Integrated Behavioral Health in RI

Care Transformation Collaborative of Rhode Island

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- Vision: Rhode Islanders enjoy excellent health and quality of life.
- Mission: To lead the transformation of primary care in Rhode Island in the context of an integrated healthcare system; and to improve the quality of life, the patient experience of care, the affordability of care, and the health of populations we serve.
- Approach: CTC-RI brings together key stakeholders to implement, evaluate, refine and spread models to deliver, pay for, and sustain high quality comprehensive primary care.





- Increase Capacity and Access to Patient-Centered Medical Homes (PCMH)
- Improve Quality and Patient Experience
- Reduce Cost of Care
- Improve Population Health
- Improve Provider Satisfaction ("Fostering joy in work")

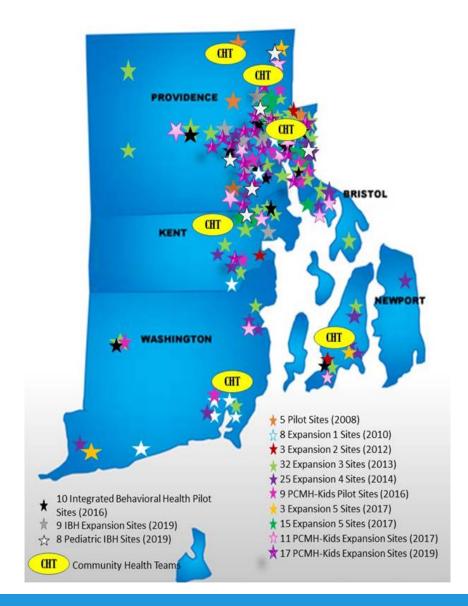








- The Care Transformation Collaborative of Rhode Island has a growing impact across the state, and includes:
- **128 primary practices**, including internal medicine, family medicine, pediatric practices and 29 primary care practices which are part of the Integrated Behavioral Health initiative.
 - Over **700,000 Rhode Islanders** receive their care from one of our practices.
 - **800 providers** across our adult and pediatric practices.
 - Investment from every health insurance plan in Rhode Island, including private and public plans.
 - All Federally Qualified Health Centers in Rhode Island participate in our Collaborative
 - \$217 million reduction in total cost of care dollars in 2016 compared to nonpatient centered medical homes in Rhode Island, according to data from the state's All-Payer Claims Database.







Integrated Behavioral Health Project Goals and Audience

- Goal 1: Reach higher levels of quality through universal screening
- **Goal 2**: Increase access to <u>brief intervention</u> for patients with moderate depression, anxiety, SUD and co-occurring chronic conditions
- **Goal 3:** Provide <u>care coordination</u> and intervention for patients with high emergency department (ED) utilization /and behavioral health condition
- **Goal 4:** <u>Increase patient self care</u> management skills: chronic condition and behavioral health need
- **Goal 5:** Determine <u>cost savings</u> that primary care can achieve by decreasing ED visits and inpatient hospitalization

Target Audience(s): Ten Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) primary care practices serving 42,000 adults



Lessons Learned

New Unmet or Changing Needs

- Copays are a barrier to treatment
- Billing and coding difficult to navigate
- Workforce Development IBH practice facilitators and IBH clinicians

Things to Do Differently

- Give practices 3 to 6 months to prepare for implementation
 - ✓ Billing and coding
 - ✓ Credentialing
 - ✓ EHR modifications
 - ✓ Workflow
 - ✓ Staff training

What Would Be Helpful Post-Pilot

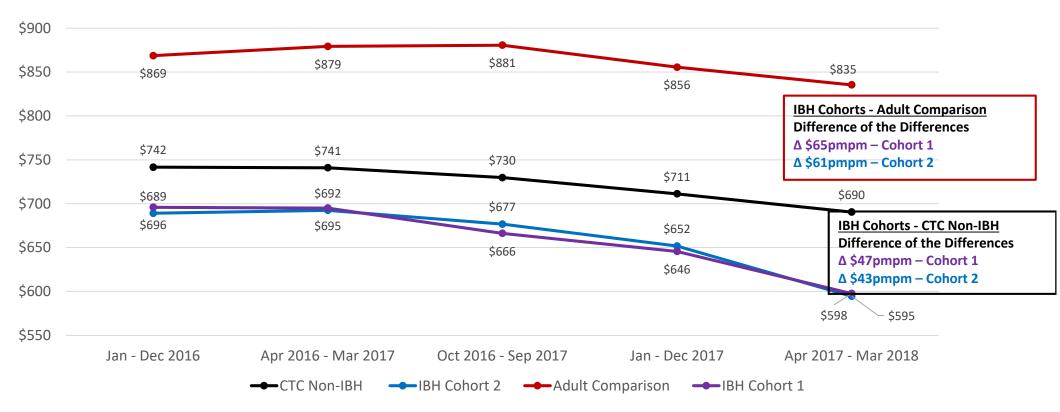
- Build workforce for Integrated Care
- Pilot APM for IBH in primary care
- Leverage legislative action; 1 copay in primary care; treat screenings as preventive services
- Address needs of small practices through CHT





Better Care - Lower Costs

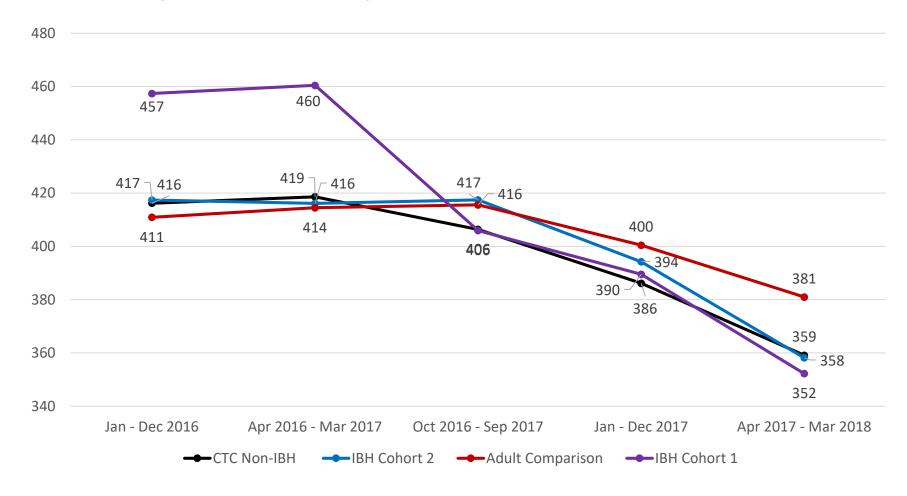
Total Medical & Pharmacy Costs (with Exclusions) Risk Adjusted (Cost per Member-Month)







Risk Adjusted (Visits per 1,000 Member-Years Count)









Brown University Findings Using a "matched" comparison group

Overall, analysis suggests positive effects of IBH intervention

	Cohort 1	Cohort 2
<u>Utilization</u>		
ED Visits	→ 12%*	* 20%*
Office Visits	₹ 50%*	→ 25%*
<u>Costs</u>		
Total Cost of Care	•	•
ED Costs	•	•
Rx Costs	•	•
Professional Services	•	

^{*} Statistically significant p-values













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• 3 Practice Facilitators specifically trained within IBH in Primary Care

- 6 months Didactic and Experiential training
- Backgrounds include psychology, social work and marriage & family therapy
- 3 PCMH sites are receiving practice facilitation services over 1-year period
 Represents the first training of its' kind in the country
- This program was made possible through the support of the RI Foundation and RI College.





With funding from:



- Trained 3 additional IBH Practice Facilitators
- Developed Online web-based IBH Practice Facilitator Training program
 - Consulted with John Snow, Inc., educational content experts
 - Applied content to a learning platform and integrated live "filmed" presentations of Dr. Nelly Burdette.
 - Incorporated homework assignments, reference manual and monthly conference calls
 - Advanced onsite shadowing option available
 - Received NASW approval for 6 CEU credits
 - Four candidates applied in the Spring 2020





Pediatric IBH Expansion

With funding from:







- 3-year program; 2 waves of 4 pediatric practices
- Leveraging key learnings and resources from adult pilot program
- Tailoring specifically to pediatrics
 - Child Psychologist for practice facilitating services
 - Pediatric relevant screening measures
 - Pediatric specific content expertise





- Quantitative Evaluation Brown University APCD data using a matched comparison group
- Partnering with Systems of Care: spread across the life cycle
- Payment Reform: IBH Alternative Payment Model
- Legislative Action: co-pay and credentialing
- New IBH Initiatives
 - NCQA Behavioral Health Distinction
 - Behavioral Health Telemedicine
- Educate: Present and Publish



Main Takeaways

Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care Works Improved access, patient care & reduces costs

Onsite practice facilitation by IBH subject matter experts supports culture change for successful implementation

More action is needed

- APM for Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care
- Continue workforce development



Questions

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