

Community Based Multidisciplinary Teams

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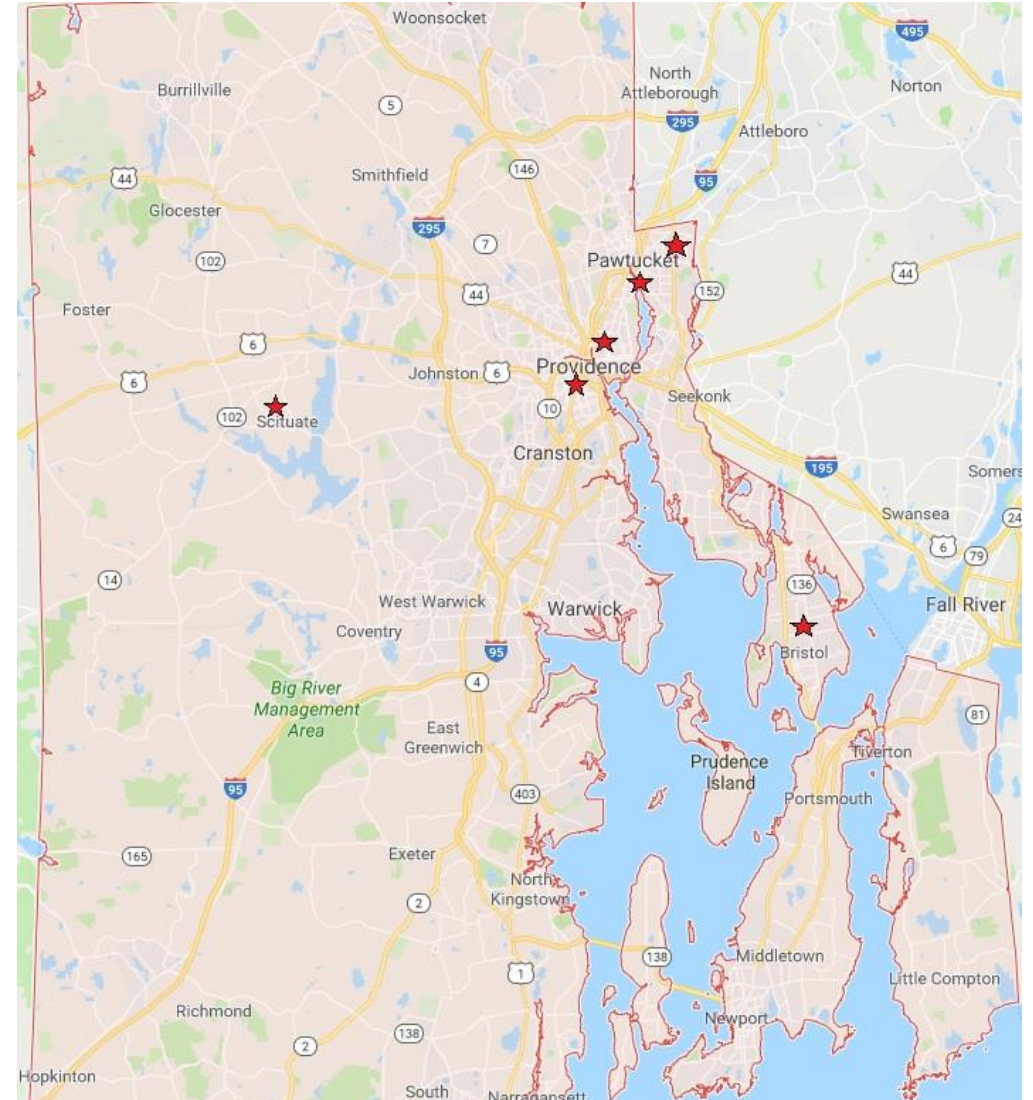
What is a Multidisciplinary Team



Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) are teams of care professionals who gather regularly to communicate about and coordinate the care of local community residents.

Current MDTs in Rhode Island

- Central Falls
- Providence-Mt. Hope (On hold, planning to resume in 2019)
- Providence-Trinity Square
- Bristol (On hold)
- Pawtucket
- Scituate: Planning Underway
- East Providence: Under discussion



How MDTs Work

- MDT members present community residents experiencing a health, social challenge, or barrier to their care
- Together, the team troubleshoots and comes up with a plan of action tailored for that individual's situation
- The team reviews progress on the plan of action until the resident's issue(s) are resolved



Central Falls Multidisciplinary Team

HIPAA



<http://oraclehearing.com/hipaa-compliance-cloud/>

- Business Associates Agreements are established among participating organizations
- Initials are used instead of names
- Permitted disclosure of PHI for case management and care coordination-
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CASE
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Benefits of MDTs



- MDT meetings create a regular forum for individuals in need to be addressed, effectively allowing fewer community residents to fall through the cracks in the care continuum
- Address disparities specific to each locality are addressed
- Service gaps in the community are identified
- Facilitate collaboration among entities that operate entirely separately from one another despite serving the same individuals
- Create pathways to more efficiently resolve common issues and barriers to care in communities

Impact of MDT on EMS Use in Central Falls

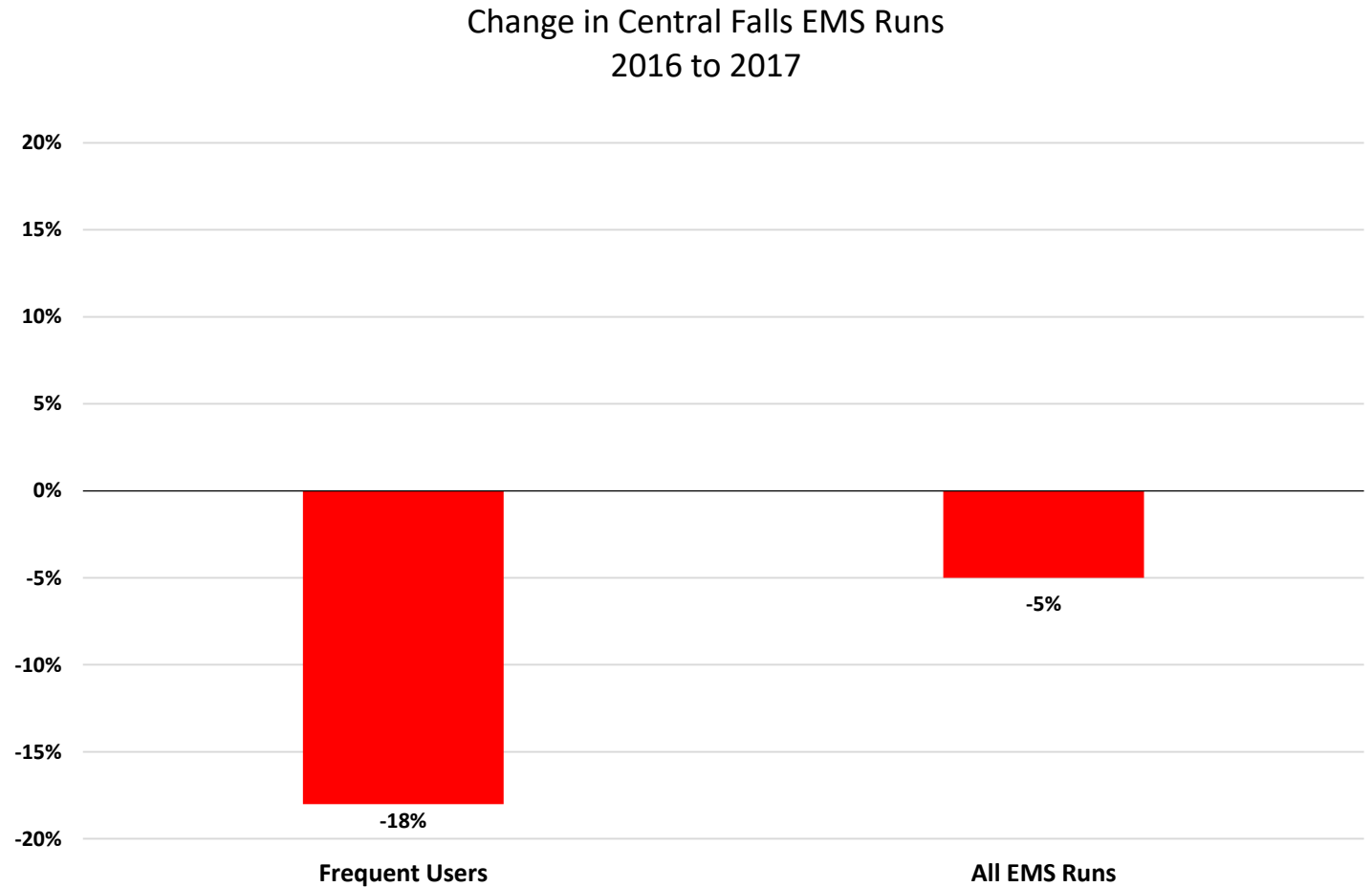
- Frequent Users of Central Falls

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

are presented at the Central Falls

MDT

- Frequent User: 4 or more EMS Runs over 12 months
- Language added to Central Falls EMS treatment consent authorizing presentation to MDT



Current MDTs



Seeds for Neighborhood Health Stations

The Neighborhood Health Station concept regroups the ambulatory care services of a traditional community health center with urgent care and other services. It uses community programming and creative place making, providing access to fitness, foods and educational programs, as part of a strategy to promote healthy lifestyles while inviting individuals and families to the facility as a center of activity in the neighborhood.

The First Neighborhood Health Station in the U.S. scheduled to open in Central Falls in January 2019

Additional Information on the Central Falls Neighborhood Health Station: <http://www.rifuture.org/1st-neighborhood-health-station/>

How to Start an MDT

- Identify a host organization to provide space and logistical support
- Convene a group of people who want to collaborate to improve the health of the community they serve.
- Establish Business Associates Agreements between participating organizations
- Network and invite additional community agencies
- Approximately 4 hours/week needed to organize/coordinate team meetings

Resources

Technical Support available
from the George Wiley
Center

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Questions

