

# Maryland Community Health Resources Commission: Access Health

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# Project Origin

- Sinai identifying scope of issues within ED
- Sinai explores potential partners with Innovation projects
- Discussions began 2012/2013 possible ED collaboration
- CHRC funding approved Feb 2014
- Go Live June 2014

# Program Overview

## “Access Health”

- Embedded Care Coordinators in Sinai ED
- Patients meeting ED high-utilizer criteria, e.g.,:
  - Frequent visits
  - Unmanaged chronic conditions (somatic, behav, subst abuse)
  - Ambulatory-sensitive conditions
- Intensive Care Coordination
  - 3 months
  - Home visits

## HealthCare Access Maryland (**HCAM**):

Specializes in connecting vulnerable Maryland residents to needed social services and health-promoting resources

# Target Population

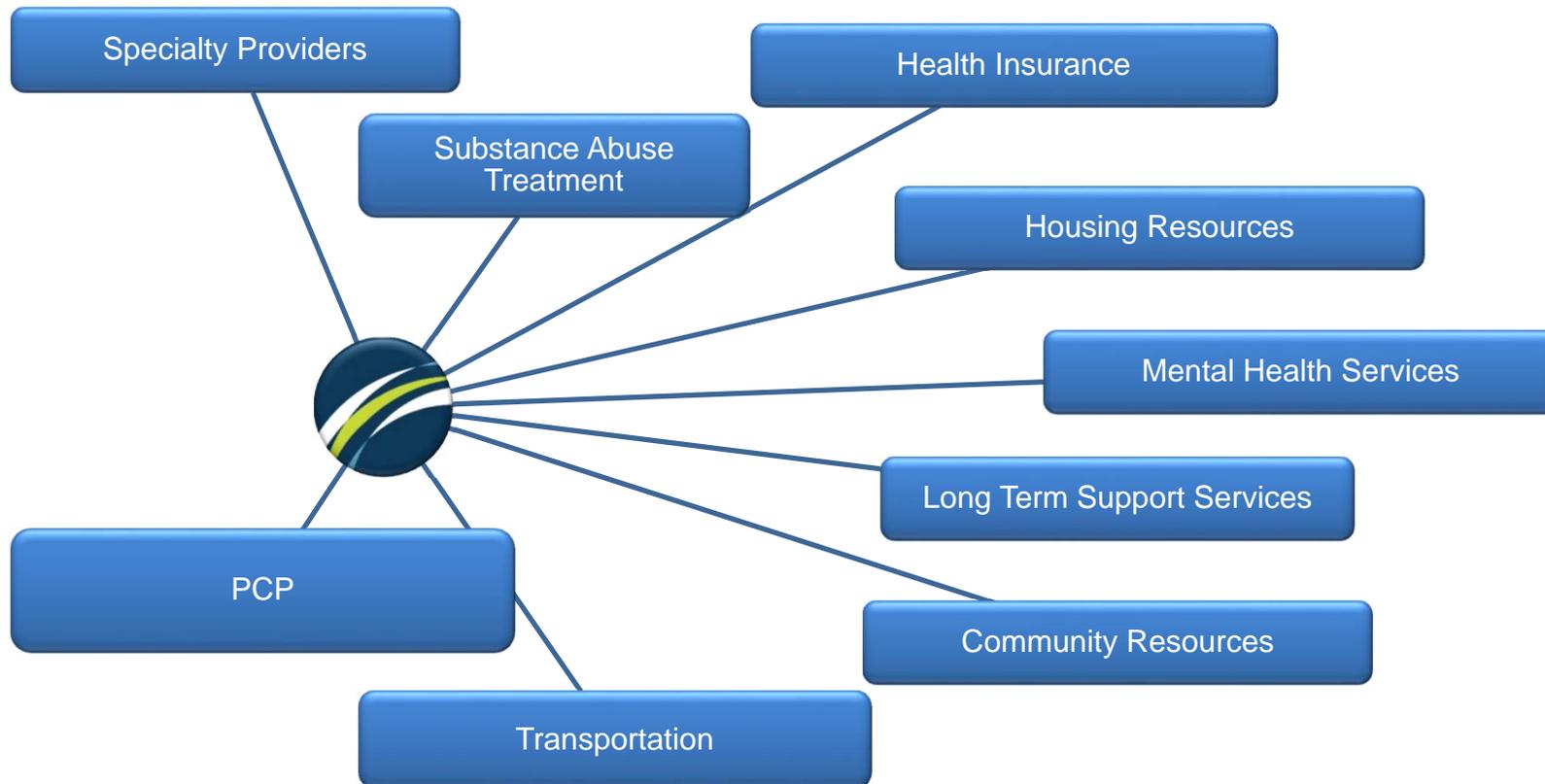
- High Utilizers: 10 or more visits in 4 months
- At Risk: 3 or more visits in 4 months
- Low Risk: Uninsured; 1-2 visits

\*pregnant population as well as those medically unmanaged

# Our Model



# Access Health?

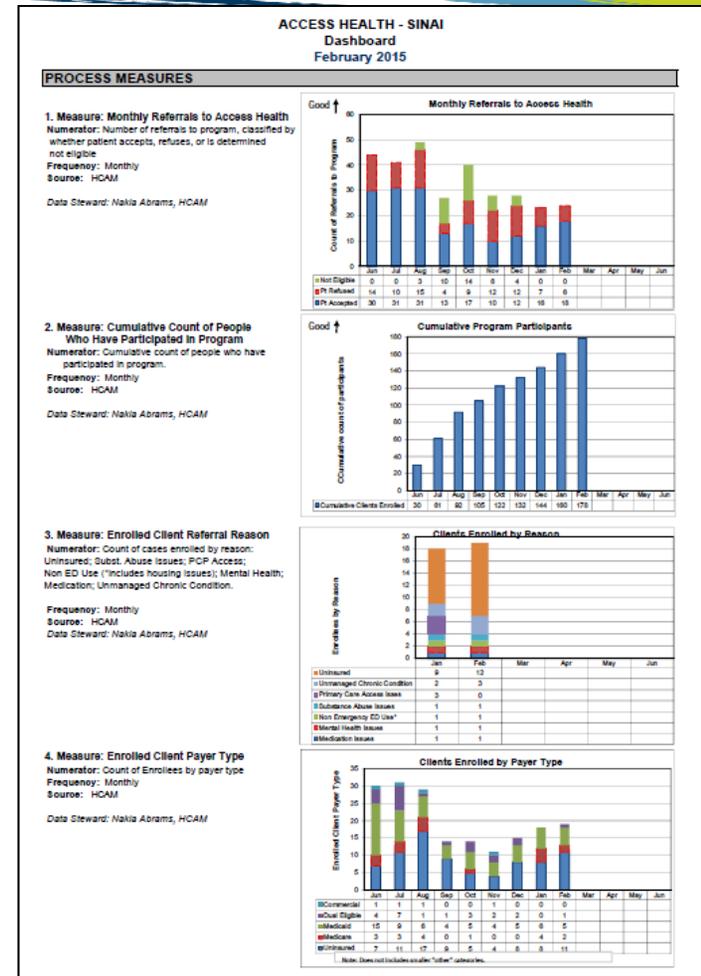


# Lessons Learned

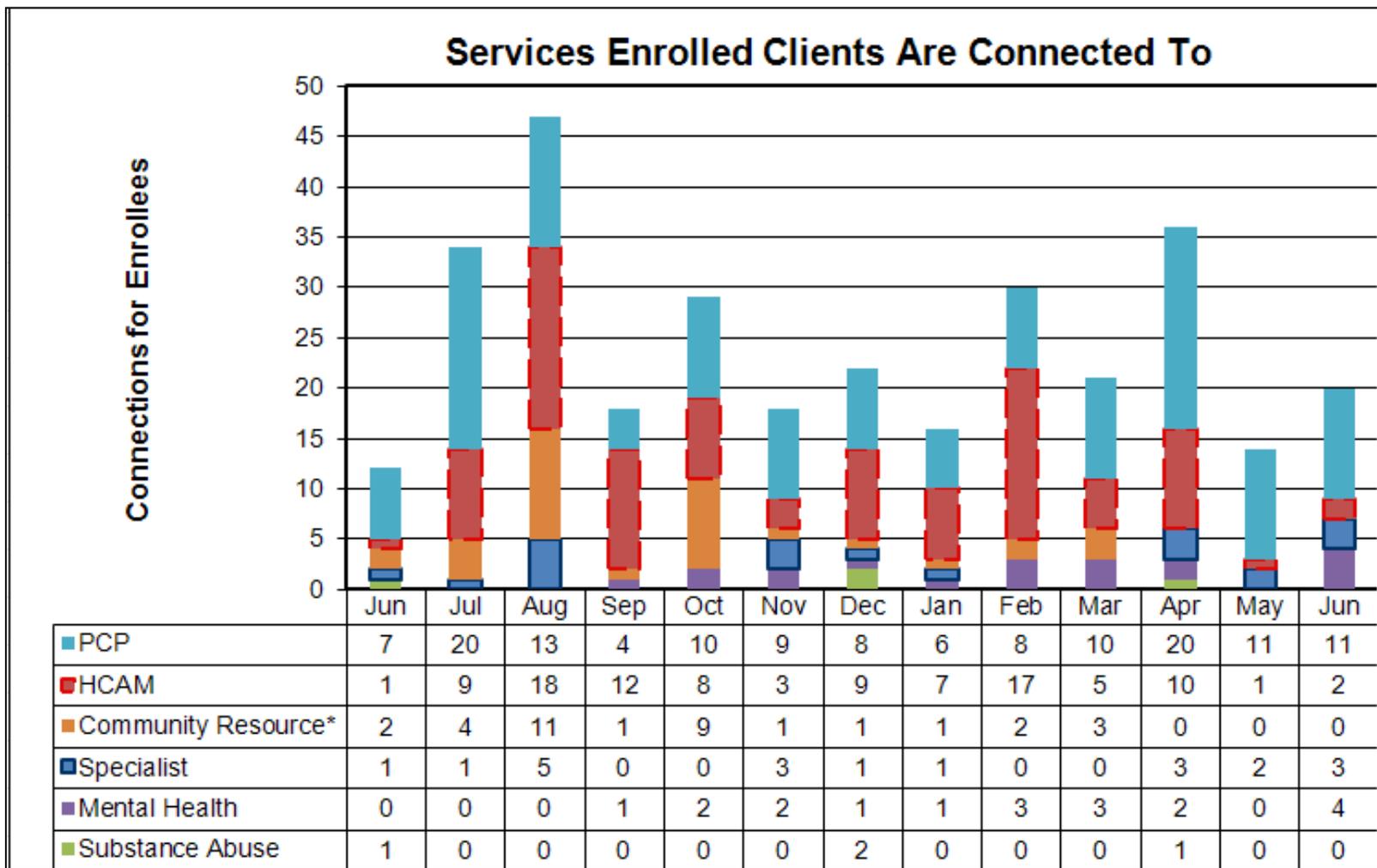
- ❖ Hospital Champion
- ❖ Embedded within ED
- ❖ Access to EMR system
- ❖ Flagging System
- ❖ Shared Data
- ❖ CRISP ENS alerts
- ❖ Delineation by Risk Stratification (June 2015)

# Current Status (through Aug 2015)

- **315** clients enrolled  
(51% of referred patients)
- **198** home visits
- Enrolled client profile:
  - **40%** Low-risk
  - **55%** At-risk
  - **5%** Super utilizer



# Services Connected To



# Impact To-Date (through Aug 2015)

- Insurance sign-up: **159** clients
- Obtained primary care provider: **116** clients
- Pre/Post Utilization of *At-Risk* Clients\*

*\*140 enrolled clients through June 5, 2015*

Sinai Hospital	4 mos PRE	4 mos POST	% Reduction
ED Visits	336	152	55%
Inpatient Stays	91	43	53%
<i>Total Visits</i>	427	195	54%

# Impact To-Date (cont.)

- Estimated Avoided Utilization - At-Risk Clients:\*

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Sinai Hospital	Avoided Visits	Average Charge/Visit	Est. Avoided Charges Through 6/5/15
ED Visits	184	\$1,181	\$217,304
Inpatient Stays	48	\$9,935	\$476,880
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>		<b>\$694,184</b>

# Sample Client Story #1

In a five-day period in July, a 54-year-old man had come to the Sinai ED three times. He was referred to an Access Health Care Coordinator. The Coordinator learned that, in addition to having a hernia, the client lacked health insurance and frequently went hungry.

The Coordinator worked with the client for 6 weeks—including three home visits. She connected him to Medicaid, a primary care provider, and food stamp benefits. She also helped the patient schedule hernia surgery.

Since working with the Care Coordinator, the client has not visited the ED.

# Sample Client Story #2

The client is a 56 year old woman who often came to the ED for non-emergency reasons, such as a stomach ache. Prior to enrollment, the client visited Sinai's ED 14 times within a 4-month period. The Coordinator met with her in the ED and the client agreed to program services.

The Coordinator established a relationship with the client and arranged a new PCP, medication support, and a therapist. HCAM is in the process of obtaining a home aide. The client has followed through on her appointments to-date.

Since development of her care plan, the client has returned to the ED only once.

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Questions?