

# Huddles and Case Conference to Coordinate Complex Care

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# Thinking Outside the Box with High-cost Outliers

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### **Clinical Sites:**

- Primary Care – Occidental, Guerneville, Sebastopol
- Dental and Mental Health Services – Guerneville
- Teen Clinic – Forestville
- Graton Labor Center Outreach
- Forestville Wellness Center

### **Patients**

12,990 individuals, 85% under 200% of poverty level

### **2013 Budget**

\$12.2 million

70% patient fees, 30% grants, contracts, fundraising

### **Staff and Providers**

- 145 employees in seven locations; 119 FTEs
- 26 medical providers, 2 dentists, 7 mental health counselors, 3 behavioral health specialists, 2 patient navigators, and .6 FTE psychiatrist



## **Medical Staff Ratios**

- **Provider : MA = 1:1.5**
- **Provider : RN = 1:1**
- **Provider : FO = 1:1.5**



# WEST COUNTY HEALTH CENTERS CLINICAL DELIVERY OVERVIEW

## Long-term, relational, accessible, team-based care

Well care, acute illness management, health advice / decision support, health education, patient/family health engagement and empowerment, proactive health-maintenance support and reminders, family planning, obstetrics, teen-focused care, mental health services, addiction services, complimentary/alternative medical consultation, health outreach, health system navigation, community resource connection, specialty referral and management, dental services

## Case Management / Care Coordination

Chronic disease case management, critical diagnosis care coordination, transition care management, complex medication management, high risk tracking, case conferencing

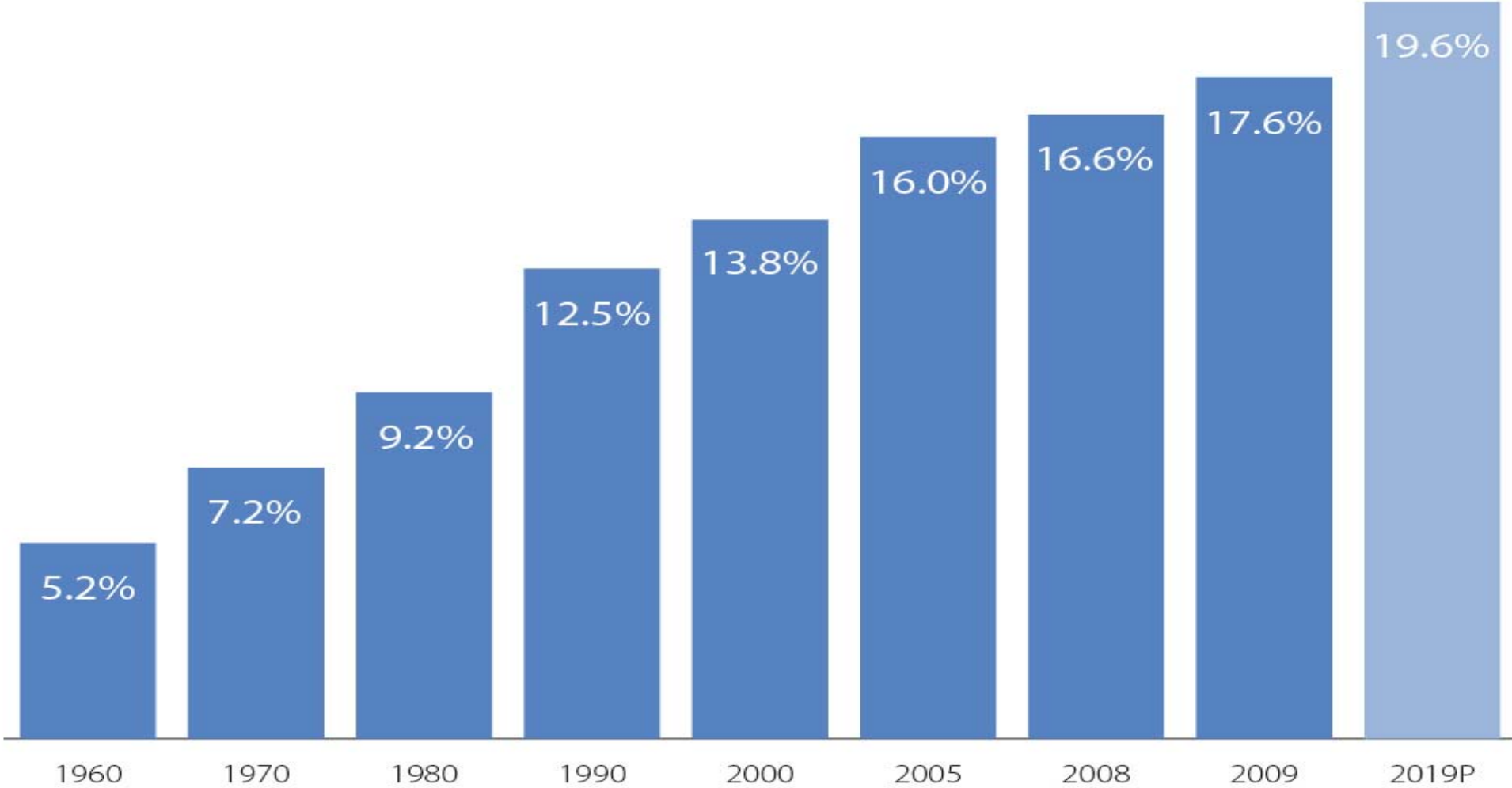
## Complex Case Management

RN led team-based care, home-based coaching, frequent case conferencing, care coordination

## High Risk Case Management

Behavioral-focused case management, system coordination, resource solutions, barrier management

# National Health Spending as a Share of GDP, 1960–2019\*



\*Selected rather than continuous years of data shown prior to 2008. Years 2010 forward are CMS projections (September 2010 data release). 2009 reflects a 1.7 percent contraction in GDP, a 4.0 percent increase in health spending, and revisions to the national health expenditure accounts, which resulted in recognition of higher spending levels.

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Office of the Actuary.



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## THE HOT SPOTTERS

*Can we lower medical costs by giving the neediest patients better care?*

BY ATUL GAWANDE



If Camden, New Jersey, becomes the first American community to lower its medical costs, it will have a murder to thank. At nine-fifty on a February night in 2001, a twenty-two-year-old black man was shot while driving his Ford Taurus station wagon through a neighborhood on the edge of the Rutgers University campus. The victim lay motionless in the street beside the open door on the driver's side, as if the car had ejected him. A neighborhood couple, a physical therapist and a volunteer firefighter, approached to see if they could help, but police waved them back.

"He's not going to make it," an officer reportedly told the physical therapist. "He's pretty much dead." She called a physician, Jeffrey Brenner, who lived a few doors up the street, and he ran to the scene with a stethoscope and a pocket ventilation mask. After some discussion, the police let him enter the crime scene and attend to the victim. Witnesses told the local newspaper that he was the first person to lay hands on the man.

"He was slightly overweight, turned on his side," Brenner recalls. There was glass everywhere. Although the victim had been shot several times and many minutes had passed, his body felt warm. Brenner checked his neck for a carotid pulse. The man was alive. Brenner began the chest compressions and rescue breathing that should have been started long before. But the young man, who turned out to be a Rutgers student, died soon afterward.

The incident became a local scandal. The student's injuries may not have been survivable, but the police couldn't have known that. After the ambulance came, Brenner confronted one of the officers to ask why they hadn't tried to rescue him.

"We didn't want to dislodge the bullet," he recalls the policeman saying. It was a ridiculous answer, a brushoff, and Brenner couldn't let it go.

He was thirty-one years old at the time, a skinny, thick-bearded, soft-spo-

ken family physician who had grown up in a bedroom suburb of Philadelphia. As a medical student at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, in Piscataway, he had planned to become a neuroscientist. But he volunteered once a week in a free primary-care clinic for poor immigrants, and he found the work there more challenging than anything he was doing in the laboratory. The guy studying neuronal stem cells soon became the guy studying Spanish and training to become one of the few family physicians in his class. Once he completed his residency, in 1998, he joined the staff of a family-medicine practice in Camden. It was in a cheaply constructed, boxlike, one-story building on a desolate street of bars, car-repair shops, and empty lots. But he was young and eager to recapture the sense of purpose he'd felt volunteering at the clinic during medical school.

Few people shared his sense of possibility. Camden was in civic free fall, on its way to becoming one of the poorest, most crime-ridden cities in the nation. The local school system had gone into receivership. Corruption and mismanagement soon prompted a state takeover of the entire city. Just getting the sewage system to work could be a problem. The neglect of this anonymous shooting victim on Brenner's street was another instance of a city that had given up, and Brenner was tired of wondering why it had to be that way.

Around that time, a police reform commission was created, and Brenner was asked to serve as one of its two citizen members. He agreed and, to his surprise, became completely absorbed. The experts they called in explained the basic principles of effective community policing. He learned about George Kelling and James Q. Wilson's "broken-windows" theory, which argued that minor, visible neighborhood disorder breeds major crime. He learned about the former New York City police commissioner William

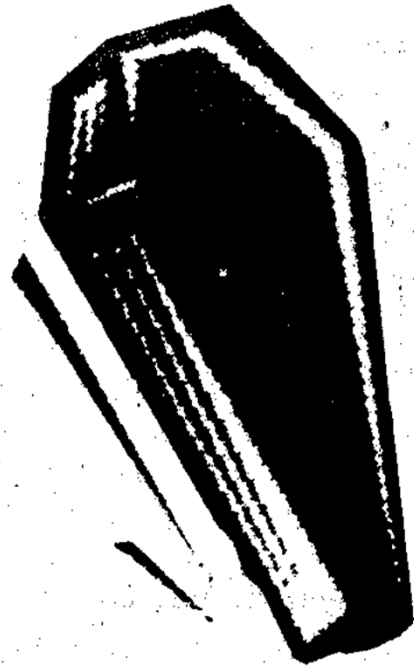
Bratton and the Compstat approach to policing that he had championed in the nineties, which centered on mapping crime and focussing resources on the hot spots. The reform panel pushed the Camden Police Department to create computerized crime maps, and to change police beats and shifts to focus on the worst areas and times.

When the police wouldn't make the crime maps, Brenner made his own. He persuaded Camden's three main hospitals to let him have access to their medical billing records. He transferred the reams of data files onto a desktop computer, spent weeks figuring out how to pull the chaos of information into a searchable database, and then started tabulating the emergency-room visits of victims of serious assault. He created maps showing where the crime victims lived. He pushed for policies that would let the Camden police chief assign shifts based on the crime statistics—only to find himself in a show-down with the police unions.

"He has no clue," the president of the city police superiors' union said to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "I just think that his comments about what kind of schedule we should be on, how we should be deployed, are laughable."

The unions kept the provisions out of the contract. The reform commission disbanded; Brenner withdrew from the cause, beaten. But he continued to dig into the database on his computer, now mostly out of idle interest.

Besides looking at assault patterns, he began studying patterns in the way patients flowed into and out of Camden's hospitals. "I'd just sit there and play with the data for hours," he says, and the more he played the more he found. For instance, he ran the data on the locations where ambulances picked up patients with fall injuries, and discovered that a single building in central Camden sent more people to the hospital with serious falls—fifty-seven elderly in two years—



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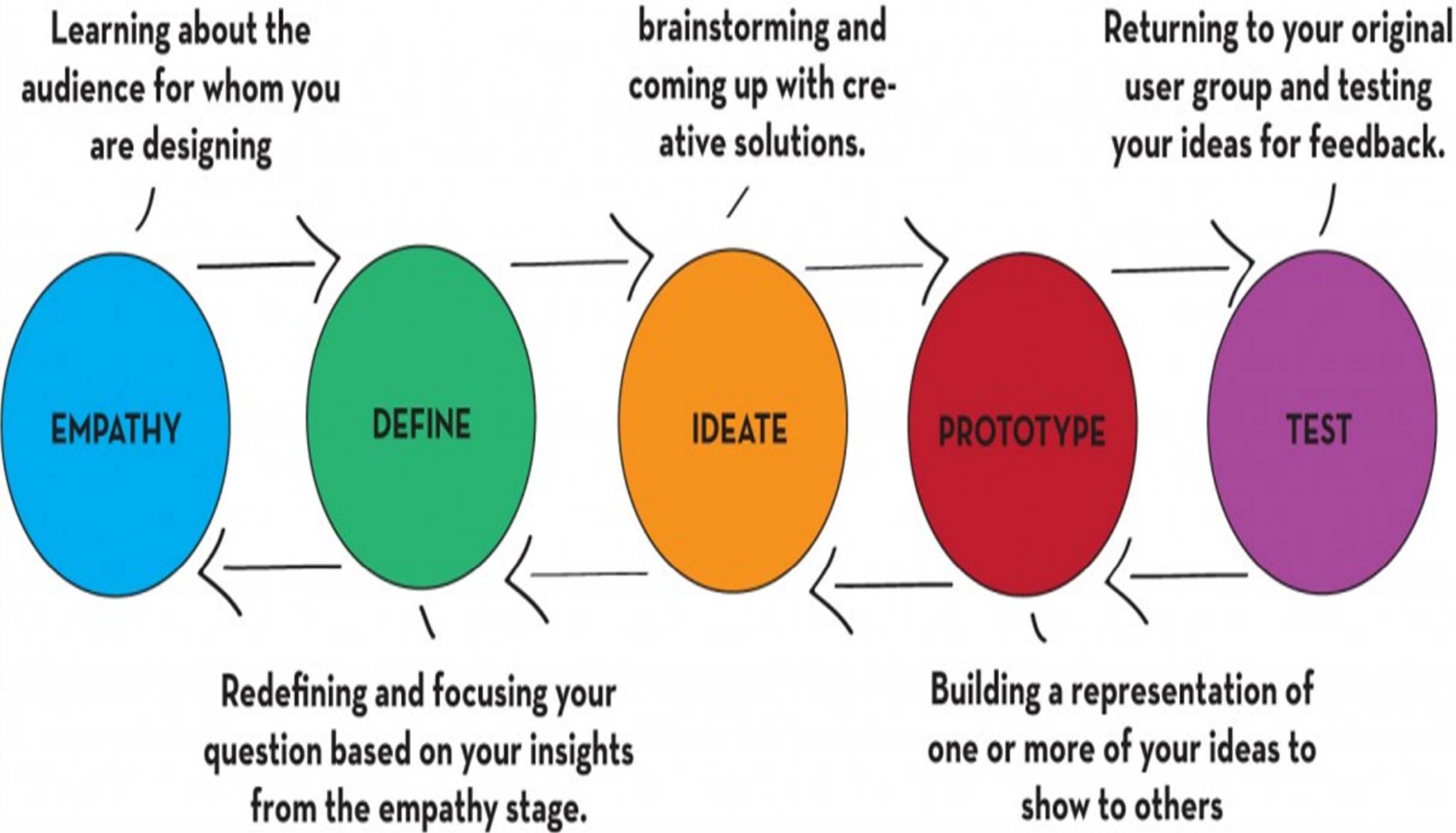
*Design* Thinking

Produced By Katherine Davis



60  
MINUTES











# **CASE CONFERENCE**

**DEEP DIVE (2 HOURS FOR FIRST CASE CONFERENCE FOR A TEAM, 1½ HOURS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL)**



# 1/2 Hour: Information Gathering



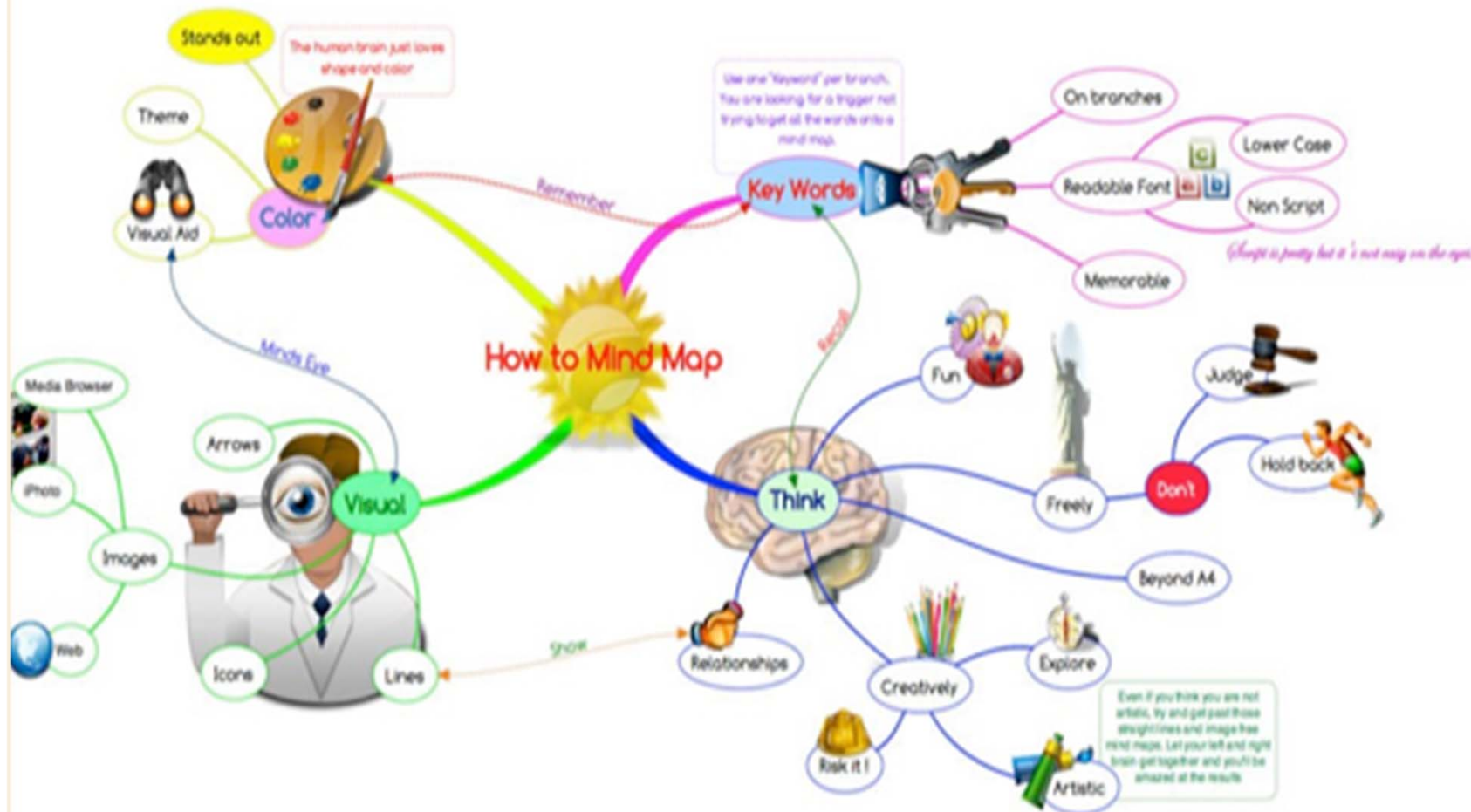
# 10 Minutes: Narrative Writing Session



A word cloud of narrative writing terms. The words are arranged in various orientations and sizes. The most prominent words are 'EVENTS' and 'NARRATIVE'. Other words include 'LINKED', 'ORDER', 'OCCUR', 'SINGLE', 'HAPPENED', 'DICTATING', 'DRAWING', 'USE', 'COMBINATION', and 'LINKED'.

LINKED  
EVENTS  
NARRATIVE  
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# 20 Minutes: Brainstorming





Medical

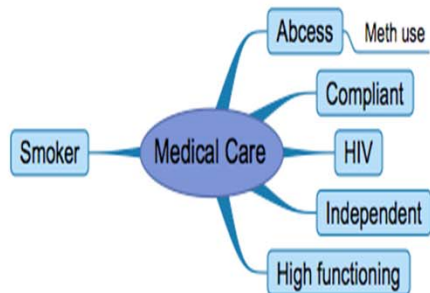
Medical Home

Patient Name

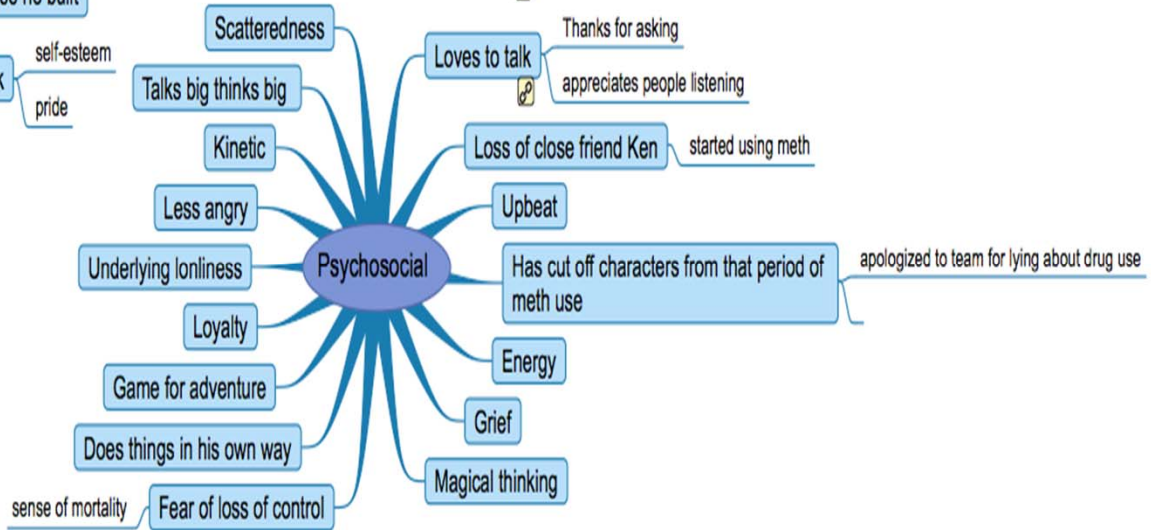
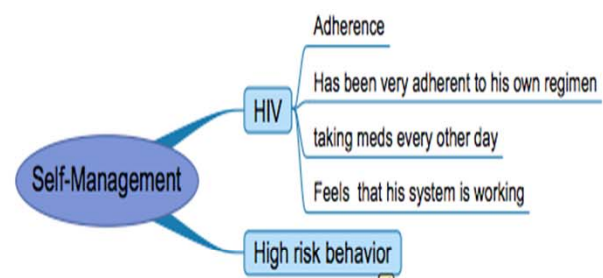
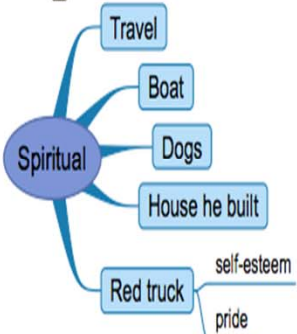
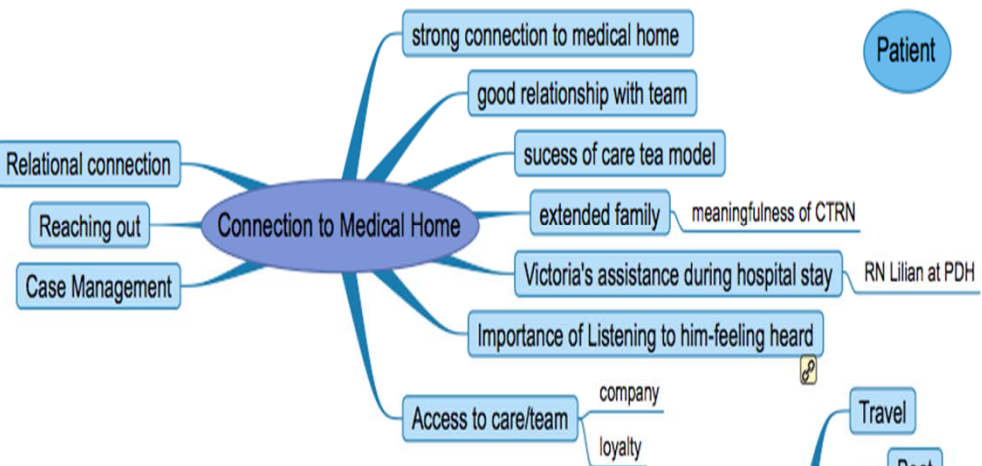
Behavioral/Social

Spiritual

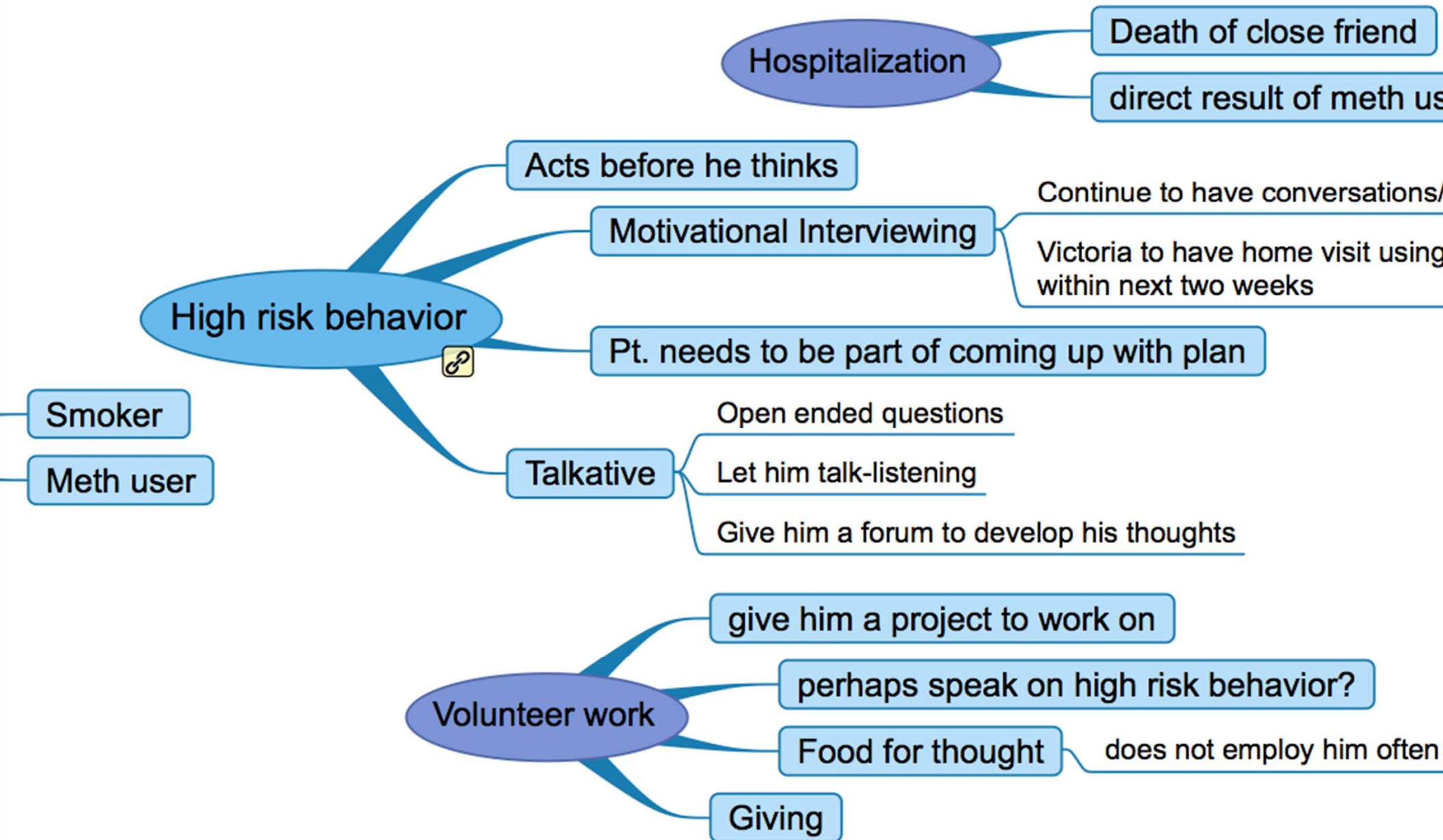
Self-Management



**Patient**



# 25 Minutes: Deep Dive “Nudge”



# Next Steps and Care Plan

## Complex Case Management Care Plan

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting Participants:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

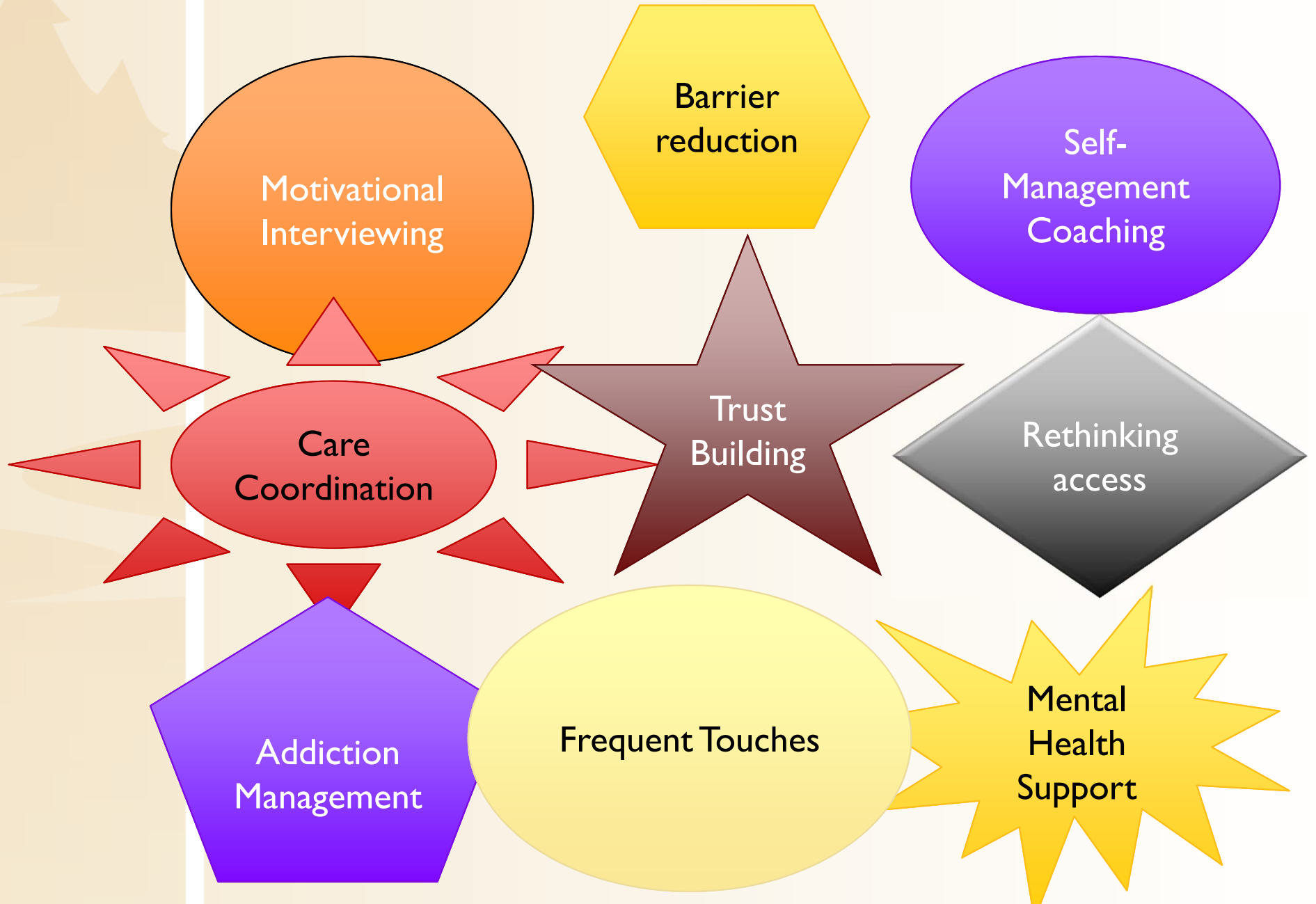
Brief Narrative of last 6 months:

#1: Goal:  
Action:  
Who:  
When:

#2 Goal:  
Action:  
Who:  
When:

#3 (if applicable) Goal:

# Nudging

















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# HPACT:

Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team

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# Introduction

**HPACT:** Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team provides complex care management to homeless & at-risk of homelessness veterans.

*Designed to break down barriers in accessing medical and mental health services, access to social work, housing and employment resources all things needed to create independence and wellness*

## Services Offered:

Medical Needs  
Mental Health  
Housing

## Preventive Medicine:

Blood Pressure  
Diabetes  
Vaccines  
Cholesterol  
Cancer Screenings  
Weight Loss  
HIV/Hep-C

**Unequal power**  
Gross inequity in power and opportunity disrupts both mental and physical health.



**Low income**  
Wealthier people tend to be healthier, no matter their race.



**Poor education**  
The lower your education level, the less healthy you're likely to be.



**Social isolation**  
A lack of social support can lead to depression and even heart disease.



**Pollution**  
Industrial toxins and car exhaust fuel asthma and cancer.



**Sprawl**  
As suburbs spread and commutes lengthen, people walk less and sit more.



**Cars as kings**  
Streets designed mainly for car traffic discourage walking and biking.



**Unhealthy houses**  
Mold, pests, and unsafe conditions foster asthma, allergies, and injuries.



**Food options**  
What's available and affordable naturally influences what we eat.



**Health care access**  
If you're uninsured or have few clinics nearby, you're less likely to see a doctor.



**Unsafe streets**  
Violence keeps people indoors and produces injuries, trauma, and chronic stress.





# Complexity of WLA HPACT Patients

- Average of 7 diagnoses addressed in depth during 1<sup>st</sup> visit
- All diagnoses and issues were addressed at each visit
- Much higher than standard primary care practices
- 90 minutes average spent with patient during 1<sup>st</sup> visit

Patel, B. I. (2013). *Complex Care Management to Decrease Emergency Department Utilization: A Case Study of the Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team Demonstration Project at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System*. Los Angeles.



# Chronic Medical, Mental Health, & Substance Abuse Conditions

	% of patients
<b>Chronic Medical Conditions</b>	
Hypertension	52.9
Chronic Pain	31.4
Diabetes	24.3
Hepatitis C	22.9
Respiratory	12.9
Coronary Artery Disease	8.6
Congestive Heart Failure	8.6
<b>Mental Health</b>	
Mood Disorders	54.3
PTSD	28.6
Psychotic Disorders	21.4
Anxiety	17.1
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	
Alcohol	57.1
Tobacco	44.3
Cocaine	32.9
Marijuana	15.7

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# Systems Design Innovation

## Patient Huddle:

In addition to pre-visit and frequent team huddles, every patient visit ends with the HPACT team huddling with the patient to review goals and tasks

## Care Management Tracking Tool:

Tasks are entered into a simple, secure spreadsheet that the whole team uses to track work, person responsible, and deadlines

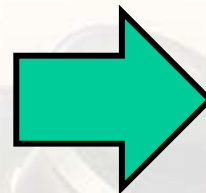




# Integrated Care Team

## HPACT Team

RN Case Manager  
Social Worker  
Primary Care  
Provider  
LVN  
Clerk  
+  
Lawyer (Medical-  
Legal Partnership)

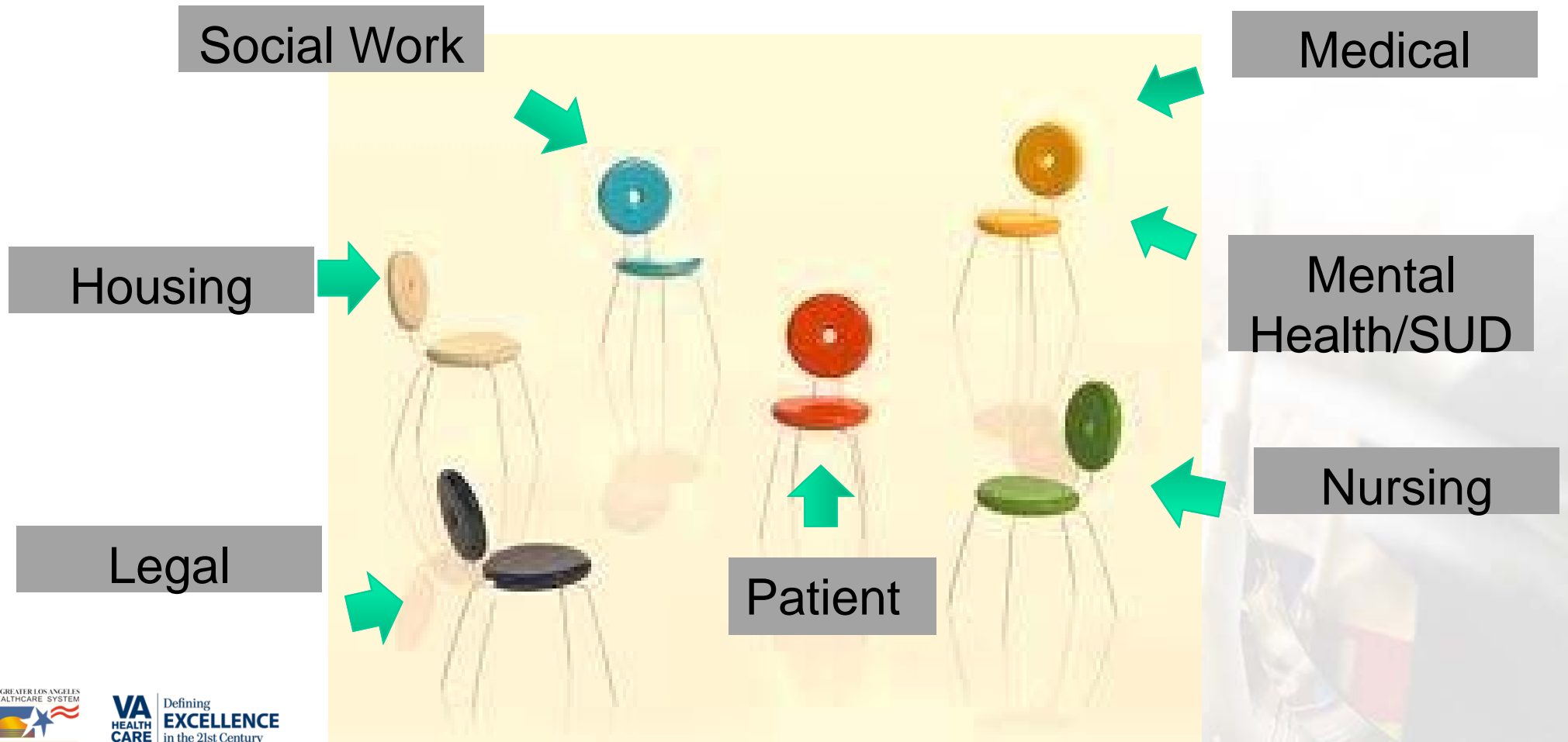




# GLA VA-Huddles at Every Level

Patient and System Level

*Coordination Required to Improve Outcomes Among Homeless Veterans*





# Complex Care Management Tool

- **Function**

- Tracks tasks for team members
- Shows progress towards competing tasks
- Informs clinical encounters

- **Need**

- VA lacks tool to perform this type of complex care management

- **Specifications**

- Northwest Innovation Center – Portland, Oregon VA Medical Center
- Secure SharePoint®

- **How Used**

- Guides care management during, and outside of clinic
  - Pre/post team huddles

# Care Management Tracking Tool

**CREATE TASK INFORMATION**

**Service:**  
Liver Transplant

**Role:**  
RN Care Coordinator

**\*Scheduled Date:**  
[ ] [ ... ]

**Scheduled Time:**  
[ ]  
Tip: Type 'A' or 'P' to switch AM/PM


**Task Type:**  
[ ]

**Task Reason:**  
[ ]

**To Do Notes:**  
[ ]

**SAVE**  
Return to Task Tracker

**SAVE**  
Add New Task

 **Write**  
CPRS Note

# Care Management Tracking Tool

ADD TASK/PATIENT LOOKUP

TASK TRACKER

REPORTS

PREFERENCES

FEEDBACK

HELP

Service:  Role:  Panel:  [Set Preference](#)

Start Date:  ... End Date:   All Dates  Created by me

GO

Total Tasks(25) Overdue Tasks(18) Upcoming Tasks(7)

View  
Task List  
by Task  
Entering  
Date  
Range  
Manually

Task	Scheduled Date	Task Type	Last Name	First Name	SSN4	Created By	PCP	By Role	To Do Notes
1	6/18/2014	Radiology Follow-up	Pan	Peter	0011	McConnachie, Judy	Generic Doctor3	Provider	CLERK: confirm outside imaging studies received prior to 6/20 appointment
2	6/26/2014	Telephone Contact/Transition of Care	Mouse	Minnie	0011	McConnachie, Judy	generic doctor	Provider	call wife to make sure travel plans understood
3	6/27/2014	Record Review/Status Check	Man	Super	0012	McConnachie, Judy	Generic Doctor3	Provider	Check labs prior to appt
4	6/27/2014	Telephone Contact	Mouse	Minnie	0011	McConnachie, Judy	generic doctor	Provider	call again for xyz
5	6/30/2014	Telephone Contact/Coaching	Mouse	Minnie	0011	McConnachie, Judy	generic doctor	Provider	make sure remembers to bring all meds to appoint
6	6/30/2014	Record Review	Pan	Peter	0011	McConnachie, Judy	Generic Doctor3	Clerk	Confirm consult with prosthetics completed
7	7/31/2014	Record Review	Poppins	Mary	0011	Yang, Jianji	Generic Doctor2	Provider	review patient's Hep C status
8	7/31/2014	Telephone Contact	Poppins	Mary	0011	Yang, Jianji	Generic Doctor2	Clerk	Call patient to review lab results
9	8/21/2014	Radiology Follow-up/Preventative Care	Mouse	Mickey	0011	McConnachie, Judy	generic doctor	Provider	1 year CT due



# Results: HPACT Facility Summary

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>Panel Size</b>	133	149	157	170	177	205	805	837	3119	3212	3319	3393
<b>% OEF/OIF/OND</b>	8.27%	9.40%	9.55%	9.41%	9.04%	9.27%	7.70%	7.77%	8.02%	8.34%	8.68%	8.69%
<b>% Women</b>	1.50%	2.68%	4.46%	4.12%	3.95%	5.37%	0.99%	0.96%	0.32%	0.37%	0.33%	0.38%
<b>% &gt; Age 65</b>	18.80%	18.79%	17.83%	21.76%	22.60%	30.24%	19.38%	18.76%	17.86%	17.71%	17.54%	17.77%
<b>Patients Enrolled</b>	25	20	12	43	20	81	619	48	2313	157	161	150
<b>Patients Disenrolled</b>	2	4	27	16	4	67	14	23	64	53	60	115
<b>Disenrollees to HPACT</b>	0	0	9	4	1	45	2	9	17	16	17	34
<b>Disenrollees to PC Team</b>	1	0	3	2	1	7	6	3	13	15	22	19
<b>Disenrollees No Team</b>	1	4	15	10	2	15	6	11	34	22	21	62
<b>Outpatient Visits</b>												
<b>HPACT PCP Visits</b>	19	10	11	0	2	6	91	112	422	531	571	87
<b>Primary Care Visits</b>	261	240	196	343	250	304	620	692	1317	1617	1973	447
<b>ER Visits</b>	58	52	46	57	81	92	81	85	249	322	323	300
<b>Medicine Visits</b>	72	64	55	86	130	198	204	280	888	1000	979	938
<b>Surgery Visits</b>	44	68	49	55	50	72	167	234	736	716	759	816
<b>Mental Health Visits</b>	307	314	340	439	540	1651	1605	1915	5966	6446	6965	8688
<b>Mental Health Visit Detail</b>												
<b>Geropsych</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Homeless</b>	197	203	219	277	345	1340	653	712	1851	1929	2014	4376
<b>Mental Health</b>	24	45	41	96	112	194	323	400	1207	1514	1756	1227
<b>MHICH</b>	1	1	0	1	2	3	68	64	408	429	380	410
<b>Psychosocial Rehab</b>	9	9	4	4	9	3	187	201	1082	1005	1034	908
<b>PTSD</b>	7	6	6	1	0	6	51	46	202	222	220	238
<b>Residential Rehab</b>	16	4	8	9	13	37	49	101	252	335	394	376
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	53	46	62	51	59	68	273	390	955	1005	1156	1153
<b>Vocational Rehab</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	7	11	0
<b>Pre &amp; Post Enrollment Utilization</b>												
<b>Pre 6 Month ED Encounters</b>	261	298	292	277	291	343	347	370	367	363	419	418
<b>Post 6 Month ED Encounters</b>	336	371	318	328	326	381	396	407	412	425	472	457
<b>ED Encounters % Change</b>	28.74%	24.50%	8.90%	18.41%	12.03%	11.08%	14.12%	10.00%	12.26%	17.08%	12.65%	9.33%
<b>Pre 6 Months Inpt Admits</b>	51	52	52	46	46	52	50	59	57	54	55	62
<b>Post 6 Months Inpt Admits</b>	48	49	51	52	56	69	68	70	71	78	89	92
<b>Inpatient Admits % Change</b>	-5.88%	-5.77%	-1.92%	13.04%	21.74%	32.69%	36.00%	18.64%	24.56%	44.44%	61.82%	48.39%



# Obstacles

- Veterans:
  - who need a higher level of care and also need substance abuse treatment
  - who have behavioral flags who need residential treatment
- inpatient discharges
- medications mailed out
- appointment phone confirmation
- services limited to veterans with homes
- buy-in from other employees
- employee burnout - lack of training
- limited resources
- transitional/temporary housing - must be medically/psychiatrically stable



# Next Steps > Multi-Site Evaluations

- (1) Care Management Tracking
- (2) Patient-Team Huddle

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402:  
“a one-stop shop” for homeless  
Veterans

With local and national  
support, we aim to evaluate  
the patient-team huddle and  
the care management tracking  
tools in multi-site intervention  
studies







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