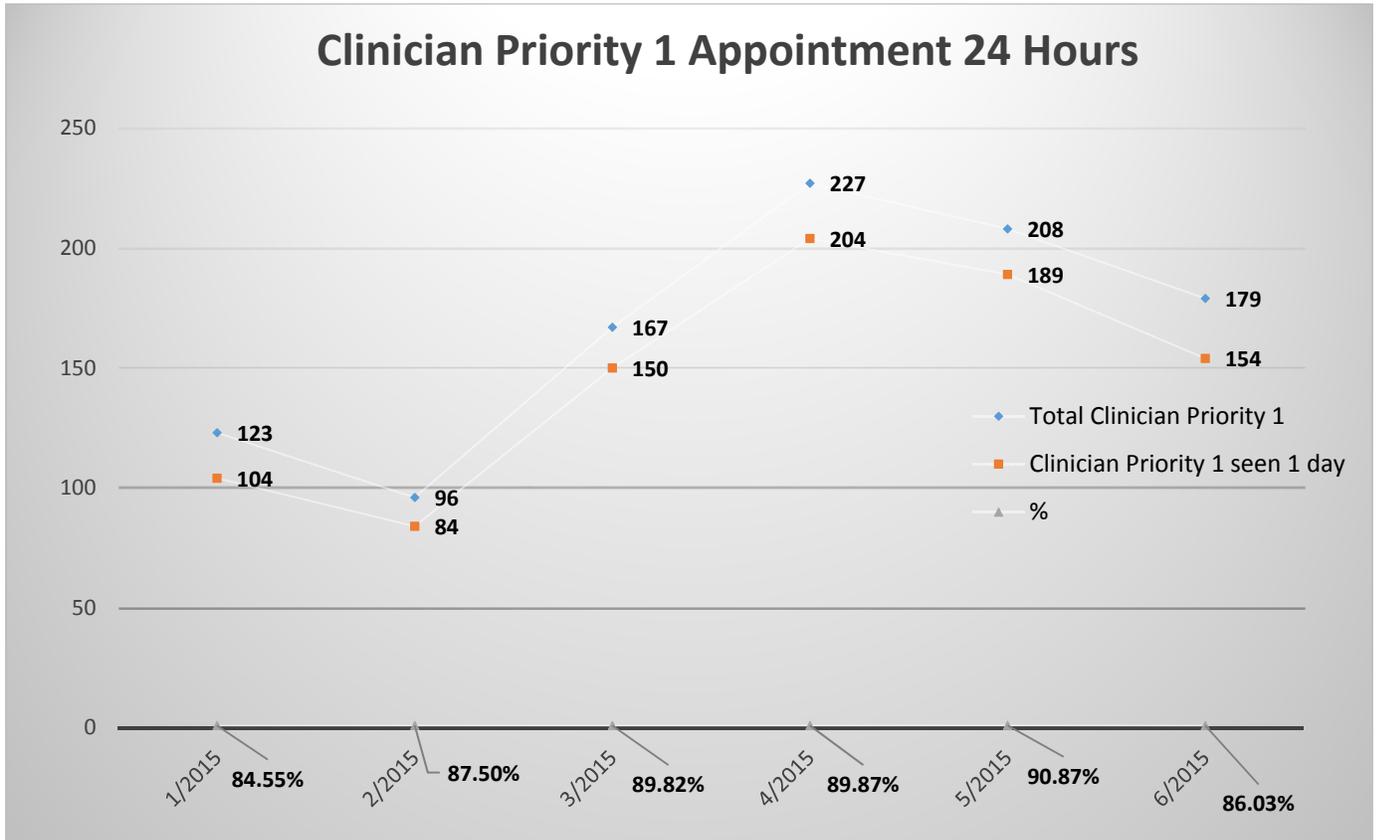
The SF JHS administration values and appreciates the medical staff.

a.	I feel valued and appreciated.	1	2	3	4	5
b.	I receive the level of administrative support needed to accomplish my daily workload and provide a high level of service for my patients.	1	2	3	4	5
c.	I receive both formal and informal support and recognition from my peers and administration.	1	2	3	4	5
e.	I am comfortable with the level of social activity outside of work with my peers. It is adequate for me to feel welcome, nurture friendships and makes me feel like an integral part of the					
	medical staff.	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Is it important for me to have outside interaction with my medical staff colleagues.	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Is it important for me to have interaction with my medical staff colleagues during the work-day.	1	2	3	4	5

Please feel free to provide any additional comments below. We are especially interested in what makes you want to remain with the San Francisco Jail Health Services. You may attach additional sheets to document your response. We value your opinions. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. If there is something you would like for us to address, it will be easier for us to act on your concerns if you identify yourself or your work location.

Printed Name (optional)

Appendix D



Appendix E

DASHBOARD 1.1 GLOSSARY

Click on any measure below to see detailed specifications

SCHEDULING & ACCESS TO CARE			POPULATION HEALTH MANAGEMENT			CARE MANAGEMENT		
ACCESS			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Medical Services			Asthma Care			Appropriate Placement High Risk Patients		
Dental Services			Therapeutic Anticoagulation			High-Risk Patient Care Plan		
Mental Health Services			Diabetes Care			Follow-Up After MHCB/DSH Admission		
APPTS COMPLETED AS SCHEDULED			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Cancelled Due to Custody			End Stage Liver Disease Care			30-Day Community Hospital Readmission		
Seen as Scheduled			Utilization Specialty Services			30-Day inHCB or DSH Readmission		
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Effective Communication Provided			Colon Cancer Screening			Potentially Avoidable Hospitalizations*		
MEDICATION MANAGEMENT			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
MAPIP			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Medication Continuity-Transfer			Non-Dictated Documents			CONTINUITY OF CLINICIANS & SERVICES		
Medication Non-Adherence Counseling			Dictated Documents			Primary Care Provider (PCP)		
Medication Administration			Specialty Notes			Mental Health Primary Clinician		
FORMULARY MANAGEMENT			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Non-Formulary by Psychiatrists			Community Hospital Records			Psychiatrist		
Non-Formulary by Medical Providers			Scanning Accuracy			RESOURCE MANAGEMENT		
STAFFING IN FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE)			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Actual Authority % of Auth			6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Total Staffing FTE			APPEAL PROCESSING			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Medical FTE			Timely Appeals			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Nursing FTE			MAJOR COSTS PER INMATE PER MONTH			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Pharmacy FTE			LABOR			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Dental Clinical FTE			Medical Staff	YTD 12/14	FY 12/13	WORKLOAD PER DAY		
Mental Health Clinical FTE			Nursing Staff			Appointments per PCP		
Clinical Support FTE			Pharmacy Staff			Appointments per PCR†		
Administrative Support FTE			Dental Clinical Staff			Encounters per Primary IAH Clinician		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			Mental Health Clinical Staff			Encounters per Psychiatrist		
Total Actual FTE			Clinical Support Staff			OTHER TRENDS		
Civil Service FTE			Administrative Support Staff			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Overtime FTE			NON LABOR			6 Mth Trend Statewide		
Registry FTE			Hospital	YTD 12/14	FY 12/13	Hospital Admissions*		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			Emergency Department			Emergency Department Visits*		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			Specialty			Specialty Care Referrals*		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			Medications			Prescriptions Per Inmate		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			Diagnostics			Diagnostics Per Inmate		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide			Appeals Received*		
6 Mth Trend Statewide			6 Mth Trend Statewide			Prison Population Capacity		

STATE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

INSTITUTION PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT WORKPLANS (CHECK ACCESS REQUIRED)

PATIENT REGISTRIES (CHECK ACCESS REQUIRED)

INSTITUTION POPULATION AND CHARACTERISTICS SPECIFICATIONS

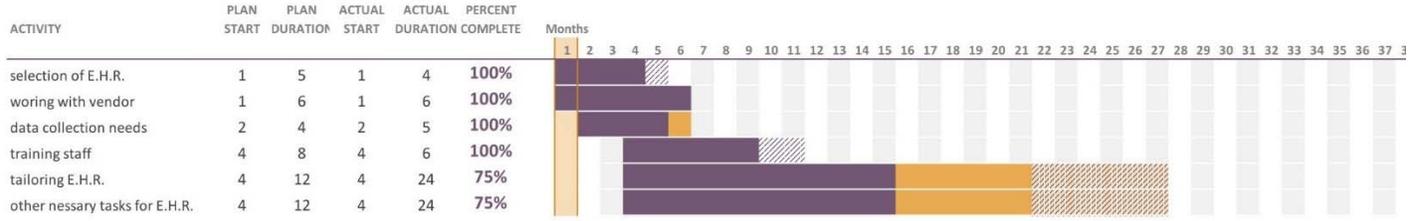
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Ambulatory Care Performance Improvement											
Section: JHS											
Strategic Priority and Primary Measures	Measure/Metric	Denominator	Numerator	Title XV	State Survey	SF JHS Benchmark	Source of Data/Location	Ownership/Data or Quality Lead	Audience	Specifications - Denominator	Specifications - Numerator
1. Addresses patients and clients' health care concerns in the manner and timeframe they expect. Percentage of MCRs that received FTF RN triage within 1 day.	Monthly, based on the compliance date of the FTF RN MCR triage appointment. Compliance date from the first day of the month to the last day of the month.	Total number MCRs received within 1 day.	Number of MCRs from the denominator that received FTF RN MCR triage within 1 day during the measurement period.	X	X	85%	JHS EHR	Shayne/Marlene	JHS Director JHS MD Director Nurse Manager Charge Nurse	Excluded from the denominator are appointments closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Scheduling error 2. Cancelled- a. Not in custody b. Patient refuses c. Lockdown d. Patient transferred Also, when an appt has been rescheduled, the original appt is excluded.	Included in the numerator are appt's closed for either of the following reasons: 1. Walk-in seen 2. Seen as scheduled Excluded from the numerator are appt's closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Patient in Court 2. Patient at SFGH 3. Patient refuses 4. Lockdown
Percentage of MCRs that received FTF RN triage within 2 day.	Monthly, based on the compliance date of the FTF RN MCR triage appointment. Compliance date from the first day of the month to the last day of the month.	Total number MCRs received within 24 hours that received FTF RN MCR triage within 2 days.	Number of MCRs from the denominator that received FTF RN MCR triage within 2 days during the measurement period.	X	X	85%	JHS EHR	Shayne/Marlene	JHS Director JHS MD Director Nurse Manager Charge Nurse	Excluded from the denominator are appointments closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Scheduling error 2. Cancelled- a. Not in custody b. Patient refuses c. Lockdown d. Patient transfer Also, when an appt has been rescheduled, the original appt is excluded.	Included in the numerator are appt's closed for either of the following reasons: 1. Walk-in seen 2. Seen as scheduled Excluded from the numerator are appt's closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Patient in Court 2. Patient at SFGH 3. Patient refuses 4. Lockdown

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Percentage of Priority 1 Clinician visits seen within 1 day of referral created when FTF RN MCR triage closed in JIM.	Monthly, based on the compliance date of the Clinician Priority 1 referral appointment created when MCR closed in JIM. Compliance date from the first day of the month to the last day of the month.	Total number of Priority 1 Clinician referrals created when MCR closed in JIM after FTF RN MCR triage.	Number of Priority 1 Clinician referrals from the denominator seen within 1 day. Included in the numerator are appt's closed for either of the following reasons: 1. Walk-in seen 2. Seen as scheduled	X	X	85%	JHS EHR	Marlene/Shayne	JHS Director JHS MD Director Clinicians Nurse Manager Charge Nurse	Excluded from the denominator are appointments closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Scheduling error 2. Cancelled- a. Not in custody b. Patient refuses c. Lockdown d. Patient transfer Also, when an appt has been rescheduled, the original appt is excluded.	Included in the numerator are appt's closed for either of the following reasons: 1. Walk-in seen 2. Seen as scheduled Excluded from the numerator are appt's closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Patient in Court 2. Patient at SFGH 3. Patient refuses 4. Lockdown
Percentage of Priority 2 Clinician visits seen within 14 days of referral created when FTF RN MCR triage closed in JIM.	Monthly, based on the compliance date of the Clinician Priority 2 referral appt created when MCR closed in JIM. Compliance date from the first day of the month to the last day of the month.	Total number of Priority 2 Clinician referrals resulting when MCR closed in JIM after FTF RN MCR triage.	Number of Priority 2 Clinician referrals from the denominator seen within 14 days.	X	X	85%	JHS EHR	Marlene/Shayne	JHS Director JHS MD Director Clinicians Nurse Manager Charge Nurse	Excluded from the denominator are appointments closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Scheduling error 2. Cancelled- a. Not in custody b. Patient refuses c. Lockdown d. Patient transfer Also, when an appt has been rescheduled, the original appt is excluded.	Included in the numerator are appt's closed for either of the following reasons: 1. Walk-in seen 2. Seen as scheduled Excluded from the numerator are appt's closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Patient in Court 2. Patient at SFGH 3. Patient refuses 4. Lockdown
Percentage of Priority 2 Clinician visits seen within 21 days of referral created when FTF RN MCR triage closed in JIM.	Monthly based on 21 days from the date Clinician Priority 2 referral appt created when MCR closed in JIM. Compliance date from the first day of the month to the last day of the month.	Total number of Priority 2 Clinician referrals resulting when MCR closed after FTF RN MCR triage.	Number of Priority 2 Clinician referrals from the denominator seen within 21 days.	X	X	90%	JHS EHR	Marlene/Shayne	JHS Director JHS MD Director Clinicians Nurse Manager Charge Nurse	Excluded from the denominator are appointments closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Scheduling error 2. Cancelled- a. Not in custody b. Patient refuses c. Lockdown d. Patient transfer Also, when an appt has been rescheduled, the original appt is excluded.	Included in the numerator are appt's closed for either of the following reasons: 1. Walk-in seen 2. Seen as scheduled Excluded from the numerator are appt's closed "NOT seen as scheduled" for any of the following reasons: 1. Patient in Court 2. Patient at SFGH 3. Patient refuses 4. Lockdown

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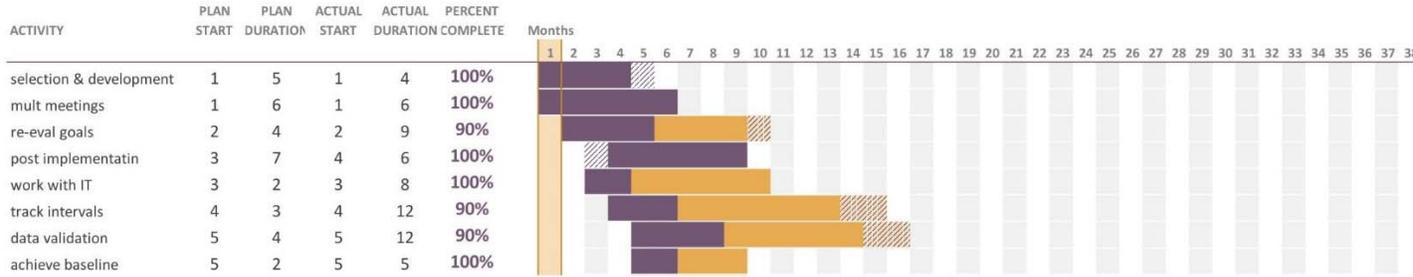
E.H.R. Implementation



Appendix H

KPI Development

Months 1     



Jail Health Services
Key Performance Indicators
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I. Access to Medical Services - JHS will track the following medical access measure percentages.

1. **face-to-face triage** of Medical Care Requests (MCRs) will be completed within 1-2 business days;
2. **urgent referral** to a physician will be seen within 1 calendar day;
3. **routine referral** to a physician will be seen within 14 calendar days;
4. **chronic care evaluation** (Chronic Care Program) will be completed within the timeframe specified at the last chronic care encounter;
5. **high priority specialty referrals** will be seen within 14 calendar days;
6. **routine specialty referrals** will be seen within 90 calendar days;
7. patients returned to jail from SFGH will be seen by a primary care provider within 1-2 calendar days.

Objective: By December 31, 2015, 85% or more of patients who require care receive timely access to clinicians and diagnostic services.

Target: 85% (set by Plata litigation) compliance

Review: Monthly

Data Source: Jail Information Manager (JIM) medical scheduling and tracking system

II. Polypharmacy, Diagnostic Monitoring and Medication Administration- JHS will track 29 measures of patients on medications meeting high risk criteria to ensure they are receiving appropriate monitoring. For initial dashboard, JHS will track:

1. Prescriptions per patient per month.
2. Clinician review of patients prescribed 10 or more medications.

Objective: By December 31, 2015, 95% or more patients prescribed 10 or more medications will have their medication regimens reviewed per requirements.

Target: Prescriptions per patient per month is included for monitoring purposes and has no specified benchmark; clinician review of patients with 10 or more medications will have benchmark of 95% compliance.

Review: Monthly

Data Source: JIM and will need to check pharmacy database

III. Response to Medical Care Request - JHS will track multiple measures around Medical Care Request (MCR) response time and manner of response time. We will test new MCR form in February, 2015 that educates patient regarding wait periods for different levels of medical care.

Objective: By June 30, 2015, 95% of patients will have received a timely response to their Medical Care Request and the patient will be able to identify the wait period for the specific MCR.

Target: 95% compliance

Review: Monthly

Data Source: JIM

IV. Grievance Rate – Access to Care currently largest target of Grievances. We believe this is secondary to lack of information to patient regarding wait time to see Clinician for routine Level II Priority visit and lack of MCR feedback to patient in a timely manner.

Objective: By June 30, 2015, a modified MCR with patient education and feedback loop will decrease Grievance rate related to Access to Care by 25%.

Target: 25% reduction

Review: Monthly

Data Source: Grievance collection by nurse managers and submitted to CQI on a daily or weekly basis.

V. 30-Day SFGH Readmission – JHS will monitor total number of hospitalizations and the total number of hospital readmissions with no more than 2-30 days between the two episodes of care.

Objective: By December 31, 2015, 5% or less of all hospitalizations will result in a readmission within 2-30 days.

Target: 5% or less; total number of hospitalizations included for monitoring purposes.

Review: Monthly

Data Source: JIM and CHART electronic medical records and data base

VI. Initial High Priority Specialty Referrals Occur Within 14 Calendar Days – All patients referred for initial (as opposed to follow-up Specialty appointments) high priority specialty appointments will be seen within 14 days.

Objective: By December 31, 2015, 85% or more of patients who require initial specialty referral will receive specialty care appointment within 14 days.

Target: 85%

Review: Monthly

Data Source: JIM and SFGH database

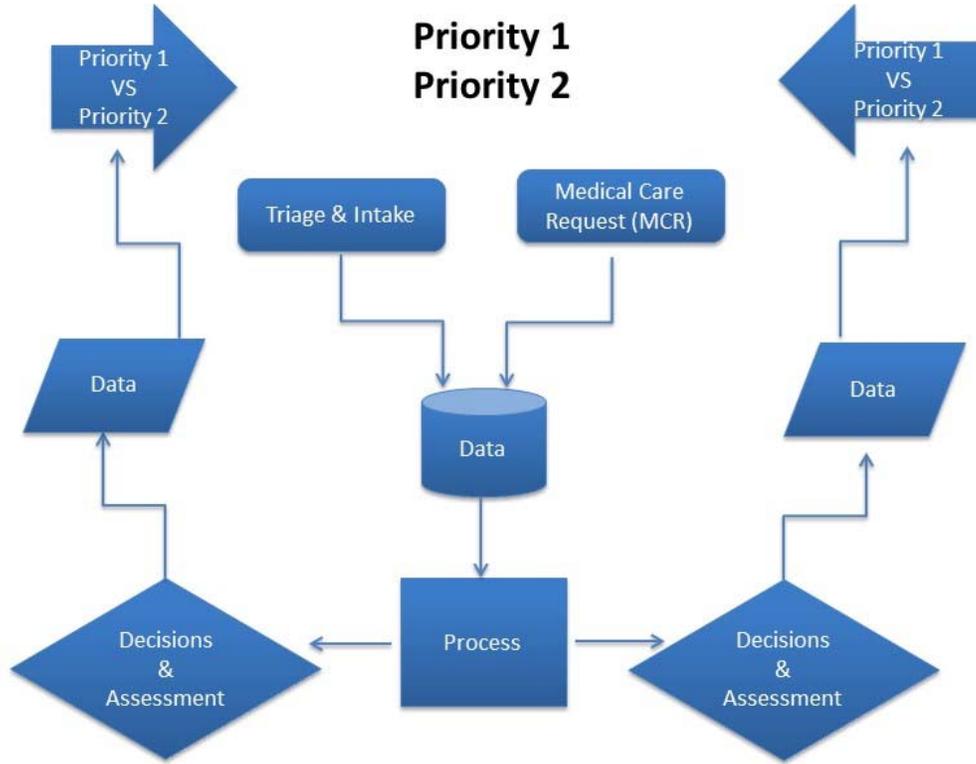
Appendix I

Number of ER admits

MONTH	2014	2015
JAN	30	13
FEB	24	20
MAR	30	20
APR	28	22
MAY	32	23
JUNE	60	20

Appendix J (miscellaneous)

Process Map



Cost Analysis (approximately)

People (executive committee and IT)

Costs (\$920 hour)

IT	\$90
Director	\$125
Medical doctor	\$175
Nurse Manager	\$70
Nurse Manager	\$70
Nurse Manager	\$70
Psych Director	\$80
CQI	\$80
HIV Director	\$70
Pharmacy Director	\$90

An approximate count of 150 meetings were required for KPI development. Meeting times ranged from 30 minutes to five hours. Our approximate cost was \$138,000.

MISC

Outside IT support	\$3,000
Additional hardware and other networking connections (most came from other areas from the department of public health)	\$2,000
Additional staff for training	\$17,000
Upload and transfer existing orders to new HER (3 day process)	\$8,000
Additional staff to ensure proper data validation and trouble shoot for front line staff for the first week of EHR	\$5,000
Initial EHR	“cost the city, little to no cost”
Ongoing fees and maintenance	Unknown (still within the first year of production)

Stakeholder Map

Food for Thought/Possible Influences:

Housing instability	Food insecurity	Lack of control	Limited Resource	Mental health needs	Instability of family and/or relationships	Coping ability	Practice healthy lifestyle	Awareness of self (mental and/or physical)
Resource access	Civil engagement	Age specific needs	Accessibility of community services	Distrust with different members of society	Chronic healthcare needs	Acute health care needs	Current Mental status	Current Health status
Age specific needs	Gender specific needs	Disability status	Community challenges	Disappointment about life	Purchasing affordable food	Infrequent of meals	Following rules	Substance abuse

