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**Ryan White Part A CQM Committee Meeting**  
**November 16, 2020 – Virtual**  
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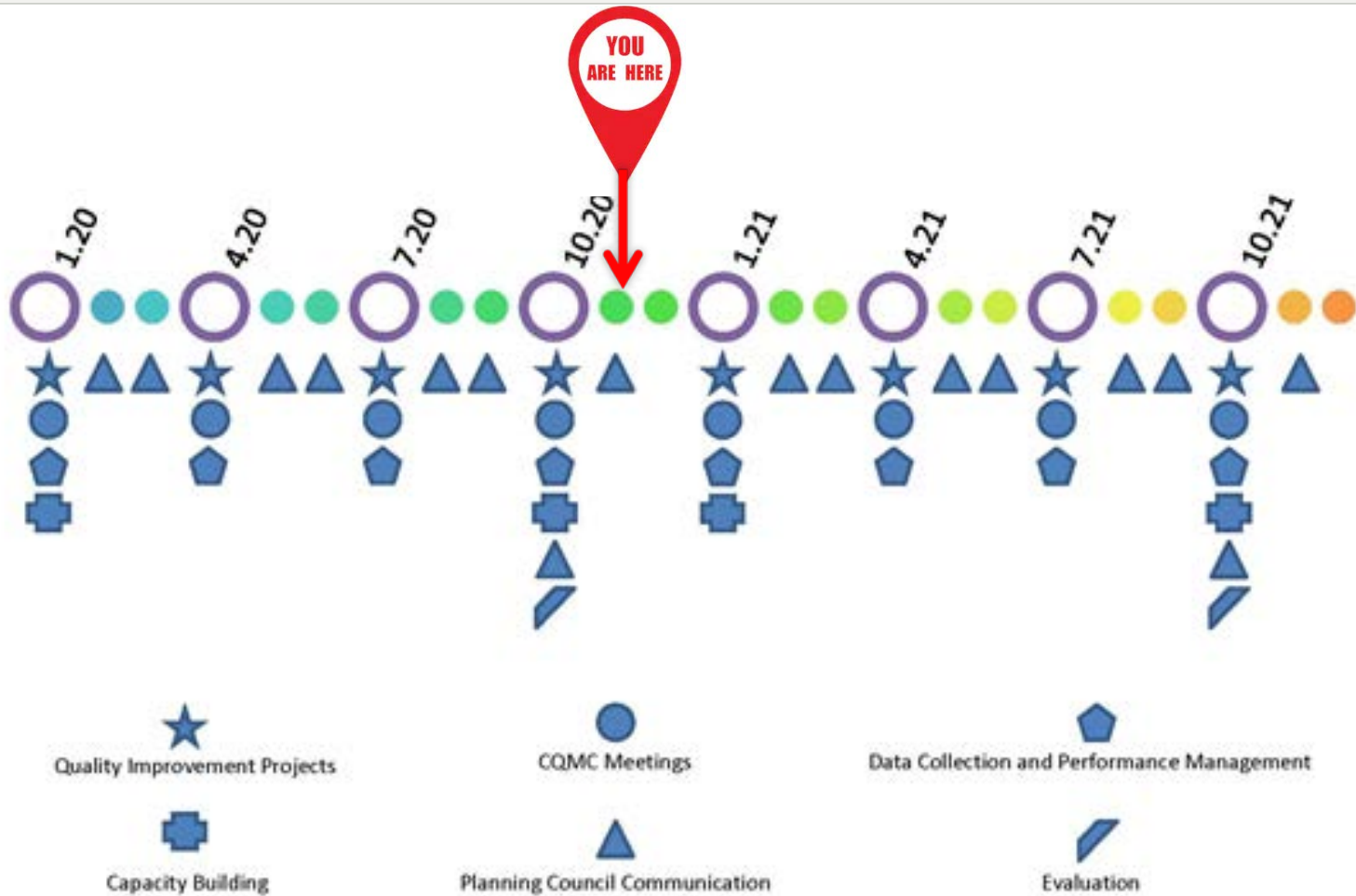
# Agenda

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| <b>1:00-1:10</b>   | <b>Welcome, Introductions</b><br>Melissa Rodrigo and Zach Levar - Cleveland TGA |
| <b>1:10 - 1:25</b> | <b>CQMC Updates and Data</b><br>Zach Levar – Cleveland TGA                      |
| <b>1:25 – 2:30</b> | <b>CQM QI Project Presentations</b><br>Part A Funded Providers                  |
| <b>2:30 – 2:35</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>2:35 – 3:25</b> | <b>CQM QI Project Presentations</b><br>Part A Funded Providers                  |
| <b>3:25 – 3:30</b> | <b>Next Steps, Adjourn</b><br>Melissa Rodrigo and Zach Levar – Cleveland TGA    |

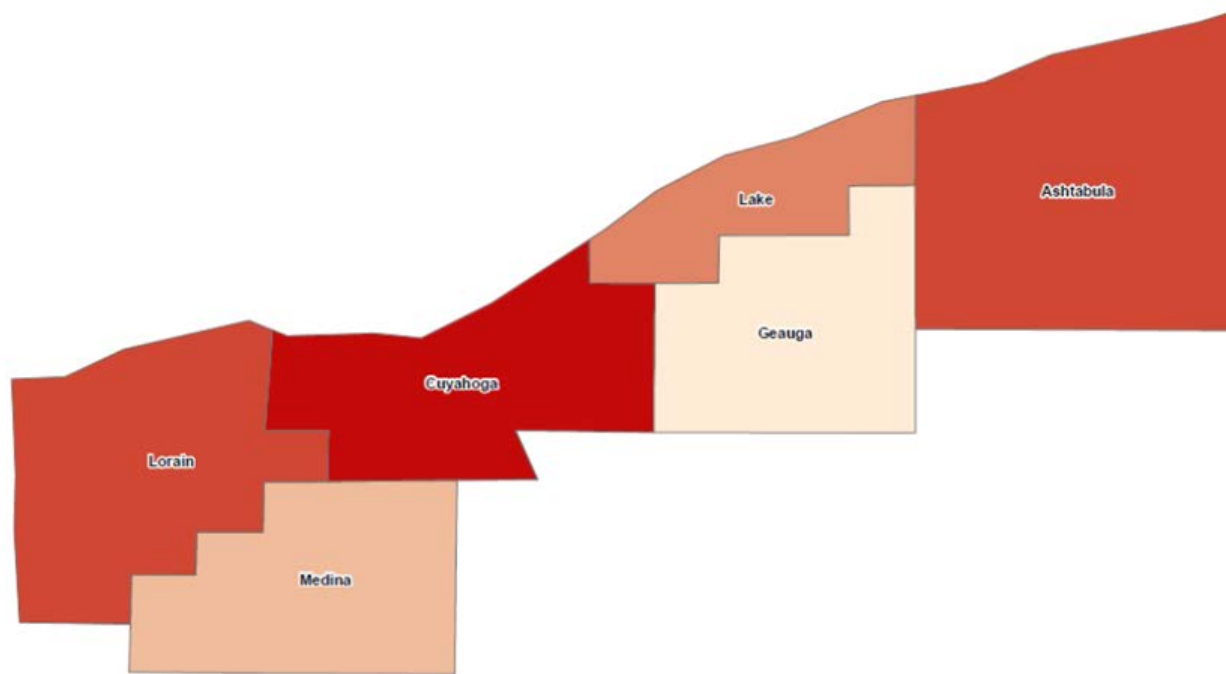
# Introductions



# CQMC Timeline



# Cleveland TGA Data



# Care Continuum Changes

- The Care Continuum will now report all Part A **eligible** clients
  - Due to eligible scope requirement, which provides data on client labs that are not restricted to Part A funding
- Programmatic changes within CAREWare 6 that limit capability to pull Care Continuum the way it has been in the past
  - Strongly recommended by CAREWare consultant to begin pulling Continuum numbers from Performance Measures rather than Financial Reports as there is no time table for bugs to be fixed

# What does this mean?

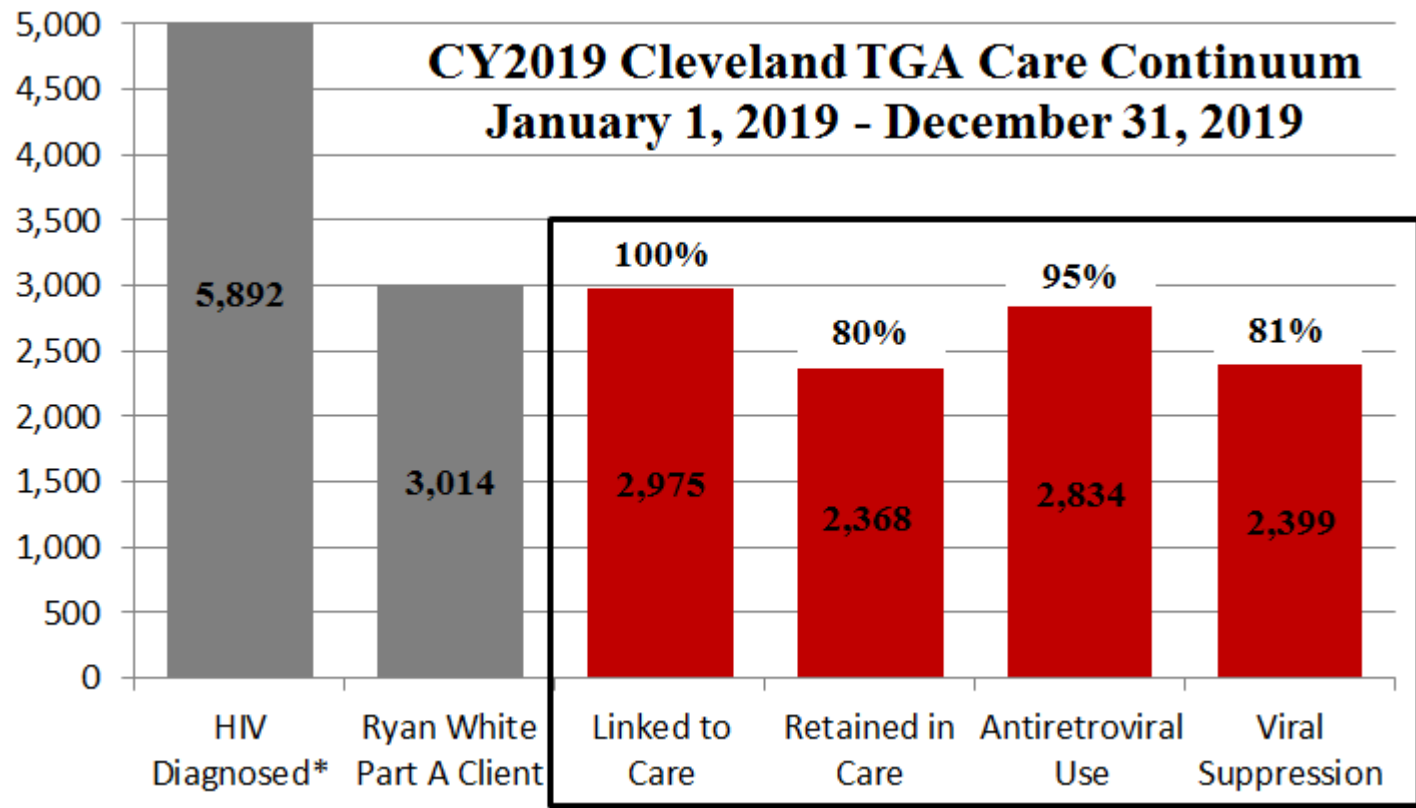
## Linked to Care

- With addition of clients that received labs under other funding sources; hundreds more clients meet this definition
- Linked to Care serves as denominator for VLS/ART/Retained in Care definition(meaning some percentages may have been negatively impacted by change)

## TGA/Provider Capabilities

- Using performance measures(PMs), providers can pull agency level continuum numbers at any time
- By using PMs, the TGA and providers will be able to see exactly which clients are not meeting a measure
  - Not a possibility under previous method
  - Focus can be better directed towards clients not meeting these measures

## CY2019 Cleveland TGA Care Continuum January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019



● **HIV-Diagnosed:** Diagnosed HIV prevalence in the jurisdiction as reported by the Ohio Department of Health. \*Please note: The most recent available prevalence data from the Ohio Department of Health is as of December 31, 2019.

● **Ryan White Part A Clients:** Number of diagnosed individuals who received a Ryan White Part A funded service in the measurement year.

● **Linked to Care:** Number of Ryan White Part A eligible clients that had at least one medical visit, viral load test, or CD4 test in the measurement year.

● **Retained in Care:** Number of Ryan White Part A eligible clients who had two or more medical visits, viral load or CD4 tests performed at least three months apart during the measurement year.

● **Antiretroviral Use:** Number of Ryan White Part A eligible clients receiving medical care who have a documented antiretroviral therapy prescription on record in the measurement year.

● **Viral Suppression:** Number of Ryan White Part A eligible clients receiving medical care whose most recent HIV viral load within the measurement year was less than 200 copies/mL.



# Ryan White 2020 CQMC Efforts

# Providers' 2020 Target Populations

## Part A Clients

- CCF(MCM clients only)
- Far West Center
- DSAS
- Signature Health
- May Dugan Center
- Family Planning of Lorain

## MSM of Color

- AIDS Taskforce
- Circle Health Services
- Nueva Luz URC

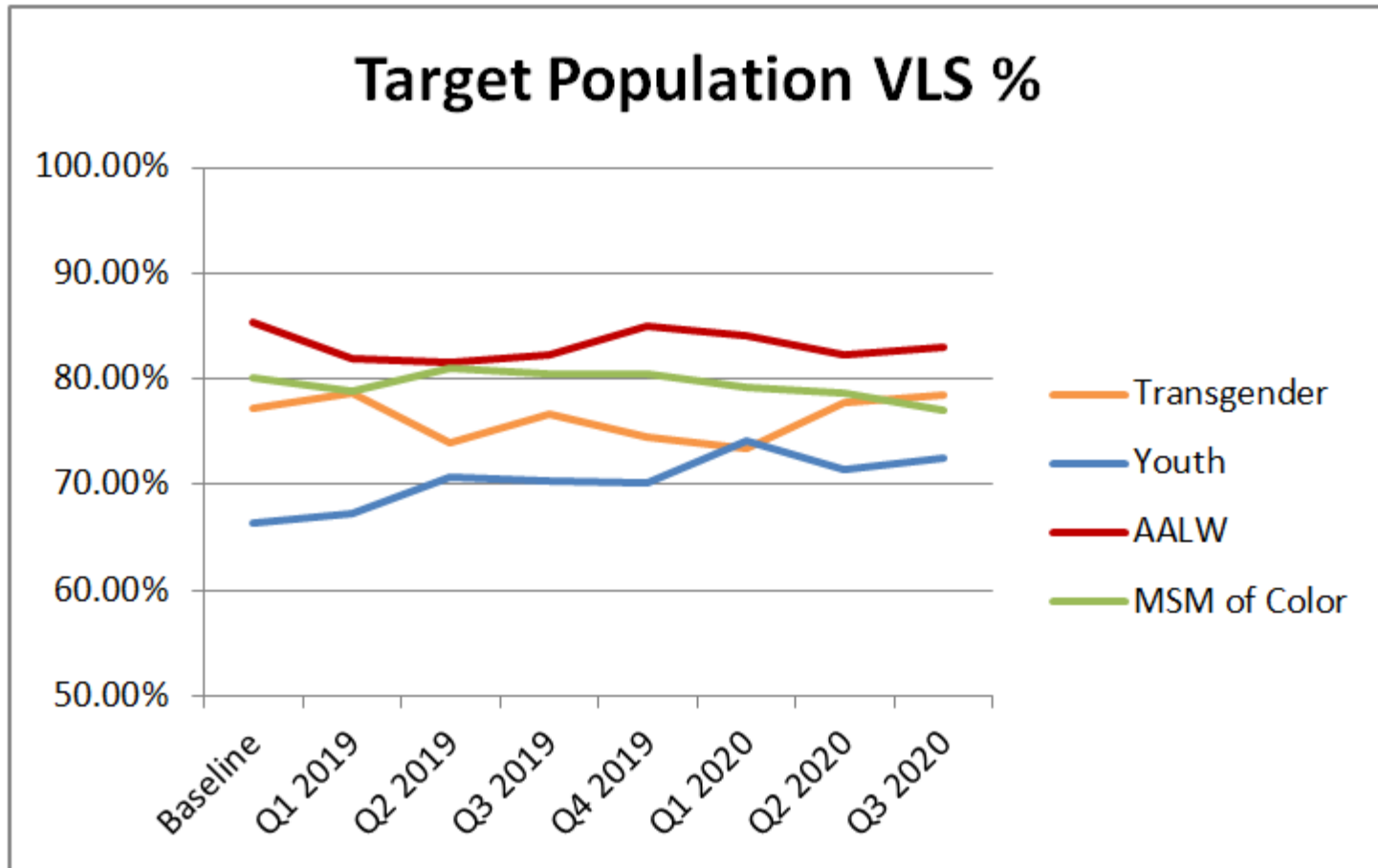
## Youth

- MetroHealth (13-29)
- University Hospitals

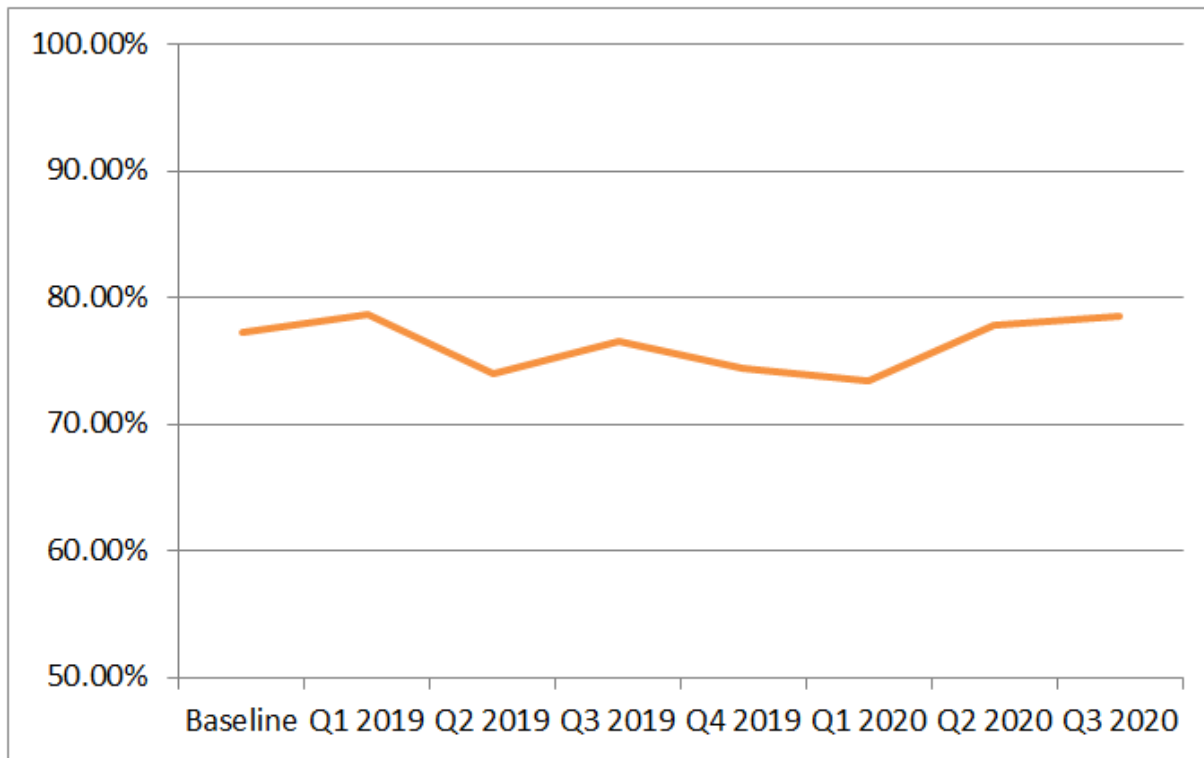
## Non-VLS Clients

- Mercy Health
- AIDS Healthcare Foundation

# Target Population Overlay

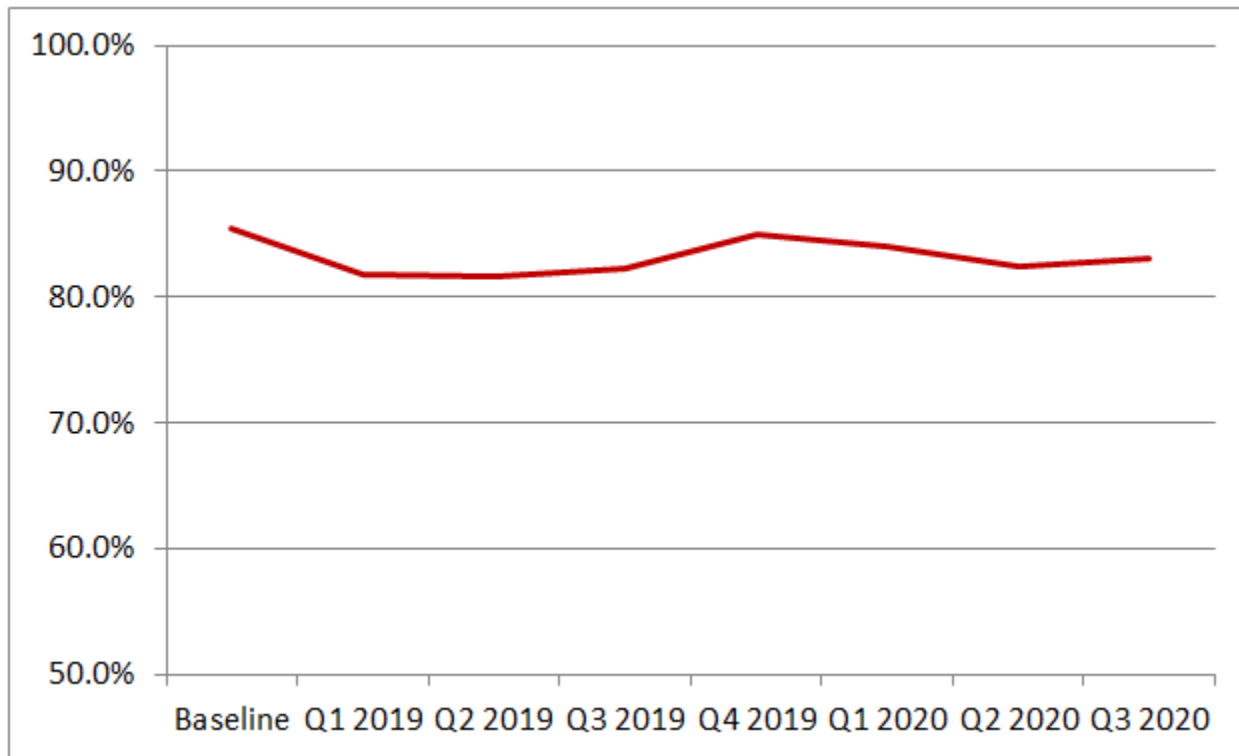


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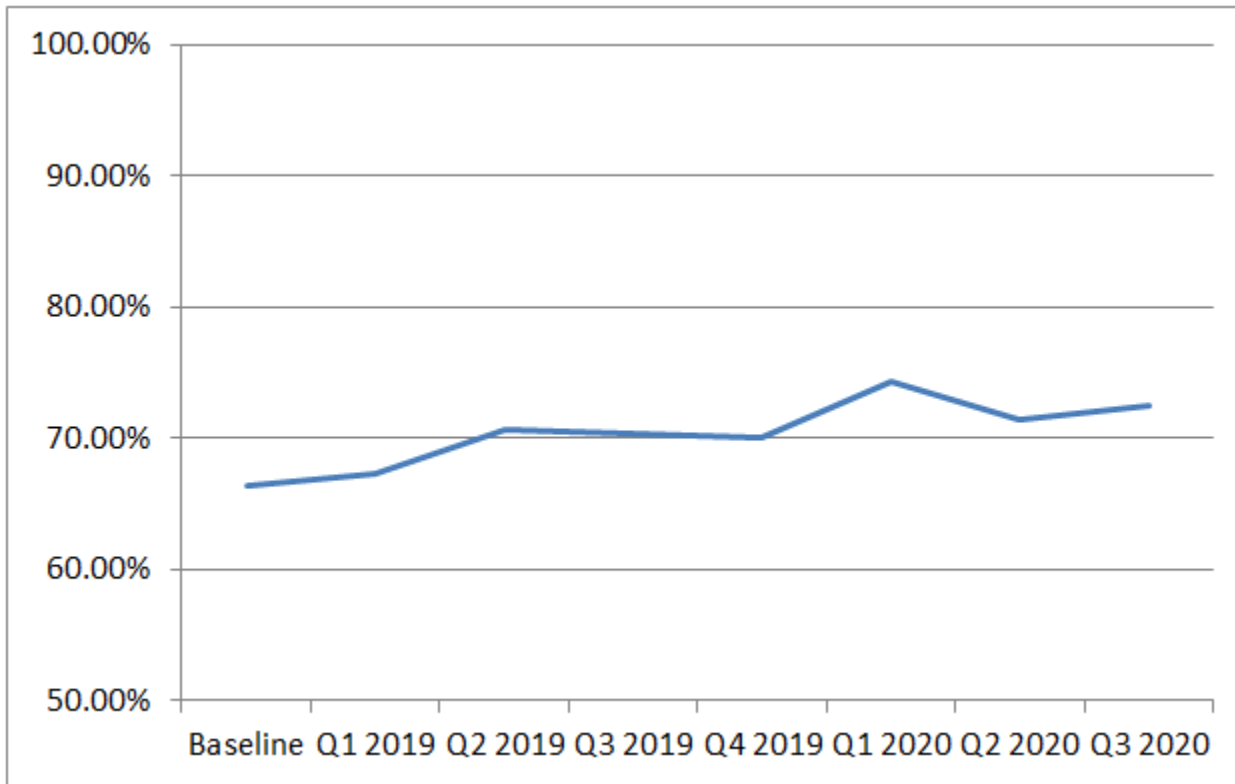
Q	%
<b>Baseline</b>	<b>77.3%</b>
<b>Q1 2019</b>	<b>78.7%</b>
<b>Q2 2019</b>	<b>74.0%</b>
<b>Q3 2019</b>	<b>76.6%</b>
<b>Q4 2019</b>	<b>74.5%</b>
<b>Q1 2020</b>	<b>73.5%</b>
<b>Q2 2020</b>	<b>77.8%</b>
<b>Q3 2020</b>	<b>78.6%</b>

# African American/Latina Women



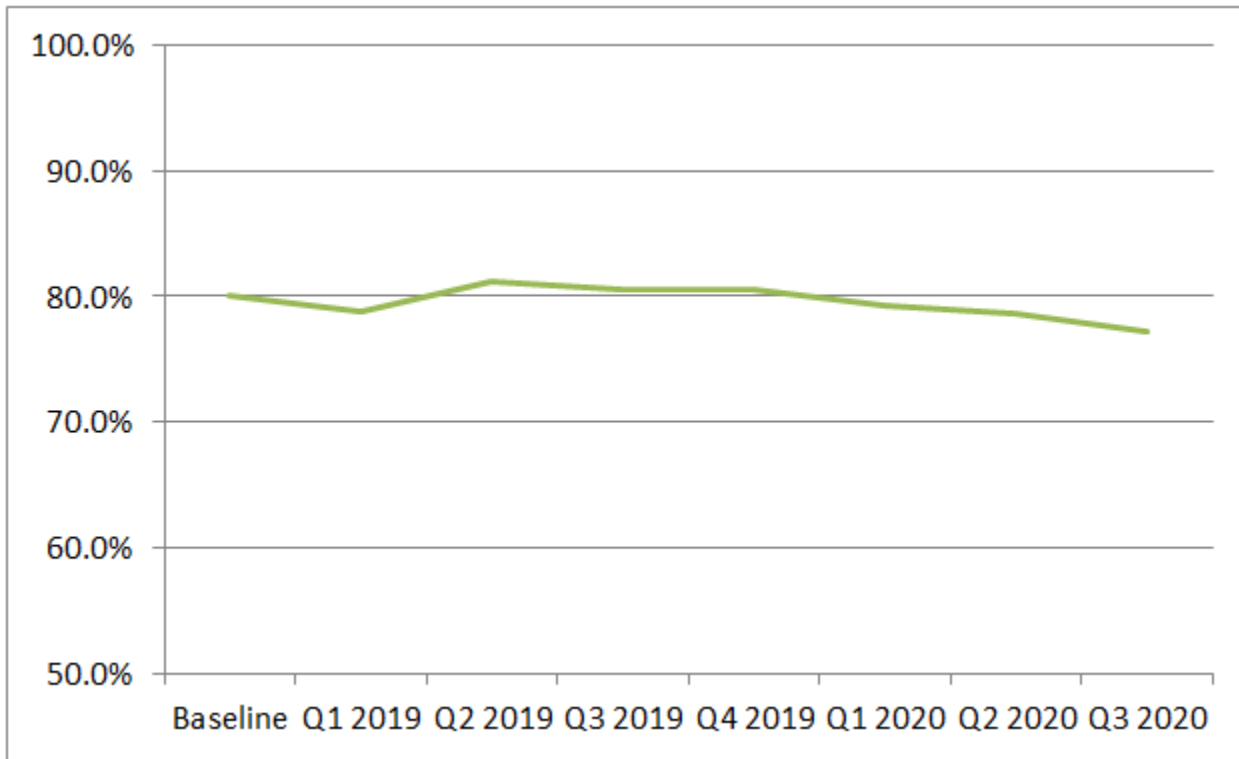
Q	%
Baseline	85.4%
Q1 2019	81.9%
Q2 2019	81.6%
Q3 2019	82.3%
Q4 2019	84.9%
Q1 2020	84.1%
Q2 2020	82.4%
Q3 2020	83.0%

# Youth (13-24)



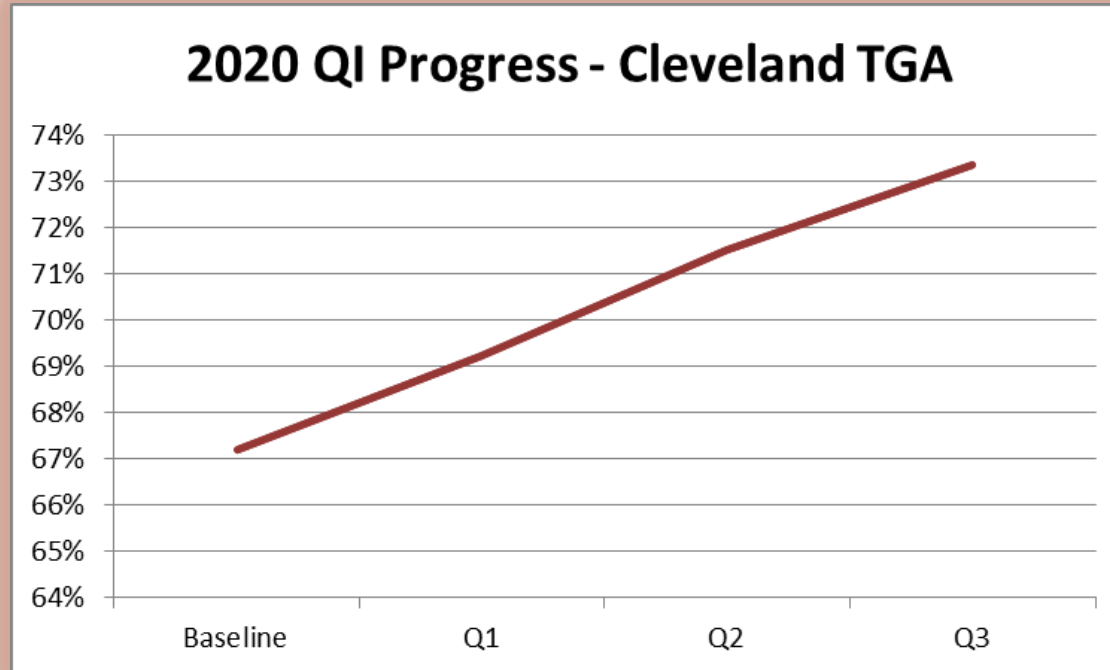
Q	%
Baseline	66.3%
Q1 2019	67.3%
Q2 2019	70.6%
Q3 2019	70.4%
Q4 2019	70.1%
Q1 2020	74.2%
Q2 2020	71.4%
Q3 2020	72.5%

# MSM of Color



Q	%
Baseline	80.1%
Q1 2019	78.8%
Q2 2019	81.1%
Q3 2019	80.5%
Q4 2019	80.5%
Q1 2020	79.2%
Q2 2020	78.7%
Q3 2020	77.1%

# CY2020 QI Overall Progress



**Baseline**  
367/546  
**67.2%**

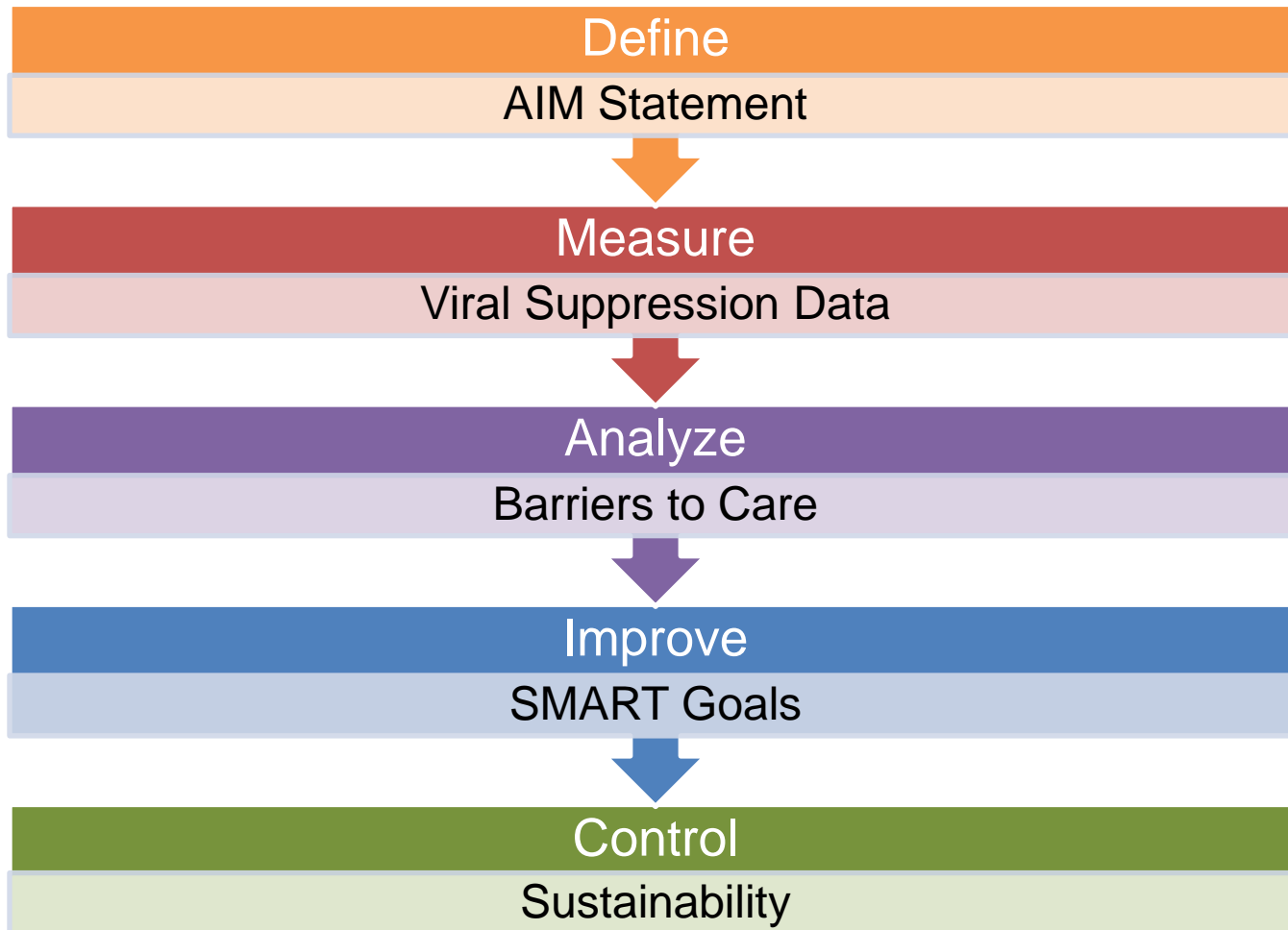
**Quarter 1**  
385/556  
**69.2%**

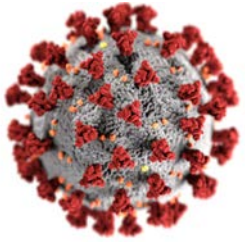
**Quarter 2**  
399/558  
**71.5%**

**Quarter 3**  
408/556  
**73.4%**

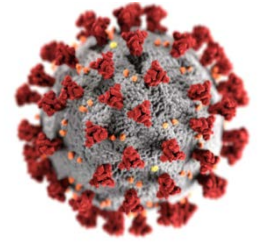


# DMAIC Process






# COVID-19 Barriers



- Isolation
  - Less in person visits to meet with clients
  - Increased mental health issues/substance abuse problems
- Viral Suppression
  - Lack of labs being drawn during pandemic
  - Clients not coming in to get medication refills
- Technology
  - Telehealth capabilities for providers and clients
  - Technology posing as distraction for clients when receiving care

May Dugan Center

# May Dugan Center

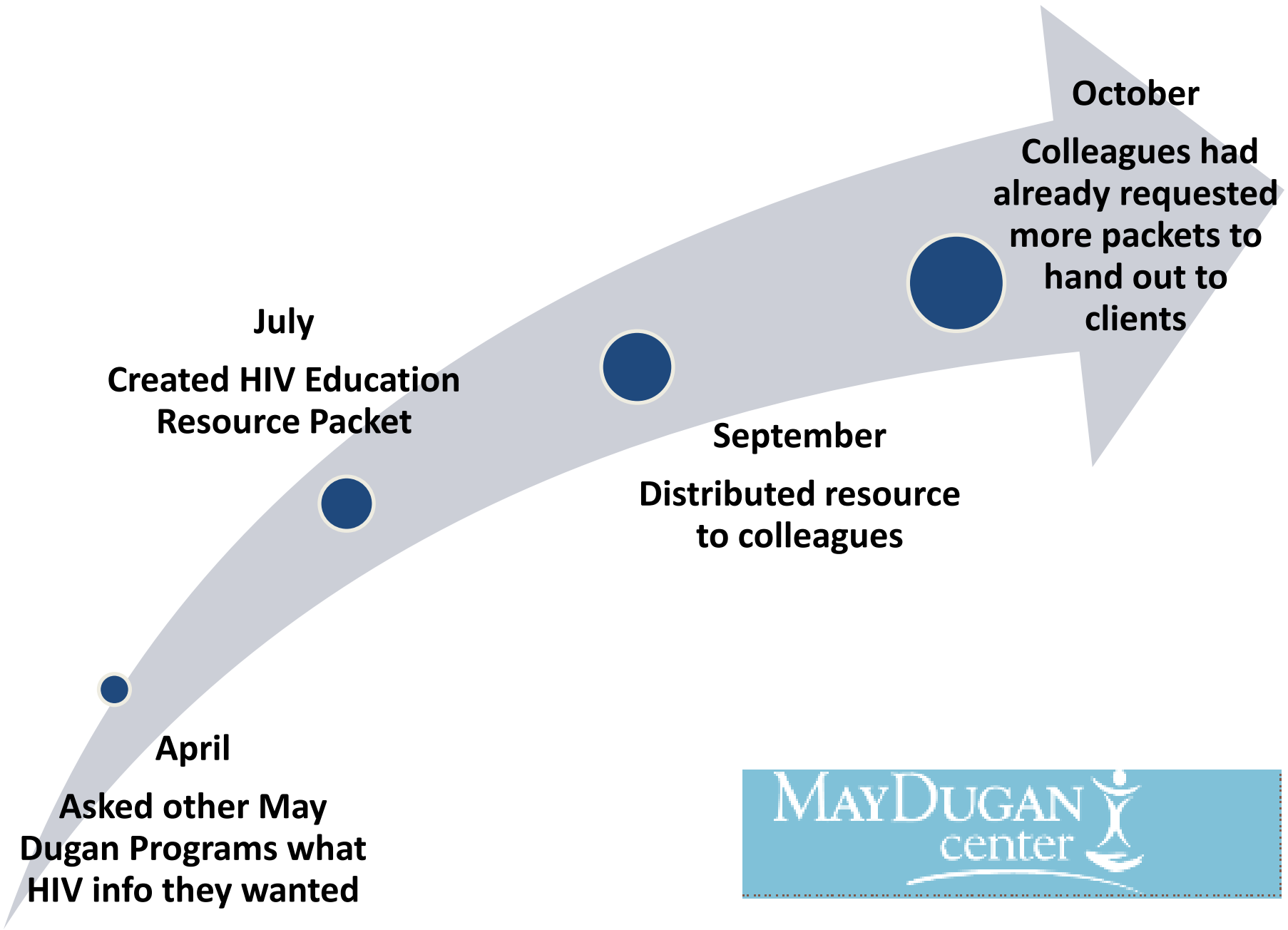


<b>Target Population:</b>	All HIV+ Clients
<b>AIM Statement:</b>	By December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020, May Dugan will maintain VLS for all HIV+ mental health clients at 100%
<b>SMART Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•By April 1<sup>st</sup>, communicate with other programs to find out what HIV info is important to them to be trained on</li><li>•By July 1<sup>st</sup>, create a training for other May Dugan programs</li><li>•By September 1<sup>st</sup>, will have distributed HIV education presentation materials to other programs</li><li>•By October 1<sup>st</sup>, will follow up with other programs to determine value of HIV information resource</li></ul>
<b>Barriers to Care:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Stigma</li><li>•Lack of education on services</li></ul>

Educational resource includes but not limited to:

- History of May Dugan Center's fight against HIV/AIDS
- Ryan White Part A Eligibility Info
  - Part A Providers/Services
- #LanguageMatters resource to reduce stigmatizing language
  - HIV testing sites
  - Transportation resources
  - Planning Council Information

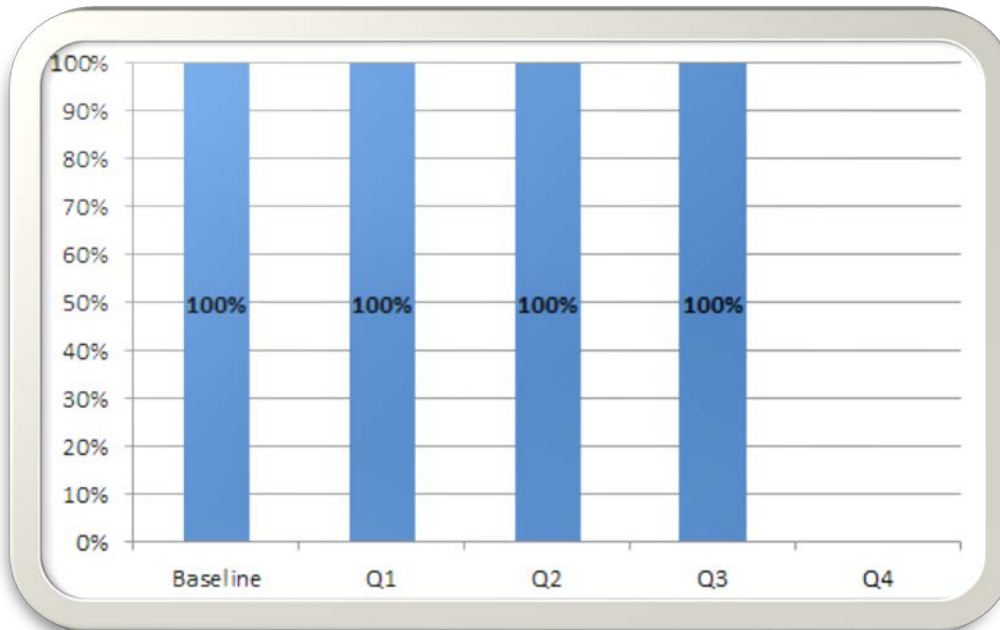




# Control

Will continue to provide HIV education materials to colleagues

Update education resource with new providers/testing sites as needed



Avg. Clients: 10  
Goal: 100%

**100**

# Cleveland Clinic Foundation



# Cleveland Clinic Foundation

**Target Population:**  
Part A MCM clients

## SMART Objectives:

By July 1<sup>st</sup>, a rough draft of database will be complete

By July 1<sup>st</sup>, Outreach Coordinator will have taken MS Access training and set list of variables desired for MS Access database

By October 1<sup>st</sup>, the MS Access database will be finalized and rolled out to staff.

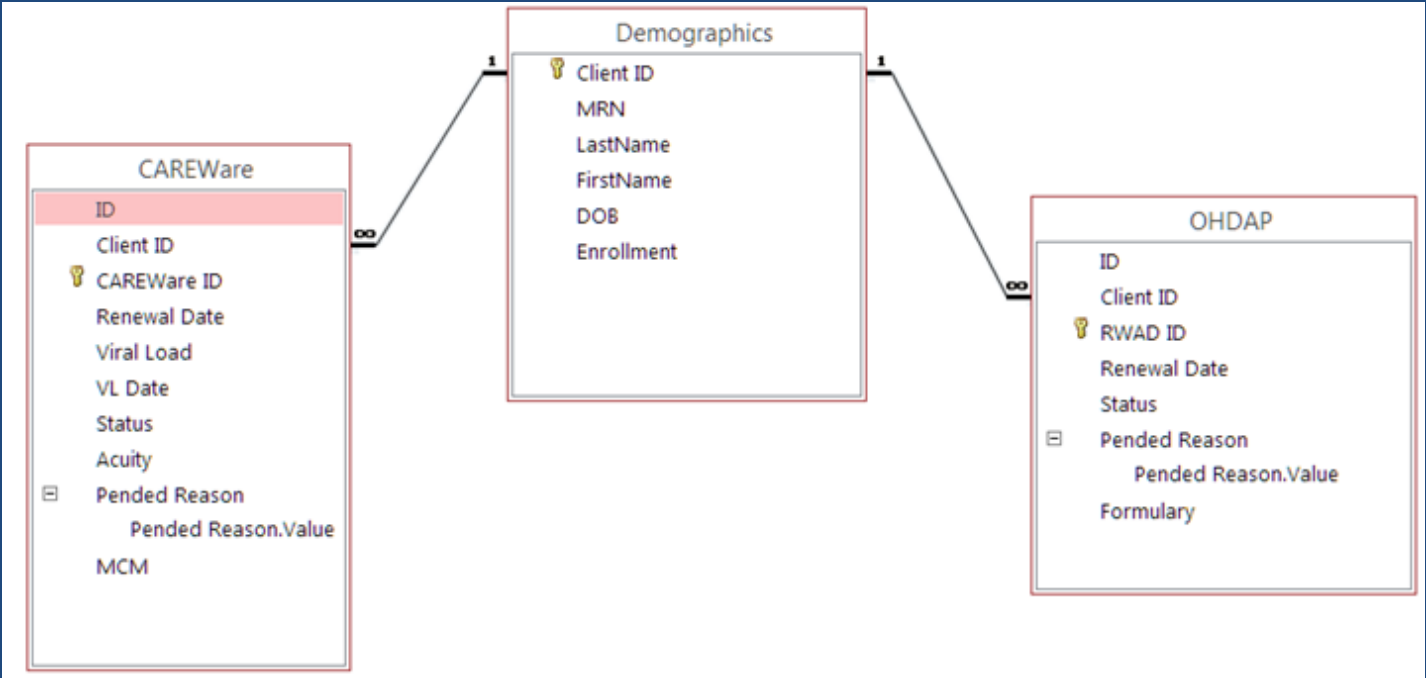
**AIM Statement:**  
By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, CCF will improve VLS for Part A MCM clients from 71% to 75%

## Barriers to Care:

-Transitioning Staff

-New MCM in place as of September

Set up MS Access Database so team members could have reference tool for HIV client information



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Demographics

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OHDAP

- OHDAP : Table

CAREWare

- CAREWare : Table

ID	Client ID	CAREWare ID	Renewal Date	Viral Load	VL Date	Status
*	(New)	0				Active



# CONTROL

2020 served as a preparation/trial period of Microsoft Access database.

With staffing in place, Cleveland Clinic plans to rollout database for use in 2021.



# Signature Health

**Target Population:**

All Part A clients

**AIM Statement:**

By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, Signature Health will improve VLS for all Part A clients from 93% to 95%

**SMART Objectives:**

- By April 1<sup>st</sup>, will have formulated a needs assessment and plan for distribution
- By June 30<sup>th</sup>, will have distributed needs assessments to clients
- By December 1<sup>st</sup>, will have held a virtual support group based on feedback from needs assessment

**Barriers to Care:**

Mental Health - Stigma  
Transportation - Substance Abuse

***Signature Health***

### Needs Assessment

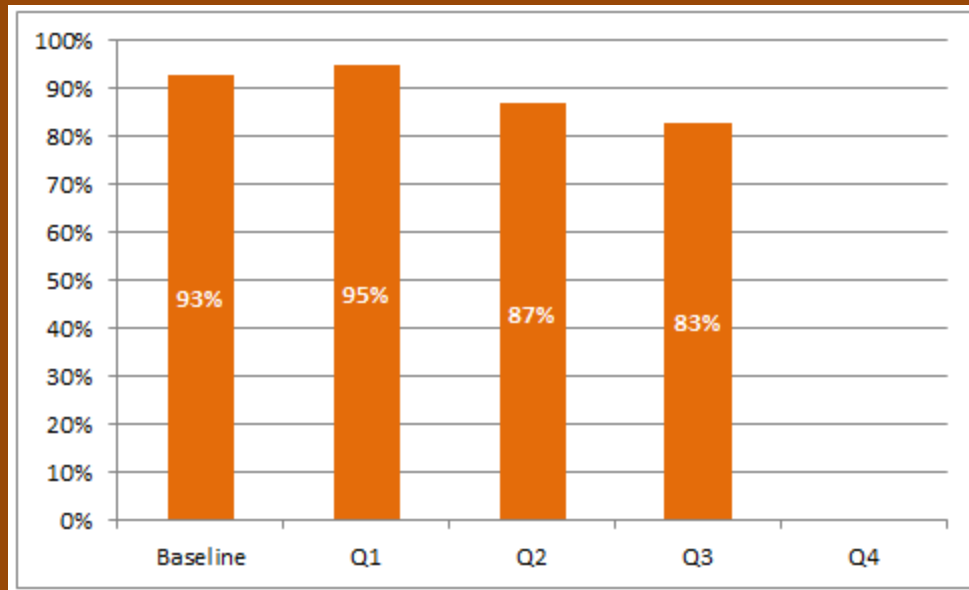
Delivered via phone to plan support group structure; information collected includes:

- County of Residence
- Best Day of the Week
- Best Time of Day
- Barriers to Attendance
- Virtual/In Person preference
- Expectations of Group
- Topic Suggestions

### Outcomes

- 59 Completed Needs Assessments
  - 33 Interested in attending group(56%)
- Among 33 Interested clients:
- 60% reported barrier to attending
  - 48% interested in attending virtual group
  - 48% cited connecting to people/building a sense of community as main goal

**\*1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Positive Living Group Scheduled for Nov 17<sup>th</sup>\***



Signature Health continues to expand as an OAHS provider, leading to 35% more clients since January 2020.

Baseline – 43 clients

Q3 – 66 clients

Goal – 95%

### **CONTROL**

Found needs assessment helpful in gauging client interest and expectations of a support group.

Plan to implement future bi-annual needs assessments to keep up to date on clients changing needs.



# Department of Senior and Adult Services

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**Target Population:** All Part A clients

**AIM Statement:** By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, DSAS will improve VLS for all Part A Clients from 91% to 95%

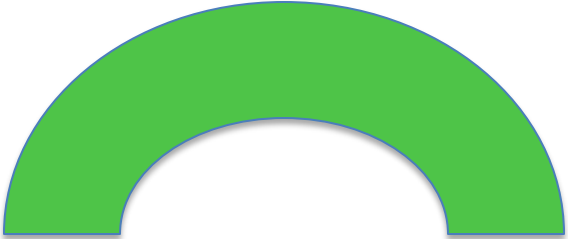


## **SMART Objectives:**

- By February 14<sup>th</sup>, will finalize a one-page educational handout for RNs to give to clients that prepares client for medical appointment
- By March 1st, RN will begin distributing handout to clients and educating them on how to utilize it to improve their medical care
- By August 1<sup>st</sup>, develop standardized questions for RNs to follow-up at home visits to determine impact of handout

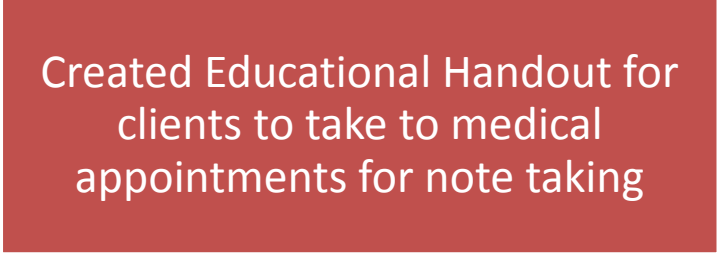
## **Barriers to Care:**

- Lack of education
- Medication and treatment plan noncompliance

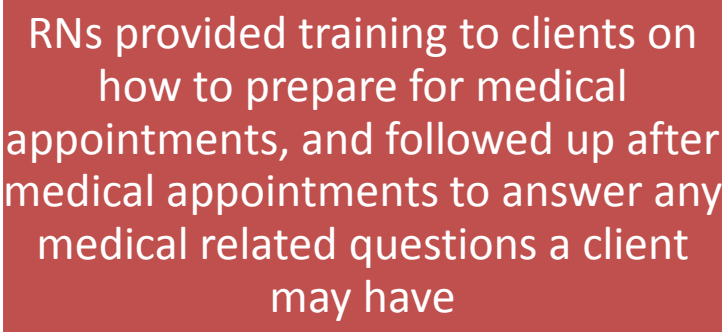


**Evidence based practice has shown that medical clients often do not have all of their needs met at medical appointments:**

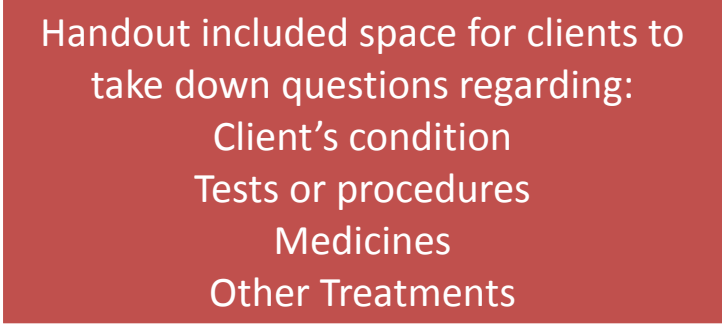
- Unanswered questions**
- Concerns about changes in their medical status**
- Confusion regarding treatment plan**



Created Educational Handout for clients to take to medical appointments for note taking

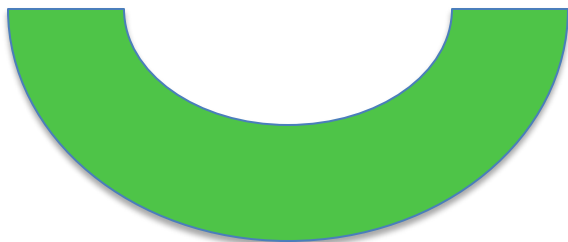


RNs provided training to clients on how to prepare for medical appointments, and followed up after medical appointments to answer any medical related questions a client may have

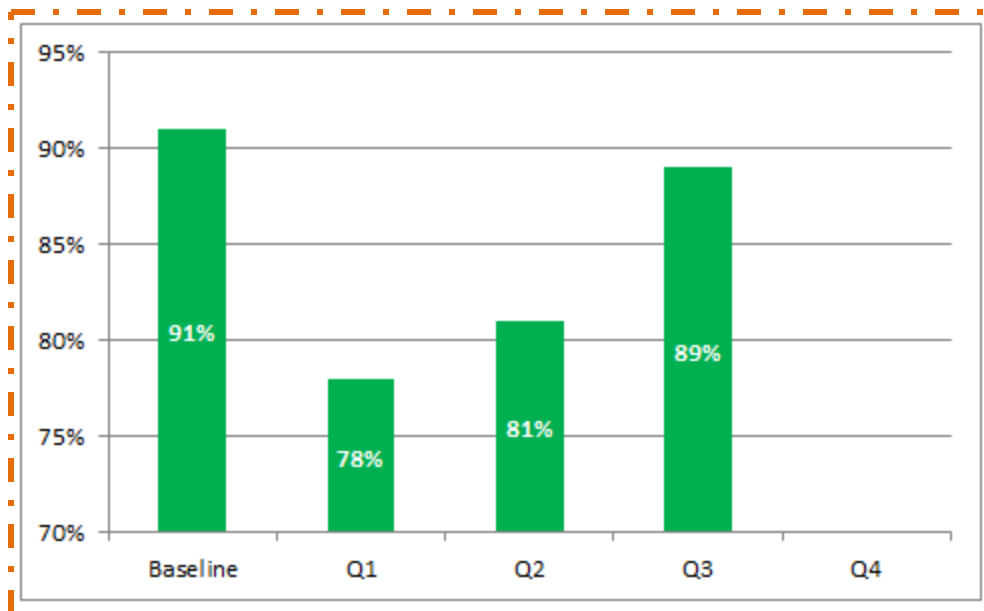


Handout included space for clients to take down questions regarding:

- Client's condition
- Tests or procedures
- Medicines
- Other Treatments



Avg Clients: 32  
Goal: 95%



### CONTROL

Due to switch from in-person medical appointments to telehealth during pandemic, DSAS has noticed some clients are too distracted with the change to focus on this handout.

However, DSAS has received positive feedback from clients about the form, and plans to fully implement post-pandemic.

Far West Center



# Far West Center

• **Target Population:** All Part A clients

• **AIM Statement:** By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, Far West Center will improve VLS for all Part A clients from 80% to 100%.

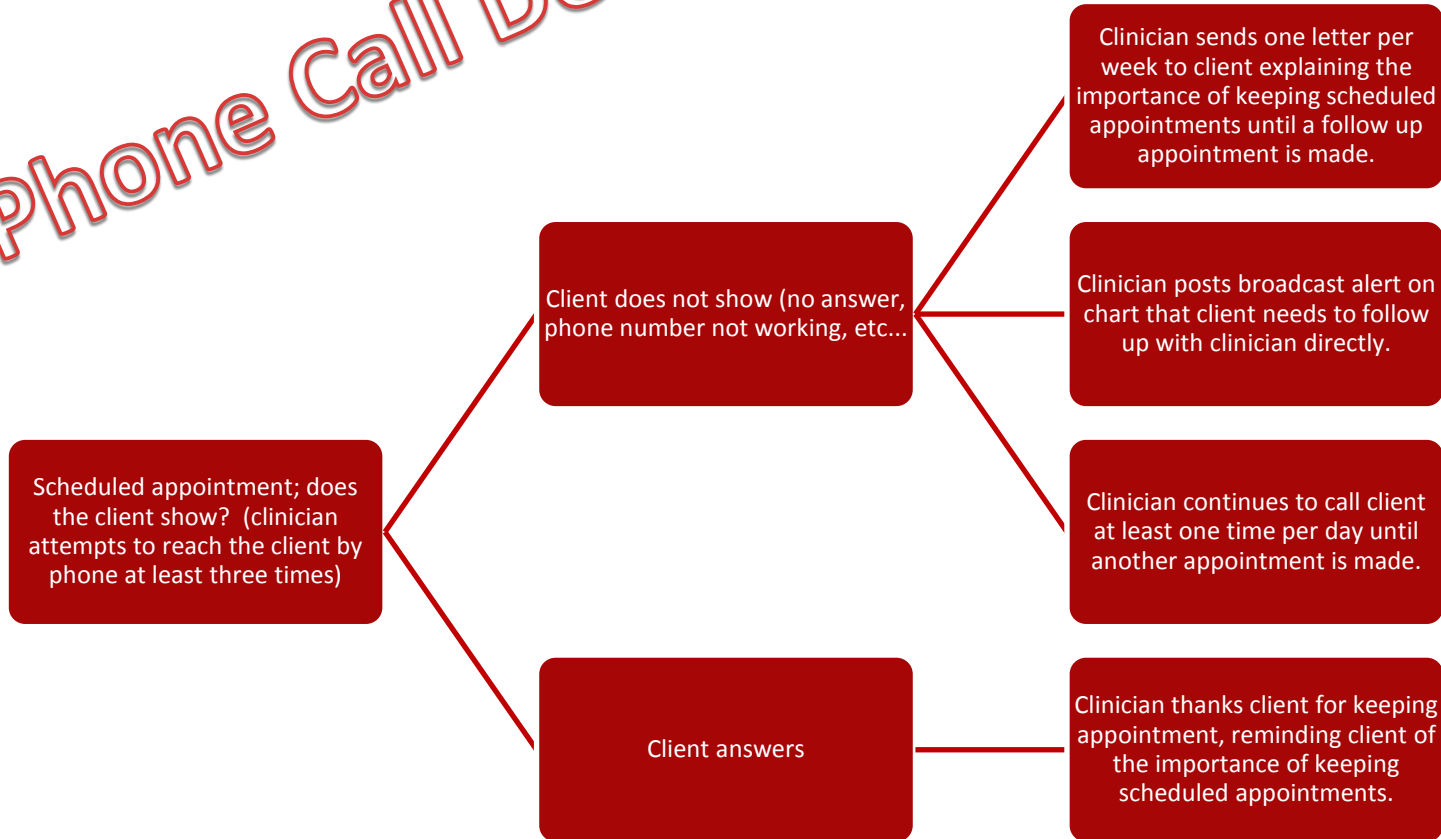
## SMART Objectives:

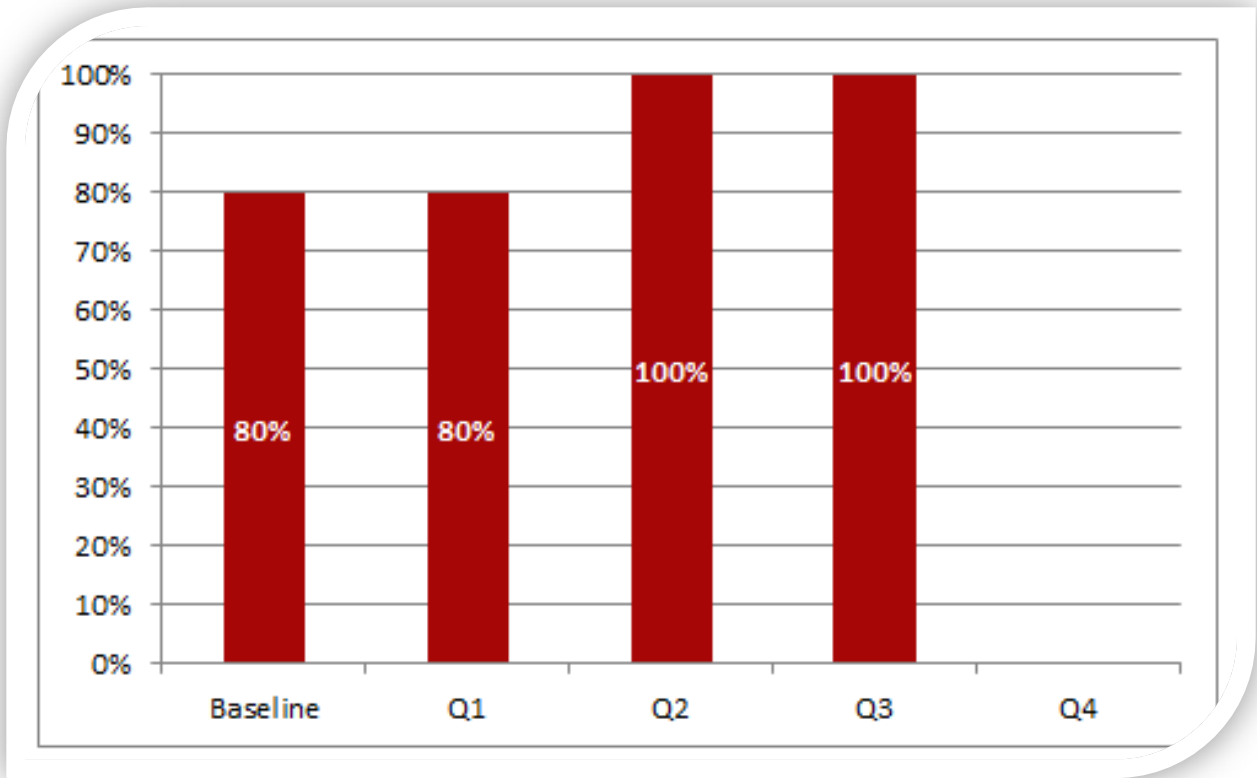
- By February 1<sup>st</sup>, will begin pre-appointment calls (appointment reminder, assess barriers to care, help to access care)
- By March 1<sup>st</sup>, create intensive follow up procedure to reach out to clients who miss appointments
- By December 31<sup>st</sup>, decrease number of no shows/short notice cancels by 50%(11 no shows/short notice cancels in 2019)

## Barriers to Care:

- No shows/missed appointments
- Transportation
- Language barriers

# Phone Call Decision Tree





Avg Clients: 5  
Goal: 100%

**CONTROL**  
Project proved to be successful in lowering no-show rates in 2020, plan to expand pre-appointment calls to all clients in 2021.  
  
\*4 no shows as of Q3, down over 50% from last year\*



# AIDS Healthcare Foundation

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**Target Population:** All Part A clients

**AIM Statement:** By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, AIDS Healthcare Foundation will improve VLS for all Part A clients from 57 to 70%.

**SMART Objectives:**

- By July 1<sup>st</sup>, will have analyzed Part A clients who are non-VLS and create summary of barriers to care/compare to VLS clients
- By August 1<sup>st</sup>, will have implemented action plan to address non-VLS clients' barriers to care
- By October 1<sup>st</sup>, follow up analysis to see if intervention had impact on non-VLS clients

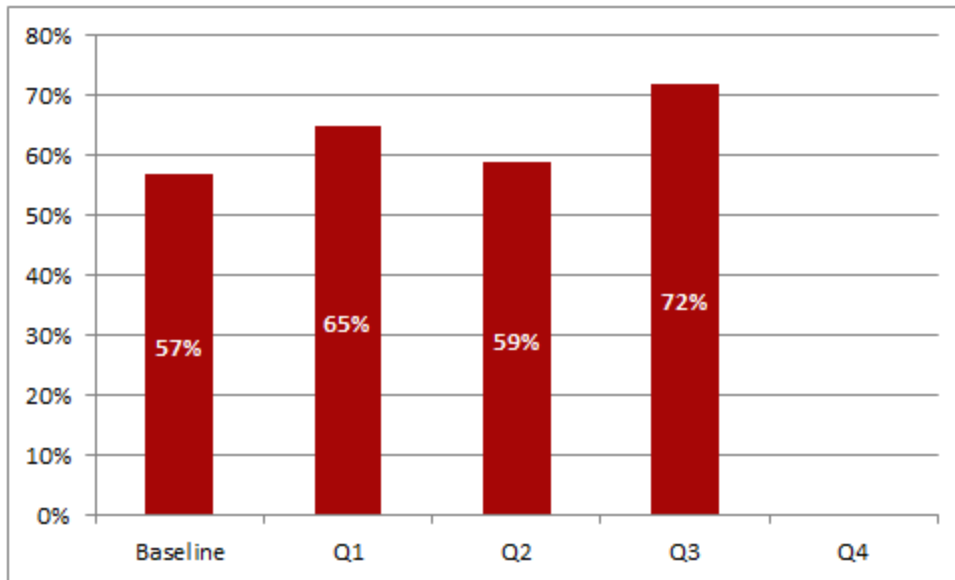
**Barriers to Care:**

- No show rate
- Communication with clients(disconnected phones, etc.)
- Staffing shortage

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AHF

# AIDS Healthcare Foundation



Avg. Clients: 25  
Goal: 70%

## Findings

Of 9 clients who were originally non-VLS:  
-2 newly diagnosed  
-2 clients transferred care  
-3 clients now VLS  
-3 clients now Retained in Care

## Methods

AHF met frequently with Pharmacy team and ATF Case Managers to learn more about non-VLS patients (i.e. updated contact information, if they were coming in, etc.)

# C O N T R O L

Overall, this project did help to shine light on the VLS rate. We were able to retain a few of the clients and get them back on track. The clients that are still not virally suppressed have been communicated to CM's, pharmacy, Doctor and Nurse. Also, having access to the performance report is another useful resource to help with RW patient retention.

*In 2021, AHF plans to continue to meet frequently with pharmacy and medical case management teams to discuss non-VLS clients as well as expand population to all HIV+ clients in AHF care.*



MetroHealth Medical Center

# MetroHealth Medical Center

**Target Population:** Non-VLS Youth Ages 13-29

**AIM Statement:** By December 31, 2020, MetroHealth will improve VLS for non-VLS youth (age 13-29) from 0% to 30%.

## **SMART Objectives:**

- By February 1<sup>st</sup>, will have developed an internal non-VLS Youth Workgroup that will meet monthly
- By April 1<sup>st</sup>, will have begun process of intensive outreach to non-VLS youth along with chart reviews to determine barriers to care
- By June 1<sup>st</sup>, will have compiled list of barriers and prioritized order in which they will be addressed
- By September 1<sup>st</sup>, will have created strategies to assess prioritized barriers for non-VLS youth

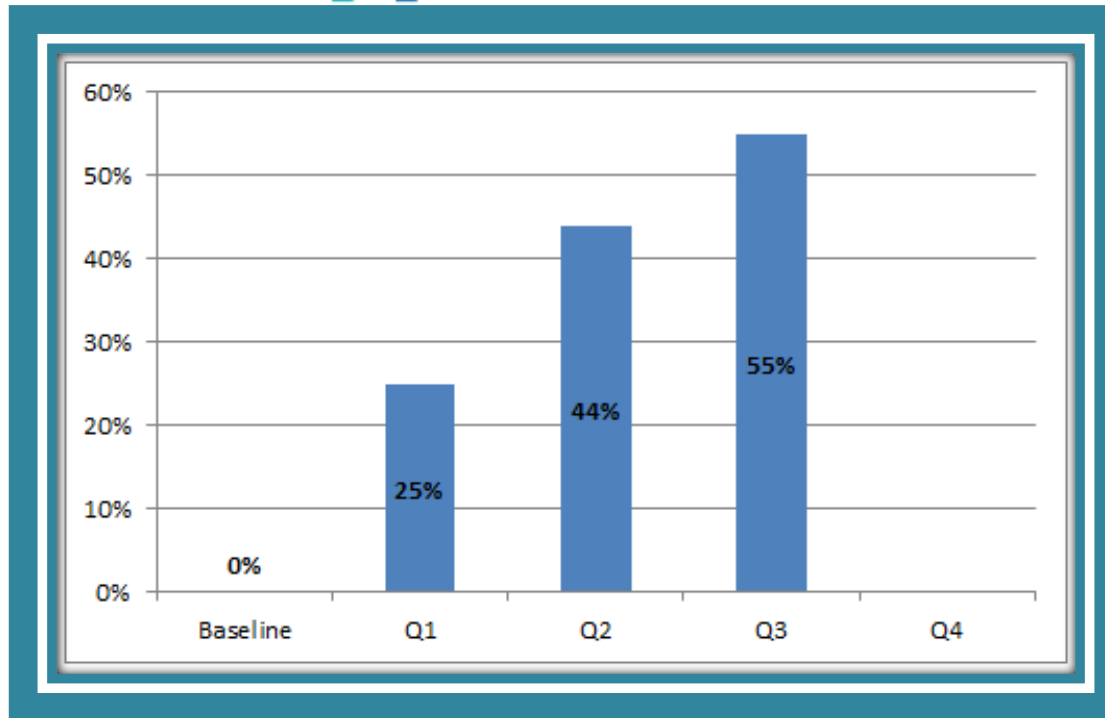
## **Barriers to Care:**

- Population easily falls out of care
- Newly diagnosed youth/Perinatal infections
- Lack of understanding about treatment plans/follow ups

# Documenting a Client's Care Journey

March 2020	April 2020	May 2020	June 2020	July 2020
<p>Appt set for 4/4. Emailed RN to enter labs. Called patient and reminded about appt and to get labs this month.</p>	<p>Patient no showed to appt. Did not get labs. Called patient and rescheduled appt for 5/5. Patient to get labs.</p>	<p>Patient attended appt 5/5. Patient did not get labs. Pharmacy note reports patient filled prescription. Called patient and reminded patient to get labs. Patient agrees.</p>	<p>Still did not have labs drawn. Called patient. Patient reports transportation issues. Arranged LYFT for patient to get labs on 6/6.</p>	<p>VL ND!!! Called patient to discuss results. Scheduled next appt with doctor for 10/10. Patient to have labs in Sept.</p>





**55 Client Cohort**  
**Current: 55%**  
**Goal: 30%**

### Current Successful Strategies:

- Reminder Calls
- Compass, Facebook, Youth Support Group – youth outreach volunteers
- Lyft
- Outreach Services

### Ideas for Future Exploration:

- Contact through Social Media
- Integration of EIS team in non-VLS Youth Workgroup
- Use of MyChart during MCM appointments





# CONTROL

MetroHealth has found substantial success in developing a monthly Non-VLS Youth Workgroup, and intends to continue workgroup into the future to engage youth clients in the TGA.



# University Hospitals

# University Hospitals of Cleveland

## **SMART Objectives:**

~~By January 1<sup>st</sup>, begin case conferencing with Social worker, Nurse Care Coordinator, and Quality Improvement Manager.

~~By January 1<sup>st</sup>, begin intensified case management with nurse coordination for non-virally suppressed youth.

~~By June 1<sup>st</sup>, develop criteria and regulations for Lyft usage and implement program.

## **Target Population:**

Youth 13-24

## **Barriers to Care:**

Transportation  
Retention in Care

## **AIM Statement:**

By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, University Hospitals will improve VLS for Youth 13-24 from 81 to 85%.

## Effects of MT on Youth VLS

University Hospitals is currently conducting a study to research the effects that providing alternative medical transportation methods(Lyft) has on Youth viral suppression.

### **Funding:**

-Program Income

### **Eligible Youth Clients:**

- Those that are not virally suppressed(<200 copies/mL)
- Newly diagnosed
- Those that are erratically in care and only recently virally suppressed

## Case Conferencing

UH has also developed and implemented a case conferencing team for youth clients that utilizes a three-pronged approach to ensure clients are receiving optimal care and becoming virally suppressed.

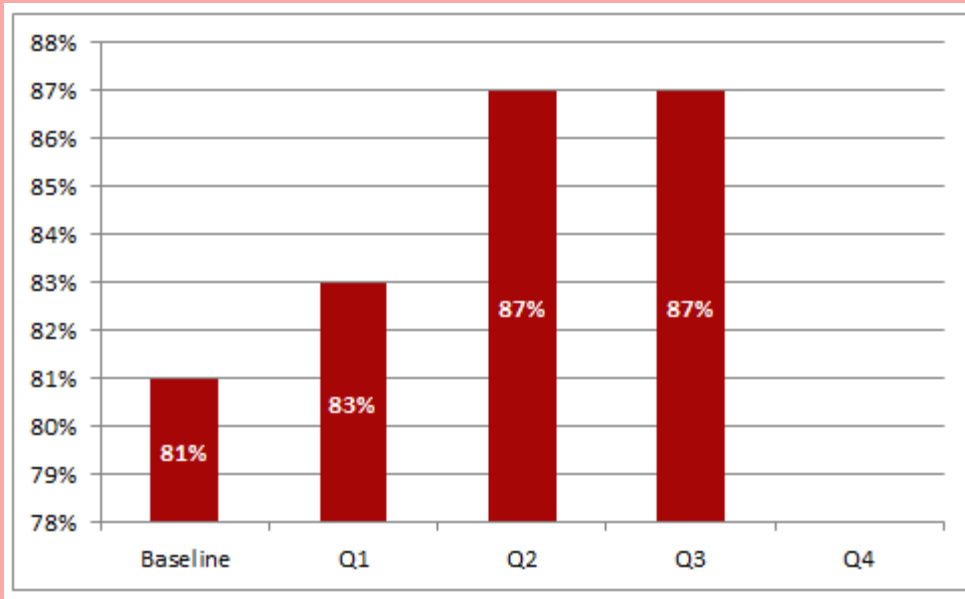




# University Hospitals

The Science of Health. *The Art of Compassion.*

52 Client Cohort  
Goal: 85%



# CONTROL

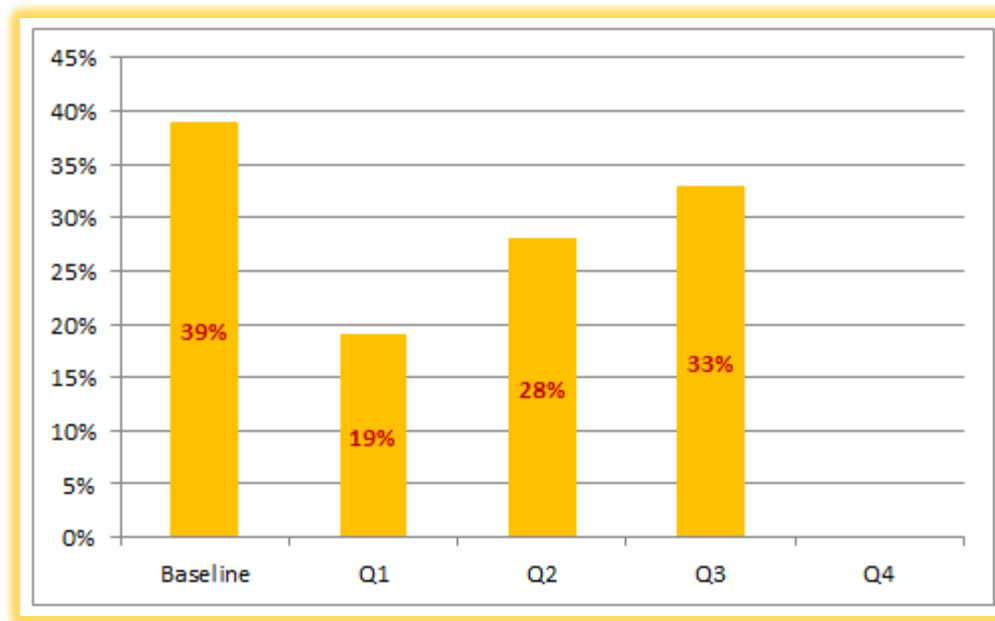
*-Case Conferencing teams will continue into 2021 to provide a multi-pronged approach to youth care.*

*-Lyft usage data low due to COVID-19 pandemic, will look to continue study in future.*

# AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland

**Target Population:** MSM of Color(Brother's Health Connection Program)

**AIM Statement:** By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, ATF will improve VLS for MSM of Color in the Brother's Health Connection Program from 39% to 44%.



**Average Client Count: 32**



In 2020, AIDS Taskforce of GC focused on Phase 2 of the Brother's Health Connection, the transition to normal day to day case management.

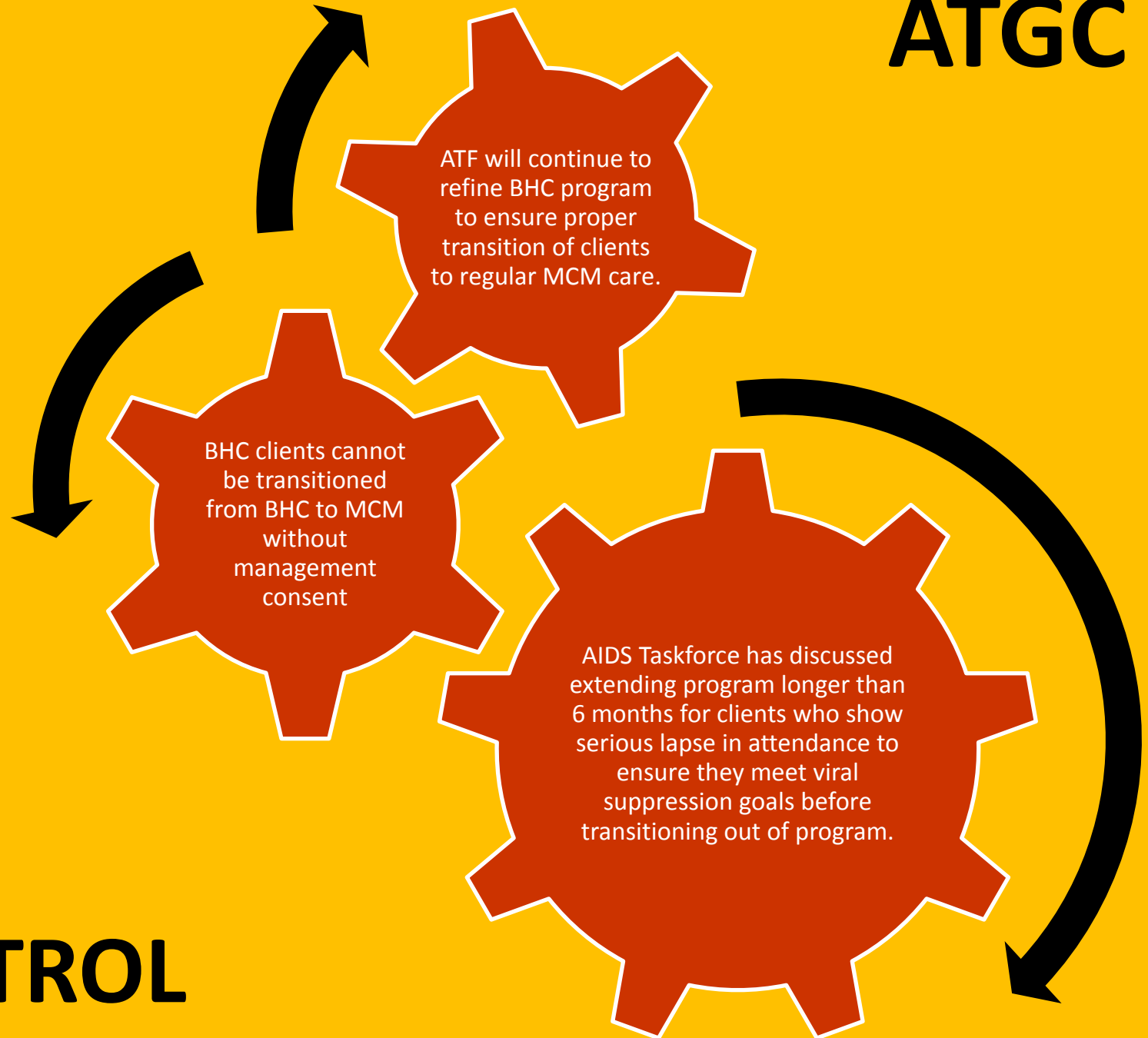
**SMART Objectives:**

- By April 1<sup>st</sup>, develop the process to transition clients from intensive case management through Brother's Health Connection program to regular medical case management
- By June 1<sup>st</sup>, will develop a process to address clients that do not transition from intensive MCM to regular MCM well, to ensure they are not lost to care

**Barriers to Care:**

- Homelessness/Housing
- Client Engagement
- Communication with Clients

# ATGC



# CONTROL

# Circle Health Services



**THE CENTERS**

# Circle Health Services

**Target Population: MSM of Color**

**AIM Statement: By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, Circle Health Services will improve VLS for MSM of color from 83 to 88%.**

**SMART Objectives:**

- **By April 1<sup>st</sup>, create a comprehensive tool that determines patients barriers to coming to appointments and taking medication**
- **By April 1<sup>st</sup>, deliver comprehensive tool to at least 75% of MSM of Color target population**
- **By June 1<sup>st</sup>, utilize intensive case management to address barriers discovered through use of comprehensive tool**
- **By October 1<sup>st</sup>, complete feasibility assessment of offsite case management for erratic clients**

**Barriers to Care:**

**Retention in care**

**Insurance Lapses**

**Transportation**

**Medication Adherence**

**Mental Health**

Developed Barriers Tool  
Questionnaire that addresses:

- Housing
- Employment
- Transportation
- Communication
  - Food
- Substance Use
- Mental Health

\*If client scores 4 or above\*



Enroll in EIS for intensive  
outreach

\*If client scores 3 or lower\*



Enter/Remain in MCM

RYAN WHITE PART A

QAI VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION PROJECT

Barriers Tool Questionnaire

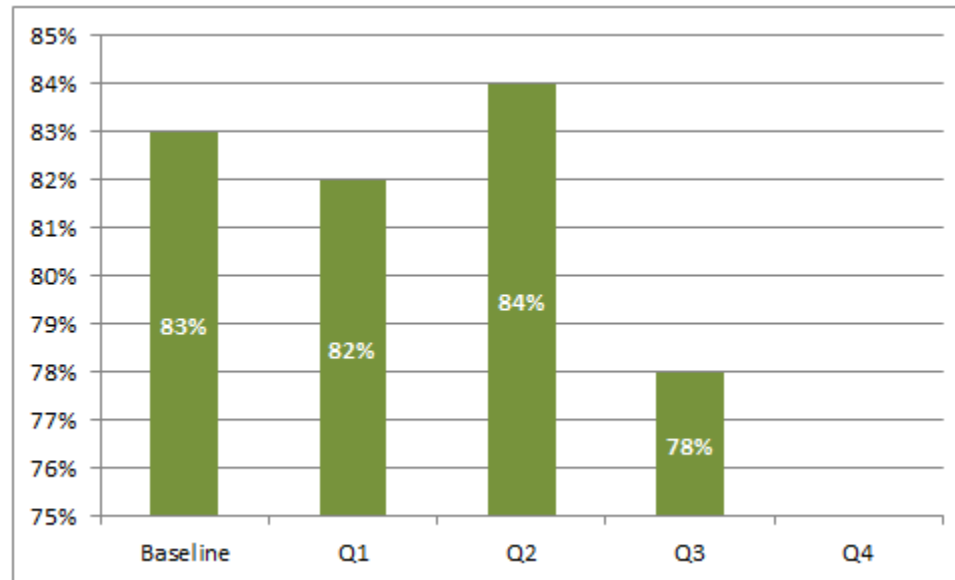
*In the last 6 months, has the client experienced any problems in the following areas?*

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|--|---------|--------|
| 1. Housing:  |         |        |
| a. Is the client homeless?   | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| b. Has the clients address changed in the last 6 months?   | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| 2. Employment:   |         |        |
| a. Is the client unemployed?   | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| 3. Transportation:   |         |        |
| a. Is the client without reliable transportation?  | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| 4. Communication:  |         |        |
| a. Has the client's phone number changed in the last 6 months?   | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| b. Has the client's phone been out of service in the last 6 months?  | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| 5. Food:   |         |        |
| a. Does the client have limited access to food?  | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| 6. Substance Use:  |         |        |
| a. Does the client report illicit substance use including IVDU, methamphetamines, crack cocaine/ cocaine, etc? | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| b. Does the client reports excessive alcohol use?  | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| 7. Mental Health:  |         |        |
| a. Does the client have a positive depression screening?   | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| b. Is the client being treated for a mood disorder?  | Yes (1) | No (0) |

Score:  $\geq 4$  at high risk for missed medications and no shows.

# Circle Health Services

Avg Clients: 63  
Goal: 88%



## Questionnaire Outcomes

- 55 total assessments given thus far: 85% of target population(MSM of Color)
- 10 clients scored 4 or above and enrolled in EIS for intensive outreach

# CONTROL

Circle Health Services saw the following benefits in using the Barriers Tool Questionnaire:

Quick assessment of client needs/barriers

Assess best plan of care for clients on individual basis (EIS or MCM)

Useful for erratic clients that don't come in often

Can be delivered anywhere (offsite/East and West clinics/phone)

Circle Health plans to continue utilizing questionnaire in the future to assess client needs and barriers.

# Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center





### **SMART Objectives:**

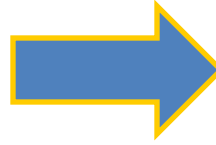
- \* By April 1<sup>st</sup>, develop list of questions regarding medical care that all staff will ask non-VLS clients, and train staff on questions/process.
- \* By June 1<sup>st</sup>, develop a flowchart to depict process that will occur if a red flag comes up when asking client questions regarding medical care.
- \* By October 1<sup>st</sup>, create a spreadsheet to see how many non-VLS clients have been positively impacted by use of this process.

**AIM Statement:** By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, NLURC will improve VLS for MSM of Color from 77% to 85%

**Target Population:**  
MSM of color

**Barriers to Care:**  
Housing instability or homelessness  
Substance Abuse  
Mental Health

Nueva Luz trained staff in all service areas to start utilizing the medication adherence card below when meeting with clients

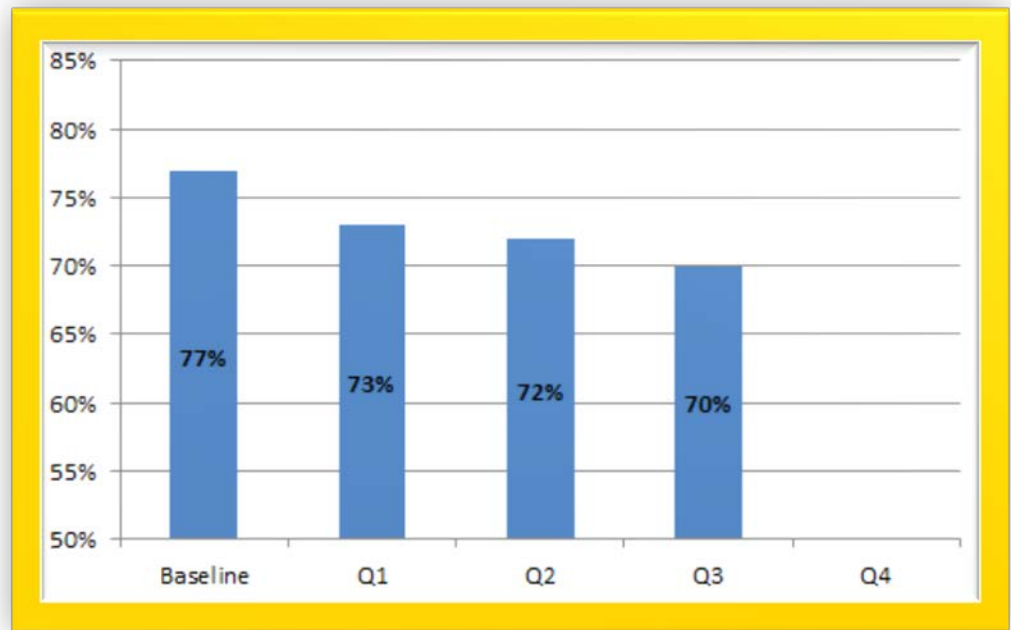


- MCM/NMCM(Housing)
  - Outreach
  - Legal
  - Nutrition
  - Recovery

Medication adherence reference card

- How is everything going with your medications?
  - If **Good** – verify if client takes medication as prescribed.
    - If they are adherent, MCM –offer words of affirmation and encourage adherence, maintain follow up.
    - If they are adherent, Non-medical staff – offer words of affirmation and verify if CT has a case manager. If yes, encourage follow up with MCM.
    - If client does not have a MCM – refer client to NLURC MCM. If MCM is at different agency, obtain release and follow up, or refer to lead MCM to follow up.
  - If **Not So Good** – MCM follow up with client and address concerns.
    - Non-medical staff – verify if client’s MCM is aware of concerns.
      - If YES – follow up with MCM to verify the client’s concerns.
      - If NO – refer client to MCM
- Goal: To encourage HIV treatment adherence and to promote viral suppression.
- MCM = Medical Case Manager (including NMCMs)
- Non-Medical Staff = Housing, Legal, Nutrition, Recovery, Outreach staff.
- Viral suppression, according to RW Part-A <200
- Treatment adherence = taking medications as prescribed, attending ID appointments, complying with ID doctor’s treatment recommendations.

**Avg Clients: 166**  
**Goal: 85%**



NLURC has been running their staff trainings since project start – 11 so far covering:

- HIV and mental illness
- Medication adherence & resistance
- PrEP
- Cultural competence
- Futures without violence





Tracking Table (example)

Client Name	Follow up Date	Staff name
John Doe	10/7/2020 10/10/2020 10/20/2020	Jean Luc. Alison Keyana

## Control

COVID-19 impacted ability to fully rollout project during 2020 due to interpersonal conversation approach. Plan to fully implement intervention in 2021 to test impact.

# Family Planning Services of Lorain

# Family Planning Services of Lorain County



**Target Population:**  
All HIV+ clients

**AIM Statement:** By December 31, 2020, FPL will improve VLS for all HIV+ clients from 75% to 80%

**SMART Objectives:**

Communication with clients out of care

Connecting clients to services/resources

**Barriers to Care:**

By April 1<sup>st</sup>, explore need/feasibility of acquiring work cell phone for client communication

By June 1<sup>st</sup>, create standardized consent form for client contact permission

By Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, create standardized language for text messages

*While cell phone acquisition delayed due to COVID-19, FPL utilized this time to develop forms for seamless integration of cell phone into day to day operations.*

**Consent Form allows EIS worker ability to send:**

- **Doctor Appt. reminders**
- **Lab Draw reminders**
- **Check-in messages**
- **Missed Appt. notifications**
- **Assess barriers to care**
- **Provide knowledge of community resources**

**Support Group Example:**

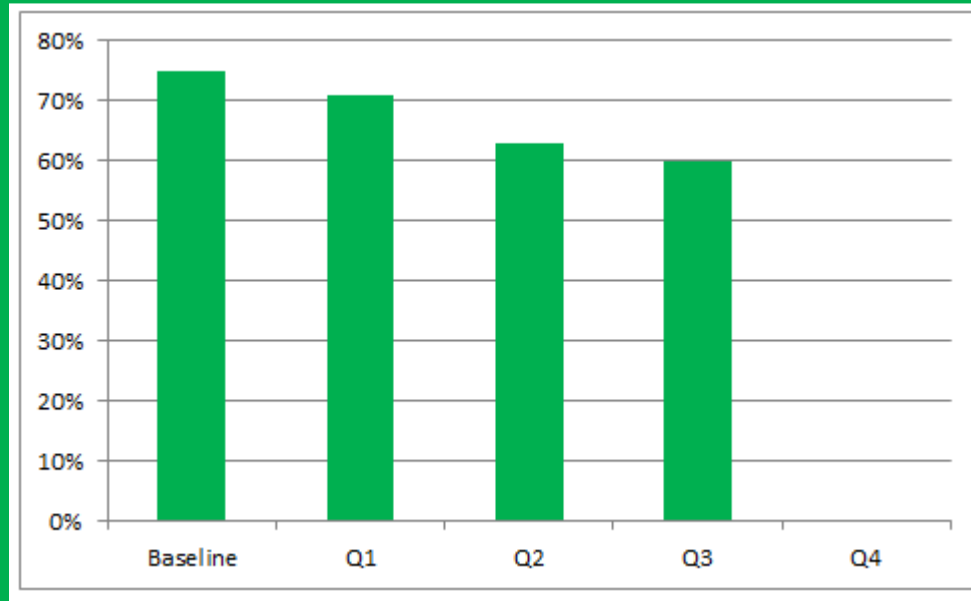
Hello, this is Family Planning Services of Lorain County with a reminder of a support group at X time at X location. Please call Summer at X number if you have any questions.

**Community Resources Example:**

Hello, this is Family Planning Services of Lorain County, X community resource is available. Please call or text this number for more information.



**Avg. Clients: 6**  
**Current: 60%**  
**Goal: 80%**



## **CONTROL**

Project focused on devising plan for use of company cell phone for outreach to clients, will implement in 2021 when phone can be acquired.



Mercy Health

# Target Population: Non-VLS Clients

**AIM Statement:** By December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, Mercy Health will improve VLS for non-VLS clients from 0% to 50%.



## SMART Objectives:

- By March 30<sup>th</sup>, develop a document to determine barriers to care that non-VLS clients are facing
- By March 30<sup>th</sup>, meet with regional EIS partner and share document
- By September 30<sup>th</sup>, record and address all of the barriers noted by clients

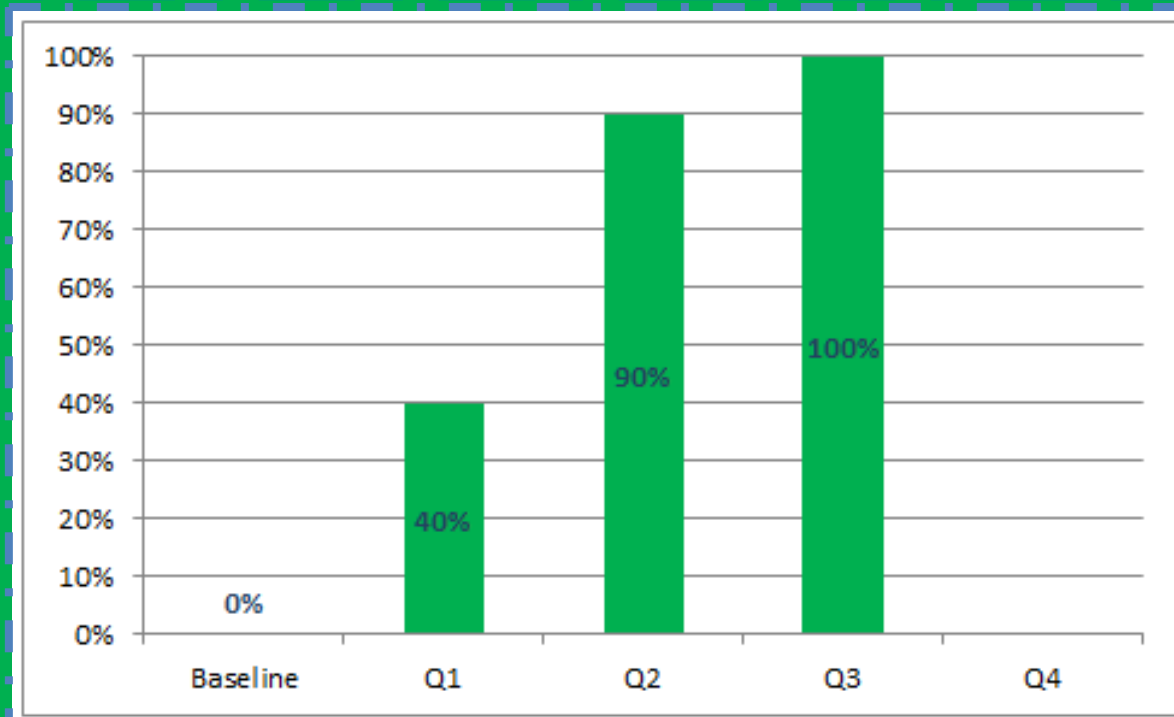
## Barriers to Care:

- Communication with clients
- Transportation
- Staffing Shortage
- Medication Adherence

# Key Activities:

- Created list to track non-VLS clients/latest labs
- Collaborated with regional EIS partner to find clients and address barriers
- Tracked non-VLS clients throughout year to help them become medically adherent and virally suppressed

Avg Clients: 10    Goal: 50%



# Control

After testing out the non-VLS tracking list, Mercy Health decided that it did not factor into a patient becoming medically adherent, and will not continue to utilize it in the future.

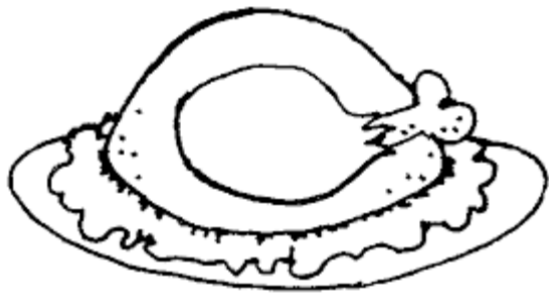
Through this process, Mercy Health found that communicating with clients via text message helped to address some barriers to care, so that method will continue to be used for clients who may be erratically in care.



# Next Steps

- Data collection for Q4 of 2020 projects
  - Submission due early January to Part A office
- Start thinking of CY2021 Project Ideas
  - Look out for email to set up January meeting dates for project set up
- Slide Deck/Minutes will be emailed to CQMC soon
  - Also can be found at <https://www.ccbh.net/ryan-white-provider-resources/>

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