

# Telemedicine Tackles Mental Health Treatment

Dignity Health Telemedicine Network

Your Direct Connection  
to Specialized Care

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# CONFLICT of INTEREST

Jim Roxburgh, Deborah Wedick and Dignity Health have reported no relevant financial interest/relationship with any commercial entities that may have ties to this presentation.

# OBJECTIVES

- Provide an overview of the DHTN
- Detail aspects of telemental health workflow
- Identify the clinical and financial benefits of a telemental health program
- Detail the success of the Mercy Medical Center Redding Telemental Health program

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Overview



# DHTN PROGRAM GOAL

Provide timely access to high quality specialized healthcare services that are not readily available

# DHTN计划目标

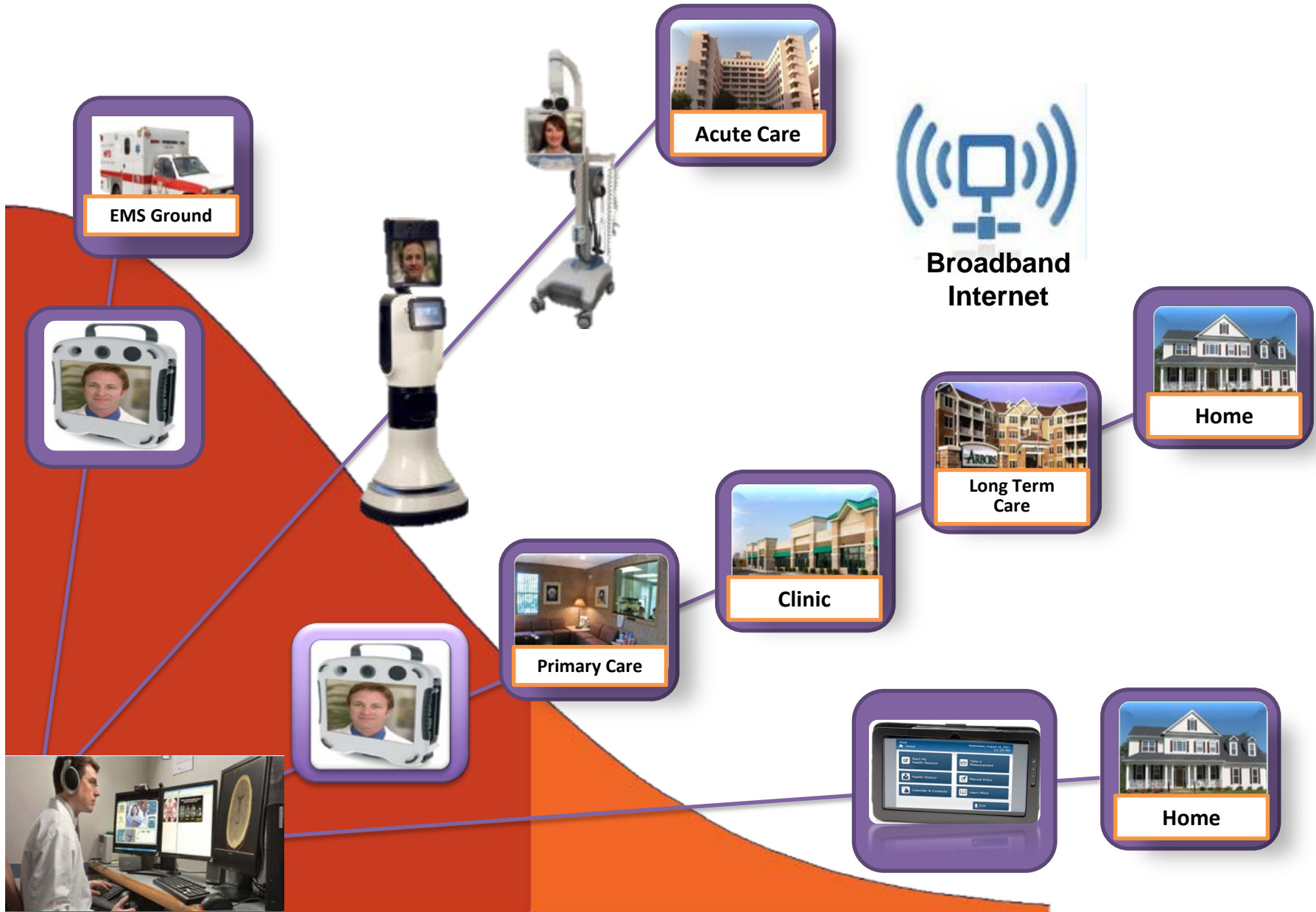
让人及时获得难以获得的高品质专业健康护理服务

# ***DHTN The Facts...***

- ✓ **The Mercy Telehealth Network Founded (2008)**
- ✓ **Recognized as the Dignity Health Telemedicine Network (2014)**
- ✓ **80 End Points**
- ✓ **52 Specialists**
- ✓ **11 Different Services**
- ✓ **48 Partner Sites**
- ✓ **22,401 TOTAL Consults (last 12 months ending March 2016)**



Increasing Acuity





# DHTN Services

## ACUTE

- Stroke/Neurology
- Mental Health
- Critical Care
- Nephrology
- Pediatrics
- Newborn Care
- Cardiology
- Infectious Disease

## CLINIC/SNF

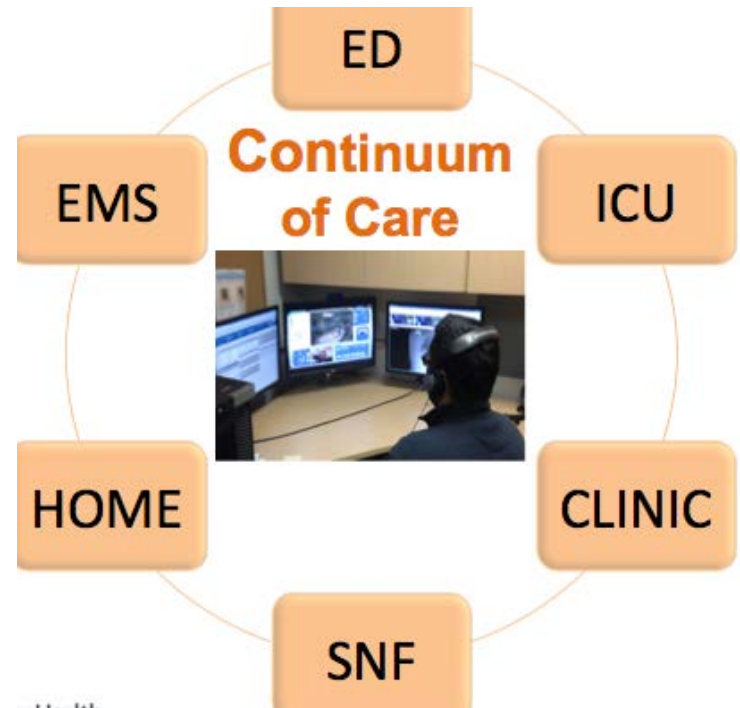
- Geriatrics
- Neurology
- Endocrinology
- Pulmonology
- Thoracic Surgery
- Oncology

## TRANSITIONAL

- CHF
- COPD
- Diabetes
- Post Surgery
- Wound Care

## HOME

- CHF
- COPD
- Diabetes
- Post Surgery
- Wound Care



# Dignity Health Telemedicine Network

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 Mercy General Hospital                | 25 Marian Regional Medical Center           |
| 2 Mercy San Juan Medical Center         | 26 French Hospital Medical Center           |
| 3 Mercy Hospital of Folsom              | 27 Arroyo Grande Community Hospital         |
| 4 Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital       | 28 Sequoia Hospital                         |
| 5 Sierra Nevada Medical Group Clinic    | 29 Oak Valley Hospital                      |
| 6 NorthBay Medical Center               | 30 St. Joseph Hospital Eureka               |
| 7 NorthBay VacaValley Hospital          | 31 Tehachapi Valley HealthCare District     |
| 8 Woodland Healthcare                   | 32 Mercy Downtown Hospital                  |
| 9 Methodist Hospital of Sacramento      | 33 St. Mary Medical Center                  |
| 10 St. Joseph's Medical Center          | 34 St. Rose Dominican Hospital—Rose de Lima |
| 11 Mercy Medical Center—Mt. Shasta      | 35 St. Rose Dominican Hospital—San Martin   |
| 12 Mercy Medical Center Redding         | 36 St. Rose Dominican Hospital—Siena        |
| 13 Redding Medical Group Clinic         | 37 Oroville Hospital                        |
| 14 St. Elizabeth Community Hospital     | 38 Madera Community Hospital                |
| 15 Mercy Medical Center Merced          | 39 Kona Community Hospital                  |
| 16 Mark Twain Medical Center            | 40 Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital             |
| 17 Mark Twain Medical Center Clinic     | 41 Folsom Fire Department                   |
| 18 Bakersfield Memorial Hospital        | 42 Mercy Community Clinic, Mt. Shasta       |
| 19 Kern Valley Healthcare District      | 43 Lady of Lourdes Life Center, Auburn      |
| 20 California Hospital Medical Center   | 44 Northridge Hospital Medical Center       |
| 21 St. Bernardine Medical Center        | 45 Rideout Memorial Hospital, Marysville    |
| 22 Community Hospital of San Bernardino | 46 Bruceville Terrace Nursing, Sacramento   |
| 23 St. John's Regional Medical Center   | 47 Petaluma Valley Hospital                 |
| 24 St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital  | 48 St. Elizabeth Community Hospital Clinic  |



**PARTNER SITE ACTIVATES  
INTERNAL ALERT**

**Dignity Health Transfer Center  
@  
1(888)637-2941**

**Neonatologist**

**Pediatrician**

**Neurologist**

**Intensivist**

**Geriatrician**

**Psychiatrist**

**Nephrologist**

**RAPID RESPONSE & ASSESSMENT**

**IMAGES**

**DOCUMENTATION**

**REPORTING**

**QUALITY REVIEW**

# CHECKLISTS

Partner Site



Transfer Center



DHTN Team



DHTN Physician



## TELEMENTAL HEALTH CHECKLIST Partner Site

- Patient is identified; it is determined patient needs a TeleMental Health Consult
- Call Dignity Health Transfer Center (DHTx(C): 1(888) 637-2941
  - o (Target: door to call <10min)
- Place robot at the foot of the bed
- Make sure patient is consented for telemedicine (verbal consent)
- Make sure patient is consented for patient history to the TelePsychiatrist

### Be prepared to assist and/or provide patient history to the TelePsychiatrist during the consult

- o Patient Name
- o Clinical Presentation/ix
- o Vital Signs/Labs
- o Chief Complaint
- o Current Medications and Allergies
- o Behaviors or language observed
- o Collateral information obtained and documented from family or conservator
- o If patient has involuntary hold 5150 or 1799 be prepared to read it to Telepsychiatrist

- TelePsychiatrist will make recommendations in Clinical Appa, and they will be faxed to ED or sent to the EMR (for Corner Sites only)
- Return robot to the docking station and plug it in when consult is completed

### Things to Remember:

- If patient is mod/high risk for harm RN, tech, or sitter **must stay** with the robot
- Partner Site RN's **do not** take verbal orders from TelePsychiatrist
- In the event that the robot is being used for another less emergent case (such as a Telemental Health case), kindly notify the Tele-Specialist that the Robot is needed for a Telestroke case; call the Dignity Health Transfer Center once the Telestroke case is completed so the Tele-Specialist can complete their consult
- Robot **must** be returned its docking area and plugged in when not in use



## DIGNITY HEALTH TRANSFER CENTER TELEMENTAL HEALTH CHECKLIST (For calls received at the Transfer Center in which a TeleMental Health consult is requested)

1. TeleMedicine Specialist (TMS) #1 verifies this is a TeleMental Health request
2. TMS # 2 Secure Text (OnePass) Telepsychiatrist #1;
  - a. If no response by minute 3, OnePass again and simultaneously call Cell Phone
  - b. If no response by minute 5, OnePass again and simultaneously call Cell Phone
  - c. If no response by minute 9, OnePass again and simultaneously call Cell Phone
  - d. If no answer, immediately CALL & TEXT Vik Marla @ 818-282-2600 \*
  - e. If no response by minute 12, CALL & TEXT Ellen Winokor @ 818-532-1297 \*
  - f. If no response by minute 15, OnePass Dr. Nie \*
  - g. If no response by minute 18, CALL & TEXT John Mackenzie @ 707-372-0577 \*
  - h. If no response by minute 20, CALL & TEXT Jim Rowcough @ 916-612-5278 \*

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*** In the event the TMS cannot reach the Telepsychiatrist, continue to OnePass and call the Telepsychiatrist's cell-phone, every 10 minutes, while working through the above protocol.

\* Generate an Unusual Occurrence Report

3. TMS #1 obtains patient information and completes the sections of the Patient Info tab of the TeleMental Health document by logging into <https://clinicalapps.intouchcustomer.com>



4. TMS verifies that the Partner Site has placed the robot at the patient's bedside
5. TMS verifies that the patient's nurse, physician, or social worker will be available to present the patient to the Telepsychiatrist
  - a. TMS coordinates the report between the Telepsychiatrist and person presenting the patient, before and after the consult
6. Pending delays greater than 60 minutes: TMS notifies Partner Site of approximate beam-in time

Version 1.01

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# Telemental Health



Telemental Health  
21 Sites  
8,437 Consults  
3 Minute Response  
12 Months  
(Ending March 2016)

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# Workflow

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH WORKFLOW

**ED  
BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH  
ADMISSION**

**ALL  
BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH  
PATIENTS**  
**Delay...**

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH WORKFLOW

**ED  
BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH  
ADMISSION**

**Mild Risk**

**Moderate  
Risk**

**Severe Risk**


# TELEMENTAL HEALTH ED WORKFLOW

## ROUND & RESPOND

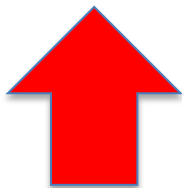
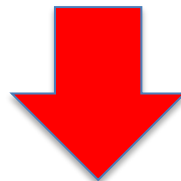
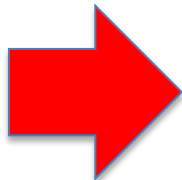
Telepsychiatrist **ROUNDS** at predetermined times am/pm

Telepsychiatrist **RESPONDS** to Partner Site requests 24/7

TeleMental Health Consult Note	
Patient Name	patient_Test
MRN	123456
Date of Birth	04/03/1954



PATIENT INFORMATION							
Location	Mercy General Hospital						
Account Number							
Gender							
Arrival Time							
Age	61						
Originating Physician							
Consulting Physician							
Pt and/or Family Consent to telemedicine	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Comments (If unable to obtain consent)							
Chief Complaint							
PATIENT HISTORY							
Reason for Consult							
History of Present Illness							
Past Psych History							
Hospitalizations							
If yes, reason							
If no, SA(s)							
Family History							
Substance Use							
No known substance abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Substance abuse history	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Prior Substance abuse treatment	<input type="checkbox"/>						
If yes, substance(s)							
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Medical History							
Medical Hx							
Allergies							
Social History							
Marital Status	DPA/Conservatorship						
Level of Education	Occupation/Retirement						
Current Medications							
LABS							
Labs not available	<input type="checkbox"/>						
CBC							
WBC	Hgb	Hct	RBC	MCV	MCH	MCH C	PI
CMP							
Na+	Cl-	K+	Glu	Cr	BUN	Ca2+	Alb
T. Protein	ALP	AST	ALT	T. Bill	Other Labs		
RUA							
Urine Drug Screen							
ICON							



TEST, PROV
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Allergies: Allergies Not Recorded
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Menu
Notes / Transcription

Nursing Communication
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - Thursday, May 22, 2014 : 1 out of 1 documents are accessible. (Date Range)

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T. Protein	ALP	AST	ALT	T. Bil	Other Labs		
RUA							
Urine Drug Screen							
ICON							

## Mental Health Evaluation Timeline

Originating Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Psychiatrist: \_\_\_\_\_ Originating Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

DOOR	TREATMENT						DISCHARGE
<b>0 min</b>	<b>≤15 min</b>	<b>≤30 min</b>	<b>≤60 min</b>	<b>≤90 min</b>	<b>≤120 min</b>	<b>≤4 hrs</b>	<b>≤24 hrs</b>
Patient Arrives to the ED	RN Triage Chief complaint Initial safety plan Immediate bedding	ED Physician Completes Order Med (SMART) clearance Telemental health consult requested Psychiatric stratification • Mild (Green) • Moderate (Yellow) • Severe (Red)	RN Completes Initial Assessment Review demographics Medication reconciliation Patient registration	Telepsychiatrist Consult Recommendations provided to ED physician	RN/LSW Activate Treatment Plan Discharge Transfer Observe	RN/LSW Initiates "TEAM" Assessment	Follow-up Assessment (if appropriate)  Total Length of Stay
Patient Discharged from ED							
Goal							
Actual							
Difference							
Comments:							

# Dignity Health Stroke Timeline Report

Patient Name:   
 MRN:   
 Date of Birth:

Hospital:   
 Onset Time:   
 Age:



<b>0 min</b> Suspected stroke patient arrives at ED	<b>≤10 min</b> Initiate ED Rapid Medical Assessment (RMA) including patient history, last known well/time of symptom onset, NIHSS and order CT and lab work	<b>≤15 min</b> Notify Stroke Team (including neurologic expertise)	<b>≤25 min</b> Initiate CT scan	<b>≤45 min</b> Interpret CT scan and labs; review patient eligibility for Activase	<b>≤45 min</b> Activase (tPA) recommended	<b>60 min</b> Review patient eligibility for Endovascular Reperfusion Therapy (Intraarterial Thrombolysis)	<b>≤60 min</b> Give Activase bolus and initiate infusion in eligible patients

## Goal Time:

Feb 13 2016 11:26 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:36 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:41 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:51 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:11 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:11 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:26 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:26 PST
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## Actual Time:

Feb 13 2016 11:26 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:30 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:31 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:45 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:53 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:45 PST	Feb 13 2016 11:40 PST	Feb 13 2016 12:01 PST
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## Difference:

0 min	-6 min	-10 min	-6 min	-18 min	-26 min	-46 min	-25 min
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## Comments:





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<b>Goal</b>								
<b>Actual</b>								
<b>Difference</b>								
<b>Comments:</b>								

# Indications for Telemental Health Consults (When to Call)

1. Substance abuse – intoxication, requests detox or rehabilitation center, drug seeking behavior
2. Psychosis – hallucinations, delusions, paranoid, bizarre behaviors, psychosis related agitation
3. Anxiety - anxiety attack, nervousness, restless, irritable, edgy, medication refill
4. Mood – depressed, sad, manic, euphoric, labile, pressured speech
5. Cognitive –confused, memory loss, dementia related agitation, dementia pt with chronic issues that will affect safe discharge
6. Organic – head injury, seizure activity, hyponatremia, delirium- related agitation
7. Other – rape, learning disability, childhood developmental disability (mental retardation or autism)
8. Personality – interpersonal difficulties, domestic violence, molestation

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH CHECKLIST

- Provide the following to the Telepsychiatrist
  - Patient Name
  - Clinical Presentation/Hx
  - Vital Signs/Labs (as appropriate and/or needed)
  - Chief Complaint and/or requested needs of facility (legal eval/meds/etc...)
  - Current Medications and Allergies
  - Behaviors or language observed
  - Collateral information obtained and documented from family or guardian
  - If patient has a 5150 or 1799 be prepared to read it to Tele psychiatrist
  - Be prepared to inform the Telepsychiatrist who will be giving and receiving report

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH CHECKLIST

- Prior to Consultation-
  - Robot is placed at the foot of the bed or where most appropriate
- Telepsychiatrist Beams in for consultation
- TelePsychiatrist will make recommendations in Clinical Apps, and they will be faxed to ED or sent to the EMR (for Cerner Sites only)

TelePsychiatrist recommendations will be used by ED Physician to manage disposition

- Social Work or RN to Coordinate DC
- DC Home or other facility
- DC to Psychiatric Facility
- Crisis Observation and Re-Evaluate

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH ED WORKFLOW

*Door to RMA < 30 minutes*

ED Physician Triage (Behavioral Health Patient)

**MILD**

**MODERATE**

**SEVERE**

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH ED WORKFLOW

**ED Physician directs patient disposition or TMH requests consult**

**Call DHTC @ 1(888) 637-2941**

**Consent patient**

**DHTC pages Telepsychiatrist on call—*Request to Call Back Time <5 min.***

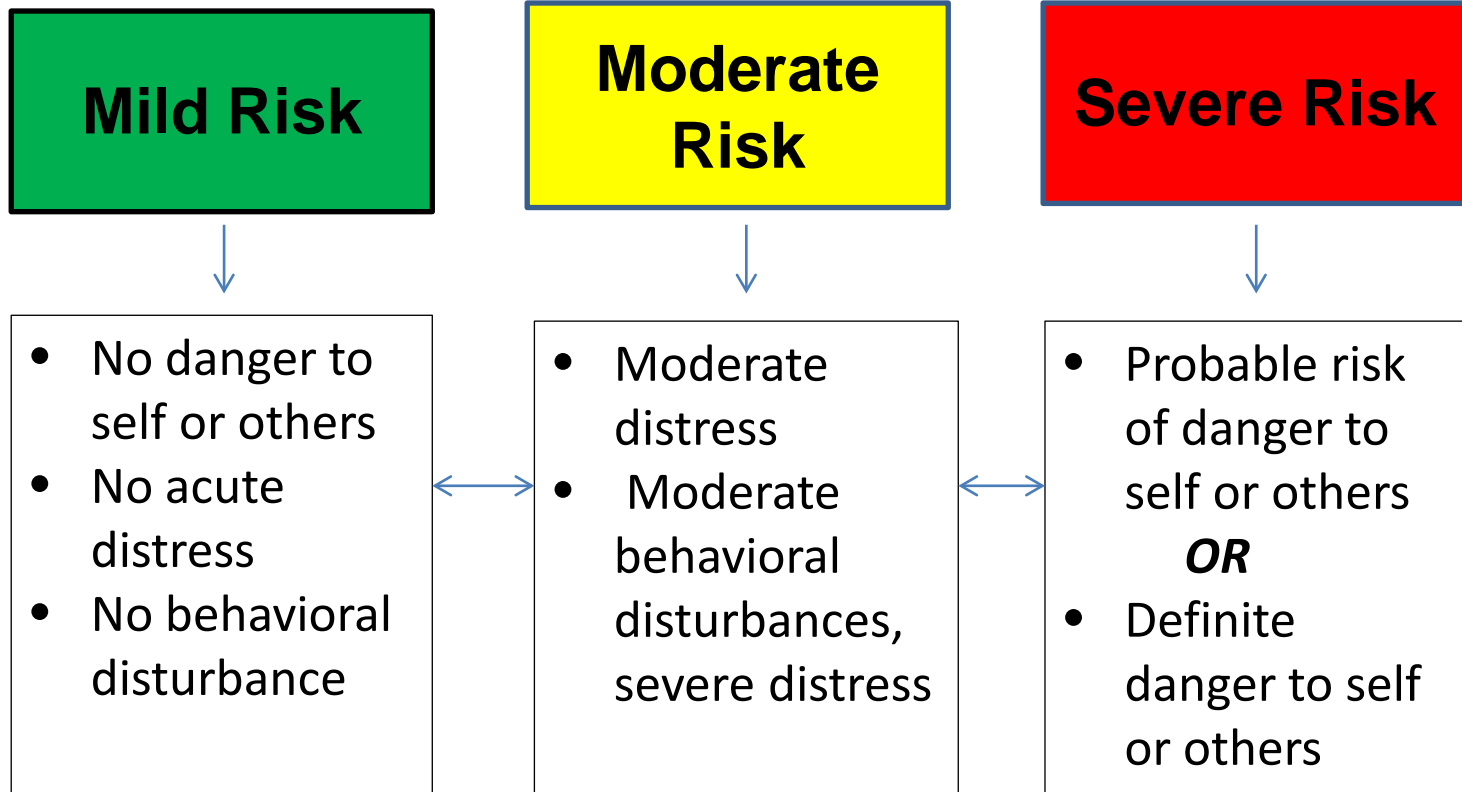
**DHTC “patches” Telepsychiatrist to Partner Site Physician via phone**

**Telepsychiatrist beams in – *Request to Beam in Time <60 minutes***

**Telepsychiatrist provides recommendations to Partner Site Physician**

**Telepsychiatrist completes/signs consult note *<90 minutes***

# ASSESSMENT



# PLAN

## Mild Risk



- Stabilize/Discharge
- Determine social work need for DC
- Follow-up or no follow-up required
- Medication needs
- Education and/or safety plan

## Moderate Risk



- Telepsych consult
- Med management
- Safety needs
- DC plan
- Re-evaluation plan

## Severe Risk



- Transfer to inpatient facility
- Address immediate needs
- Safety & Medications
- Consider Telepsych consult
- Admission Packet submitted (5150/labs/ insurance verified/ Med clearance/Psych Evaluation & notes)
- Q4 hour follow-up with DHTC





# Mental Health Evaluation Timeline

Originating Physician: Dr. Jones Psychiatrist: Dr. Uddin Originating Time: 1300

Patient Name: Doe, John Age: 42 Date: 5/1/16 Hospital: Dominican Hospital



	0 min	≤ 15 min	≤ 30 min	≤ 60 min	≤ 90 min	≤ 120 min	≤ 4 hrs	≤ 24 hrs
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<b>Time</b>	1200							21 Hrs
<b>Goal</b>		1215	1230	1300	1330	1400	1600	1200 5/2/16
<b>Actual</b>		1208	1235	1255	1325	1700	1745	0900 5/2/16
<b>Difference</b>		-7	+5	-5	-5	+120	+105	-3 Hrs
<b>Comments:</b>			ED MD busy with Stroke Alert  Stratification: Moderate		Dr. Katz at Bedside  Call to consult: 25 min	Pt refused medication Treatment  TEAM Eval needed	SW/RN/MD Plan: Follow Med plan, Observe and Re-eval in AM	Pt Cleared  DC home with Out-Pt Follow up

# Telemental Health Scorecard

**Telemental Health Consult Volume**

**Request to consult (target < 60 min)**

**Sitter Hours**

**Crisis Team Cost**

**Patient Disposition**

**LOS (\$140 savings per hour of bed time saved)**

# The Impact of Psychiatric Patient Boarding in Emergency Departments

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admissions. The financial impact of psychiatric boarding accounted for a direct loss of (\$1,198) compared to non-psychiatric admissions. Factoring the loss of bed turnover for waiting patients and opportunity cost due to loss of those patients, psychiatric patient boarding cost the department \$2,264 per patient. *Conclusions.* Psychiatric patients awaiting inpatient placement remain in the ED 3.2 times longer than non-psychiatric patients, preventing 2.2 bed turnovers (additional patients) per psychiatric patient, and decreasing financial revenue.

# FINANCIAL IMPACT

- Annual ED Visits = 30,000
- Estimated Mental Health Related Visits 3% = 900
  - Approx \$2,200
- Annual Cost Mental Health Visit = **\$1,980,000**
- Annual Reimbursement Mental Health Visit = \$675,000
  - Approx \$750
- Total annual loss = **\$1,305,000**

**Background - October 2015, "Partner" Hospital's ED averaged 181 patients visits per day  
Average length of stay for Behavioral Health patients was 35.77 hours**

**Initiative Goals:**

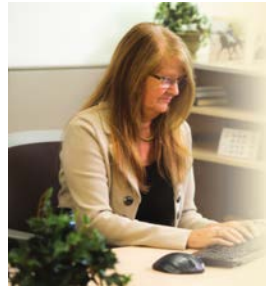
- Implemented the "first four-hour" timeline
- Fully leverage Telemental Health capabilities
- January 2016, "Partner" Hospital's ED averaged 198 patients visits per day  
*Average length of stay for Behavioral Health patients dropped from 35.77 hours in October to 25.22 hours*
- February 2016, "Partner" Hospital's ED averaged 208 patient visits per day  
*Average length of stay for Behavioral Health patients dropped further to 21.06 hours*
- ***\$272,200 cost avoidance***

# JOINT COMMISSION STANDARDS

- Patient flow through the emergency department
- Requirements
- *Standards LD.04.03.11 and PC.01.01.01 are revised standards that address an increased focus on the importance of patient flow in hospitals.*
- EP 6. This element of performance went into effect January 1, 2014: The hospital measures and sets goals for mitigating and managing the boarding of patients who come through the emergency department.
- **Note:** *Boarding is the practice of holding patients in the emergency department or another temporary location after the decision to admit or transfer has been made. The hospital should set its goals with attention to patient acuity and best practice; **it is recommended that boarding time frames not exceed 4 hours in the interest of patient safety and quality of care.***

# TELEMENTAL HEALTH DISPOSITION OPTIONS

**HOME**  
*Opportunity*



**NAVIGATE TO CLINIC**  
*FQHC opportunity*



**PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY**

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# Clinics





# BARRIERS

# WHY

Because  
**EVERY**  
Patient Matters

Dignity Health Telemedicine Network

# Your Direct Connection to Specialized Care

## Mercy Medical Center Redding A Success Story

# Telepsychiatry- A Journey of Challenge and Change- Mercy Medical Center Redding

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April 14, 2016

# Mercy Medical Center Redding

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# North State Service Area overview.

## QUICK FACTS

Hospitals:.....3  
 Outpatient Locations: .....19  
 Inpatient Encounters  
 in PSA (2014):..... 53.2%

The sole provider of many health care services (neonatal ICU, obstetrics, oncology, pediatrics, palliative care, and home health and hospice).

The only Level II trauma center in a geographic area that comprises roughly 25% of California.

## LEGEND

-  = Rural Clinic
-  = Ambulatory Services
-  = Hospital
-  = Medical Groups





# North State Service Area Dynamics

## Our Performance

- Adjusted Admissions 16,890
- FY15 Operating EBITDA \$66,850M
- Increase in Employee Engagement **4.7 points**  
*The largest increase in Dignity Health.*

## Competitive Landscape

- PSA Inpatient Encounters:
  - MMCR: 47.9%
  - SECH: 32.4%
  - MMCMS: 58.0%
- Competition:
  - SRMC Medical Group
  - Adventist Health in Corning
  - Sutter/Apogee Surgery Center

## Demographics

Projected Population Increase:  
< 1% over next 3years

Median HH Income: \$44,396  
Unemployment Rate: 11%  
Adults Age 65+: 19.42% of population

Dignity Health, County and City governments are the largest employers in the service area. The percentage of adults over 65 is 50% higher than the California average of 12.9%.

## Payer Landscape:

Fee-for-service for all service except Partnership Health Primary Care Cap.

Commercial:	17.9% (0.3%) ▼
Medi-Cal:	29.8% (3.9%) ▲
Self Pay:	2.1% (1.9%) ▼

# Mercy Medical Center Redding- Dignity Health

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- 260 beds-Level II Trauma Center, Level III Nursery

- 57,000 ED visits FY 2015

- Regional service area for > 22 % of California geography.

- Primary Stroke Center with Interventional capabilities July 2016

- 8 bed Neuro Intensive Care Unit (virtual) July 2016

- Early adopter of DHTN services.

First services – Telestroke, January 2012

Service Line Growth 2012- 2014 30%

50% Market Share per FY 2014 data

# Behavioral Health Service Implementation- July 2014

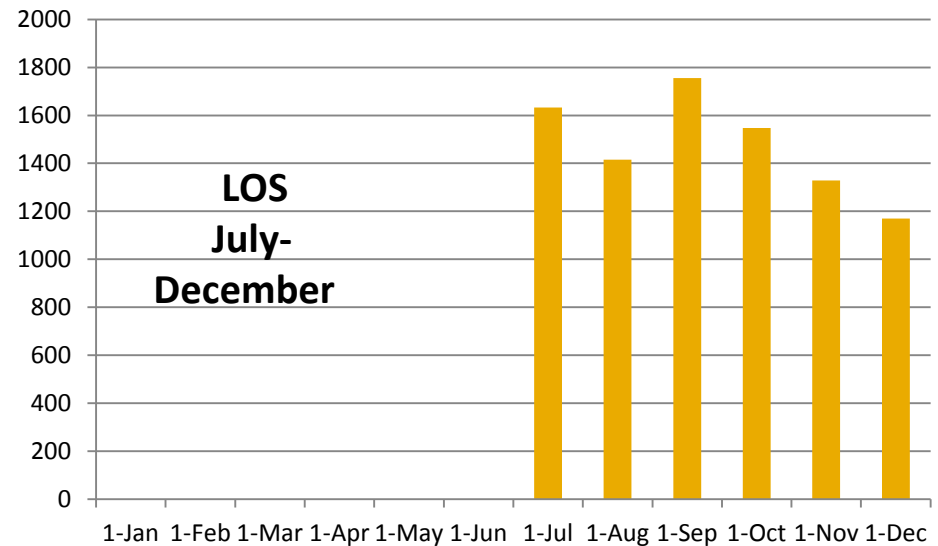
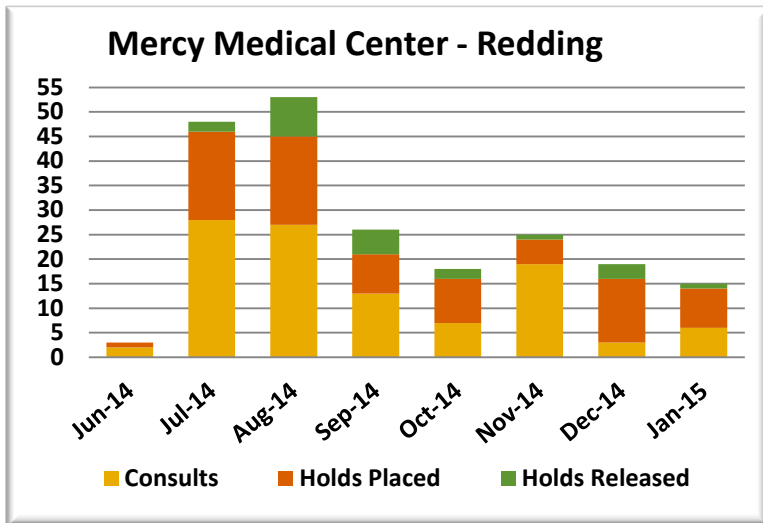
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## Project Goals: Year One

1. Decreased LOS for Behavioral Health patients.
2. Increased throughput in ED.
3. Increased Provider satisfaction with psychiatric management of anti-psychotic medications.

# July –December, 2014- The Honeymoon

Telepsychiatry has a smooth adoption by the ED staff. Use is inconsistent at times, but rapidly accepted as a resource. DHTN provides an expert service line manager who participates in developmental activities and data sharing.



# Reality Starts to Dawn – January-June 2015

The Telemental Health Program is working well:

Consults 100% on time.

All Quality Metrics for clinical evaluations are met.

Used on all but mild cases- inpatient adoption initiated.

Physician relationships are excellent- staff approval all around

***BUT LENGTH OF STAY AND ED TIMES  
HAVE SKYROCKETED.....  
WHAT'S WRONG?***

# Californication Leads to Education

If you have seen one county- you have seen one county.

- Shortages of Behavioral Health Workers Delay Hold evaluations >72 hours
  - Patient and Community agitation over conditions
  - IP placement at glacial speeds due to bed shortages- insurance issues
  - No designated responsibility for Hospital- County conditions
  - No ownership of granular ED data and tracking- all anecdotal

## A Community Up in Arms: May – Sept 2015

Finger pointing by most participants in the community's service providers.

Local media focus on lack of provider and county services for the area.

External experts invited to discuss their programs.

No reliable data to reflect a coherent portrait of the perceived crisis.

Silos- Real time data unavailable or not shared.

Genuine concern of all parties.

### Welcome to #MHLessons



Welcome to the Record Searchlight's curation site of mental health news established for Redding, California, as the community looks for solutions to its mental health issues. Here we explore what other cities are doing and possible solutions that can be applied locally. Join the conversation by using #MHLessons on Twitter.

December 2015

## The Turning Point.....

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47

503



# It's All About the Math

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1 Patient stays **47 days.**

$$47 \times 24 = 1128 \text{ hrs.}$$

Total MH patient hours per system report **503.5**

# Data doesn't Lie- does it?

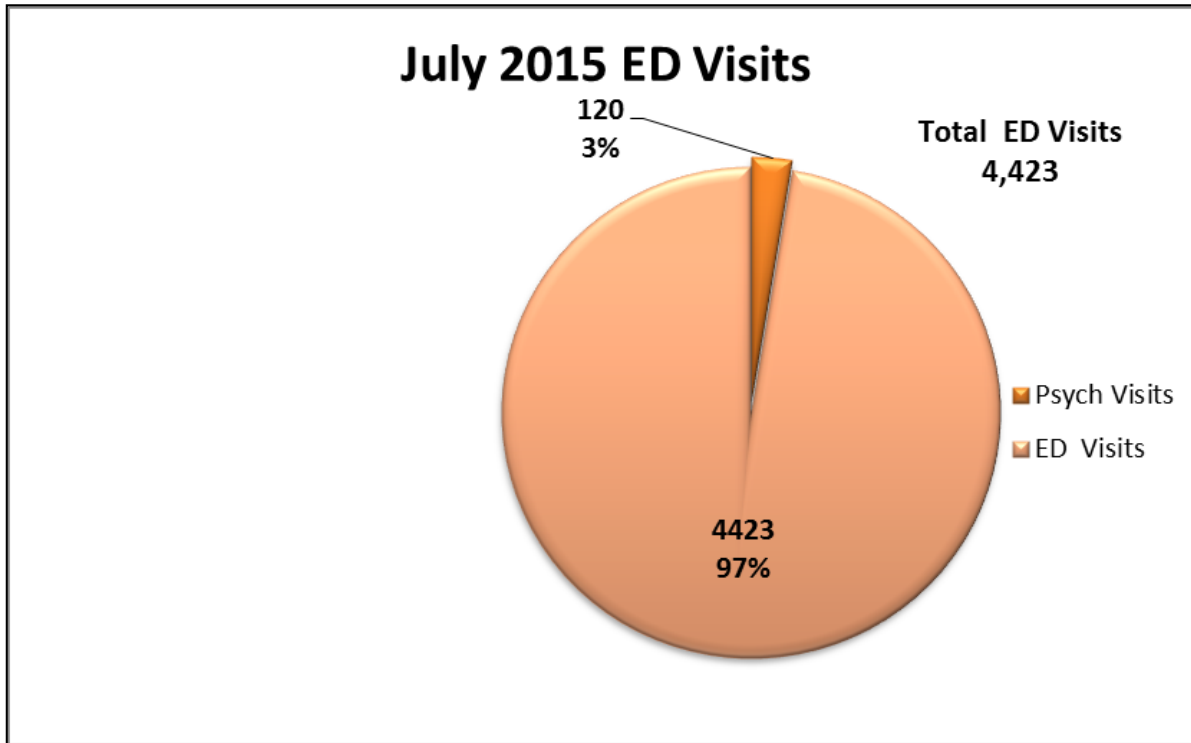
## *FY 16 thru Feb.-Sum of ED Patient Hrs by Month and type (from PMT data)*

Row Labels	Sum of Total ED Pt LOS discharged (hours) total	Sum of Total MH patients LOS (hours)	Sum of Admitted patients LOS (hours) total	Sum of Total Hrs for Admit and Discharge Patients(hrs)
				This total excludes Mental Health Hrs
Jul/2015	12488.77	503.59	4146.88	16635.65
Aug/2015	12589.36	541.08	4992.4	17581.76
Sep/2015	12218	587.73	4696.37	16914.37
Oct/2015	11919.86	750.62	4551.94	16471.8
Nov/2015	11227.41	508.25	4026.92	15254.33
Dec/2015	12435.39	611.53	5202.73	17638.12
Jan/2016	13847.87	543.63	5281.79	19129.66
Feb/2016	13832.79	640.75	4872.52	18705.31



# First Data Dive- Data from the source level.

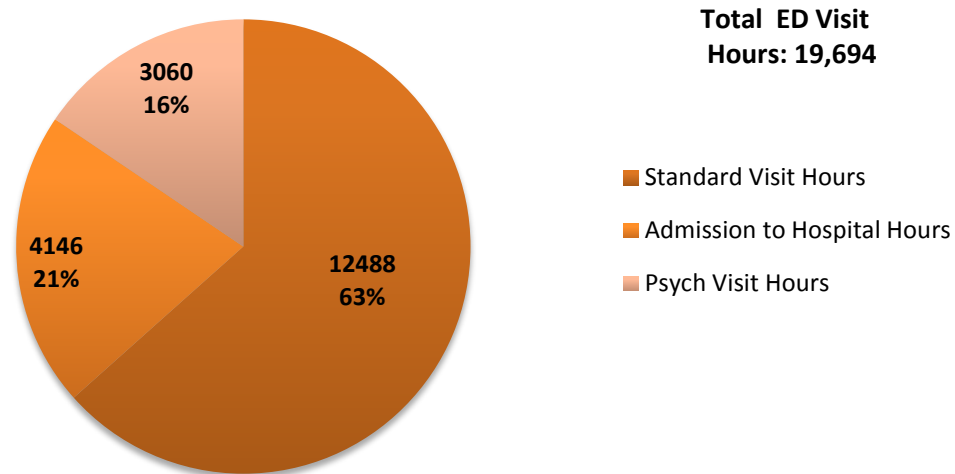
MONTH	Psych Visits	ED Visits	Psych Rate	Tele Health Consults	Psych ED Hrs	Non-billable Psych Hrs	cost @ \$135/hr
July	120	4423	2.7%	134	3060	2662	\$359,370.00



# Reality Check: 2.7% of visits using 16% of resources.

Total ED Visit Hours	Standard Visit Hours	Admission to Hospital Hours	Psych Visit Hours
19694	12488	4146	3060

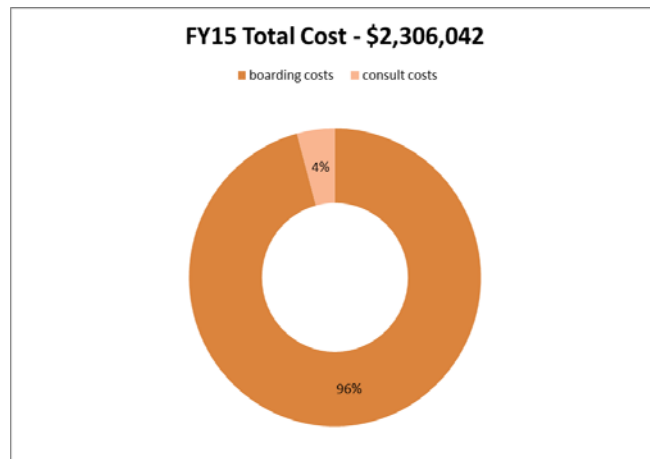
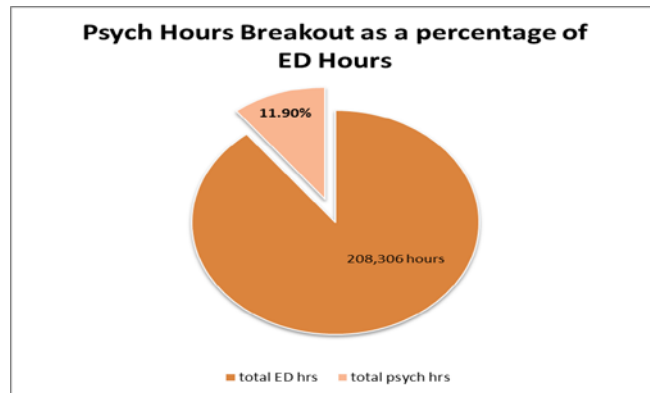
### July ED Hours by Usage



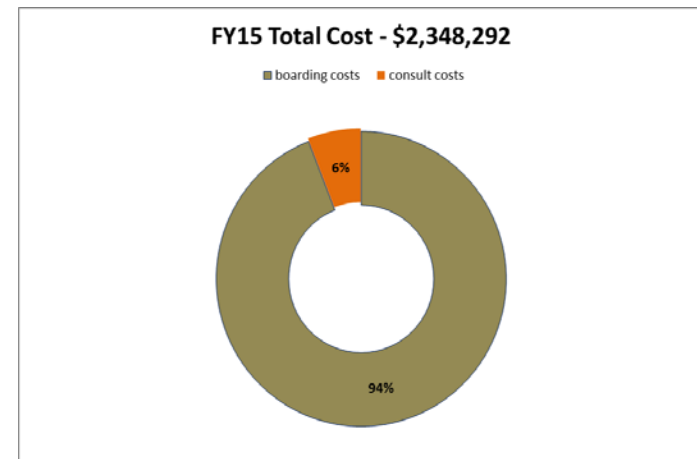
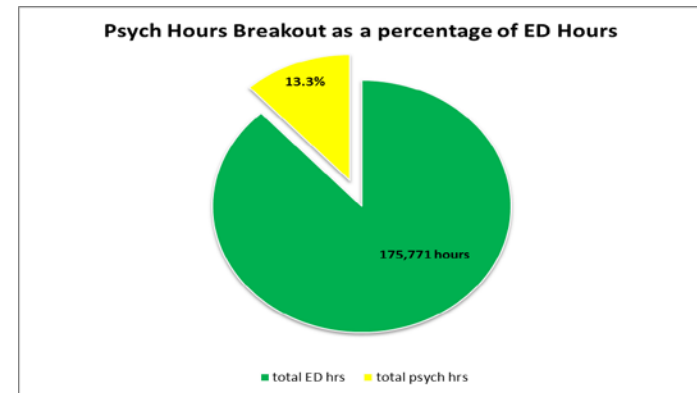


# Validation- Does this model replicate?

- MMCR



## Hospital Across Town



# Meaningful Change- Data driven strategy Dec. 2015

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Two pronged plan going forward: Local

## County Level

Introduction of a development plan

Grant for Innovations Walk- In Services

County Worker embedded in both EDs.

Partnership for 8 bed CSU

# Enterprise Solutions

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Recognition that the problem exists across the Dignity Health system in varying degrees.

Gap Analysis for all Dignity Health Hospitals.

Stratification for process and best practice in the ED to be integrated with other initiatives.

Automated data collection for stratified models that reflect granular data at a 95% or better confidence level.

Tool kit with applications effective system wide.



## But What About Telepsychiatry ?

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The addition of Telepsychiatry services led to a crucial evaluation of all of the components of Behavioral Health in the MMCR Emergency Department. All aspects of the provision of care were affected: bedside, process flow, staff morale, financial and physician services and county practices were re-examined after the introduction of this service.

The introduction of Telepsychiatry services has resulted in the delivery of care to over 1,000 patients in its' inaugural year and has had a marked effect on the quality of care rendered.

# The Big 5 Ms.....

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Telepsychiatry is a **TOOL** and must be used appropriately.

**KEY FACTORS** drive successful programs:

**MOVEMENT**- Defined process and flow.

**MEASUREMENT**- Identified and validated data tools.

**MODESTY**- Consensus of expectations and limits of use.

**MONEY**- Know your financials.

**MIRTH**- There's always something!

Thank You