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Western New York Bridging Gaps in  
Care for the Medicaid Population

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- Father Richard E. Zajac -opening reflection.



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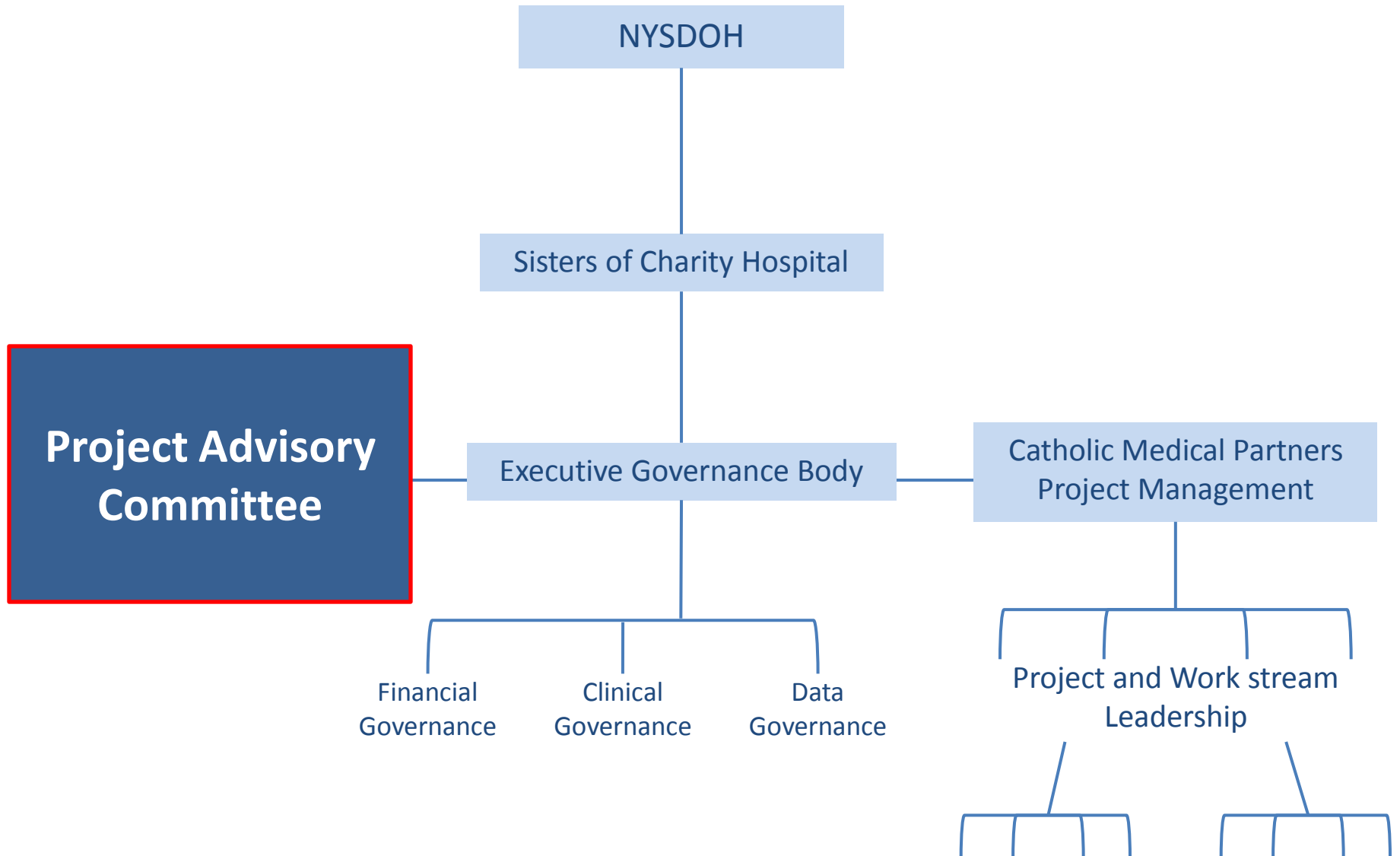
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# Community Partners of WNY PPS Organizational Structure:



# Project Advisory Committee

- Open forum advisory committee to the EGB
- Offers regular feedback on project implementation and progress
- Representation from providers, Medicaid beneficiaries, health care workers, community organizations, union members, representatives of Medicaid managed care plans, representatives from our 3 counties, and a representative of the local RHIO
- Interested in continuing to contribute to the PAC please fill out the form



# PAC Feedback Exercise

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3. Suggestions for success of projects and work streams
4. New partner recommendations



# Community Partners of WNY Region



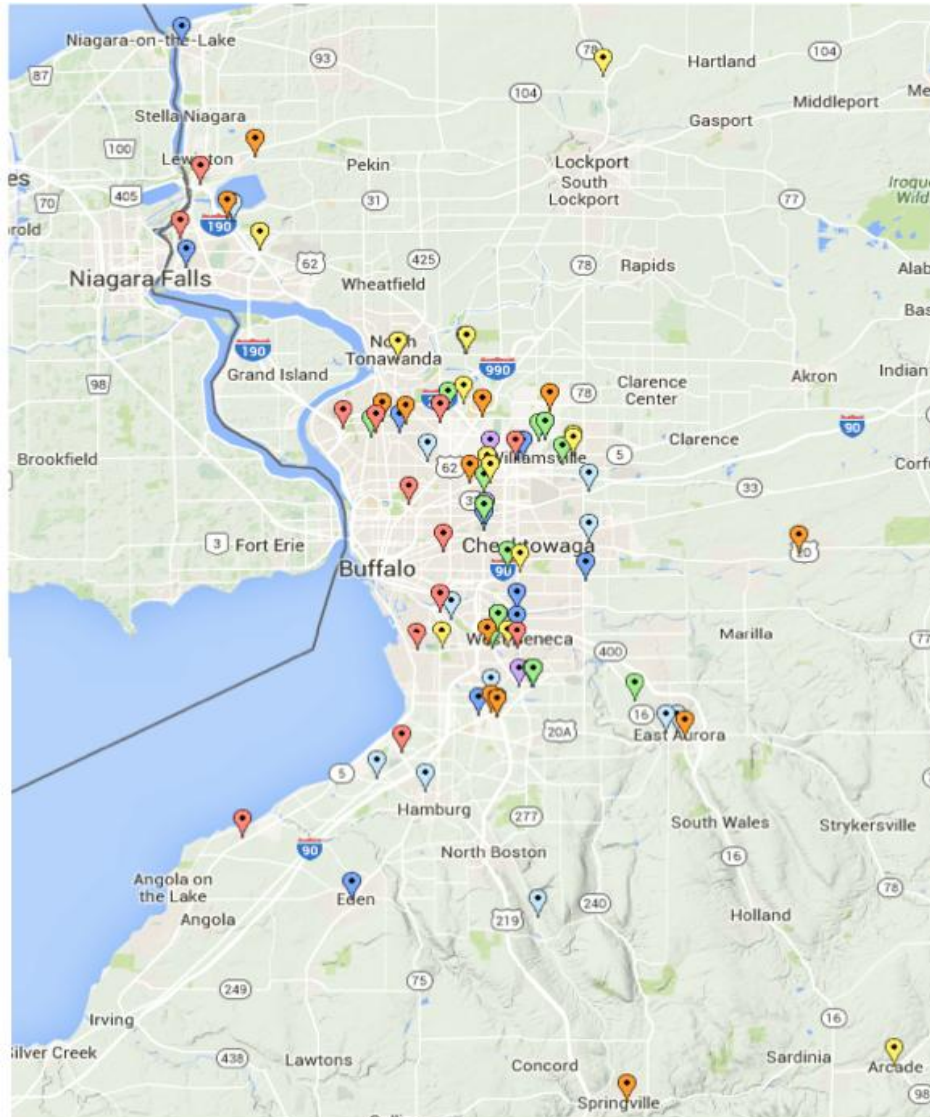
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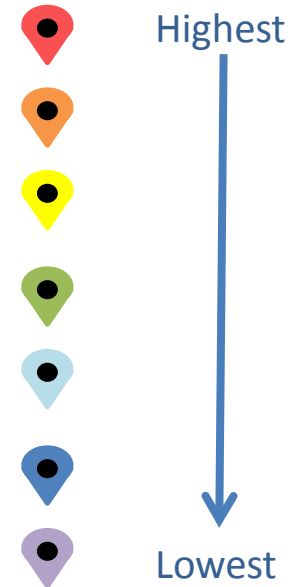
# Serving the Medicaid Population

## Provider Types:

- Primary Care (399)
- Specialists (1173)
- Hospitals (15)
- Clinics (25)
- Health Home/ Care Management (13)
- Behavioral Health (73)
- Substance Abuse (16)
- Skilled Nursing/ Nursing Homes (31)
- Pharmacy (5)
- Hospice (2)
- Community Based Organizations (26)



## Number Patients Served:



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In June 2015 alone, our hospitals  
saw **72** Medicaid patients  
with **3 or more** ED visits  
accounting for **258** total visits,  
averaging **3.6** visits per person.



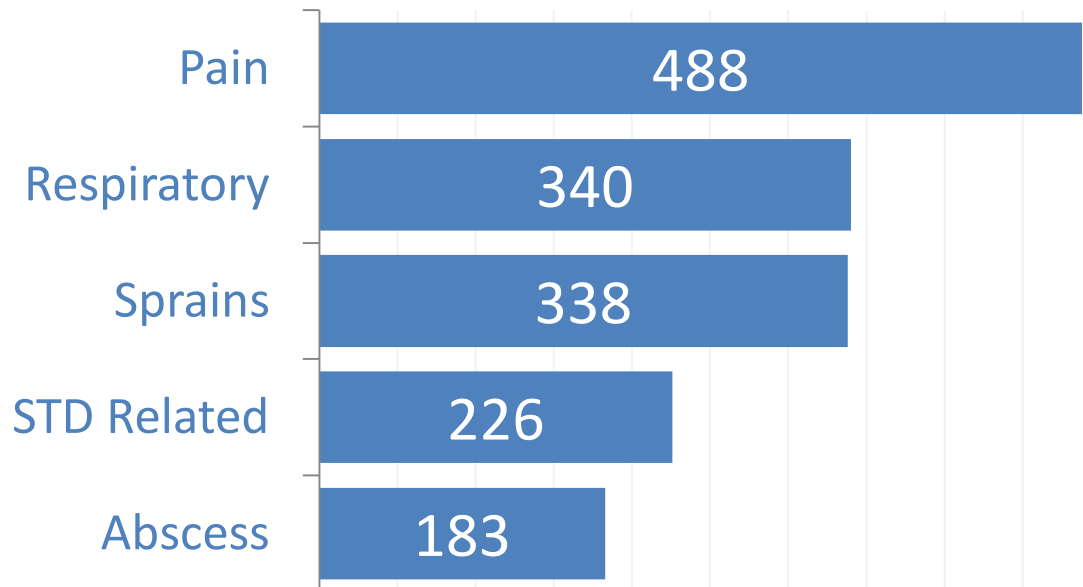
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# System Wide Non-Acute Medicaid Visits (Acuity 4 and 5), January - June 2015

13,655

## Medicaid ED Visit Count by Top Diagnoses (Sisters of Charity Hospital), January-June 2015



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# Bridging the Gaps in Care

Goal: Reduce health disparities in the Medicaid population in Western New York

## Objectives:

1. Reduce unnecessary hospital utilization by 25% over the next five years
2. Improve health status by demonstrating improved preventive care and management of chronic health conditions



THE WESTERN NEW YORK POPULATION AT A GLANCE  
**1,544,000 PEOPLE**

**MORE THAN 15.8%**  
OF THE POPULATION  
IS AGE 65 AND OLDER

(compared to 13.6% in New York State)

**11%**   
OF THE WNY POPULATION  
HAS A DISABILITY

(almost double the NYS percentage)

WNY HAS A HIGH PREVALENCE  
OF CARDIOVASCULAR  
DISEASE-RELATED CONDITIONS

7.6%  
CORONARY HEART

9.1%  
CARDIOVASCULAR

32.7%  
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE



**30.2%**



OF ADULTS IN WNY  
ARE OBESE

**18.9%**



OF ADULTS IN WNY  
BINGE DRINK

**20.8%**



OF ADULTS IN WNY  
SMOKE CIGARETTES



**12.1%**  
OF BABIES ARE  
BORN PRE-TERM

MATERNAL  
MORTALITY RATE  
**26.8/100,000**  
BIRTHS  
IN WNY



 10.9% OF HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES  
OCCUR IN MEDICAID MOTHERS

**Only 69.5%**

OF CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED  
INSURANCE PROGRAMS HAVE HAD THE  
RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF WELL CHILD VISITS

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

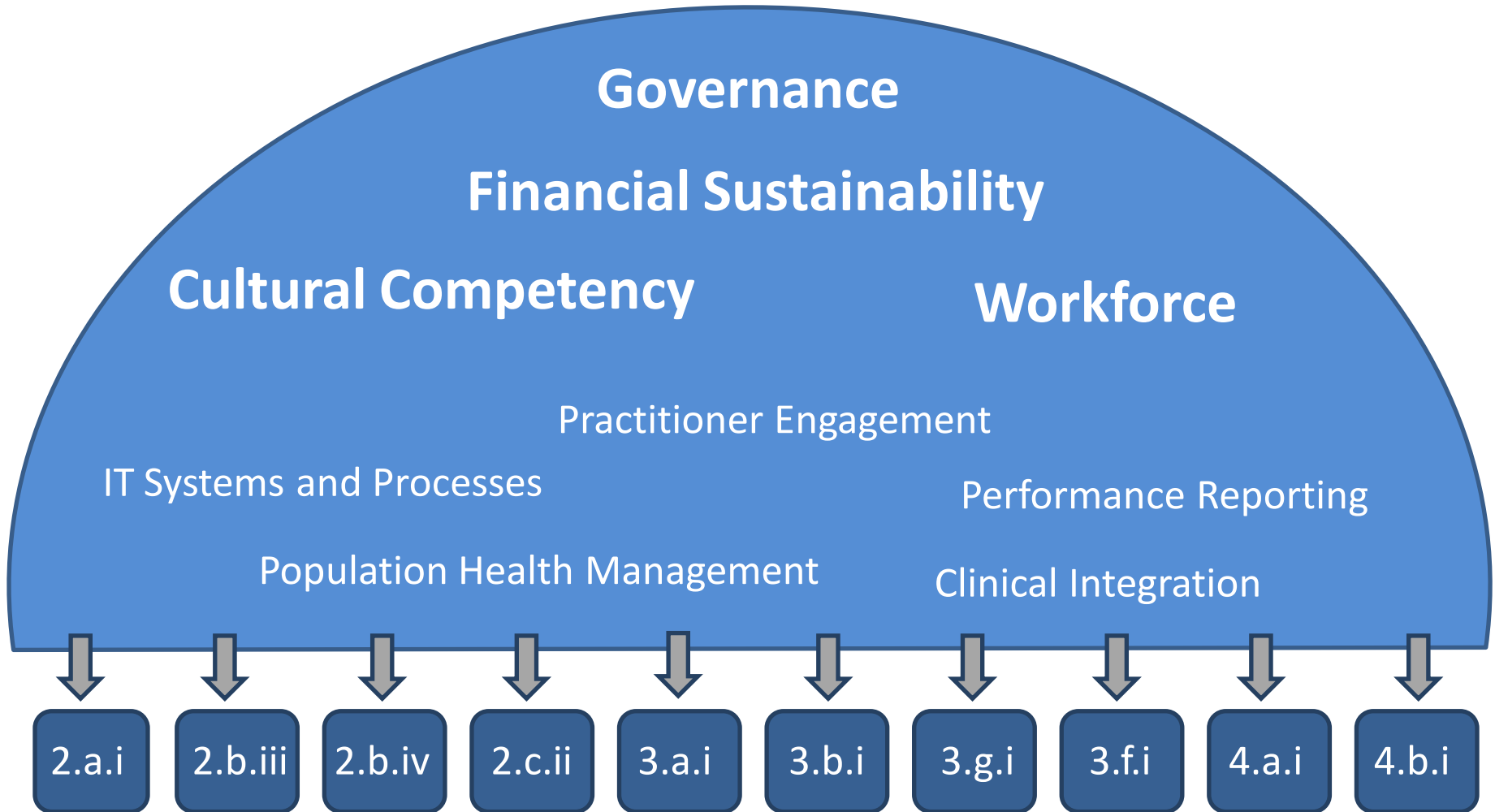
15%  
WNY

10%  
NYS

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD  
INCOME IS  
**\$49,304**

(15% below the NYS median of \$58,000)

# DSRIP Grant Structure



# Major Themes of DSRIP

- Enhance primary care using Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Model
- Improve care coordination and access to resources
- Improve cultural competency and health literacy
- Build health information technology infrastructure
- Develop a sustainable funding model
- Reduce unnecessary hospital use
- Integration of services



# CPWNY DSRIP Initiatives

- **2.a.i Create Integrated Delivery Systems that are focused on Evidence-based Medicine and Population Health Management**
- **2.b.iii Emergency Department triage for at-risk patients**
- 2.b.iv Care transitions model to reduce 30-day readmission for chronic health conditions
- 2.c.ii Expand usage of telemedicine in underserved areas to provide access to otherwise scarce services
- **3.a.i Integration of primary care and behavioral health services**
- **3.b.i Cardiovascular Health- Evidence-based strategies for disease management in high-risk affected populations (adult only)**
- **3.f.i Increase support programs for maternal and child health through the Nurse Family Partnership Model**
- 3.g.i Integration of palliative care into the PCMH model
- **4.a.i Promote mental, emotional and behavioral (MEB) well-being in communities**
- 4.b.i Promote tobacco use cessation, especially among low SES populations and those with poor mental health



# Project Leads

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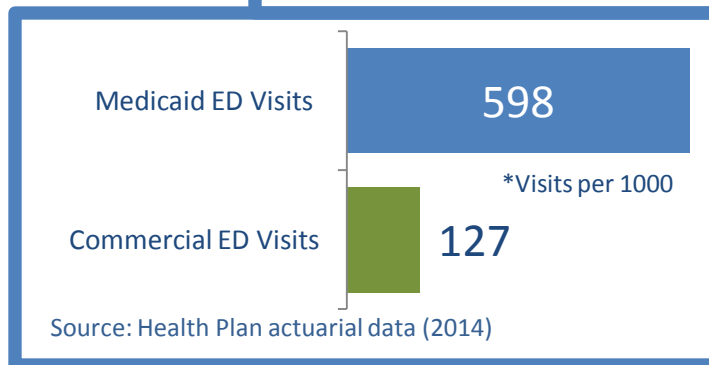
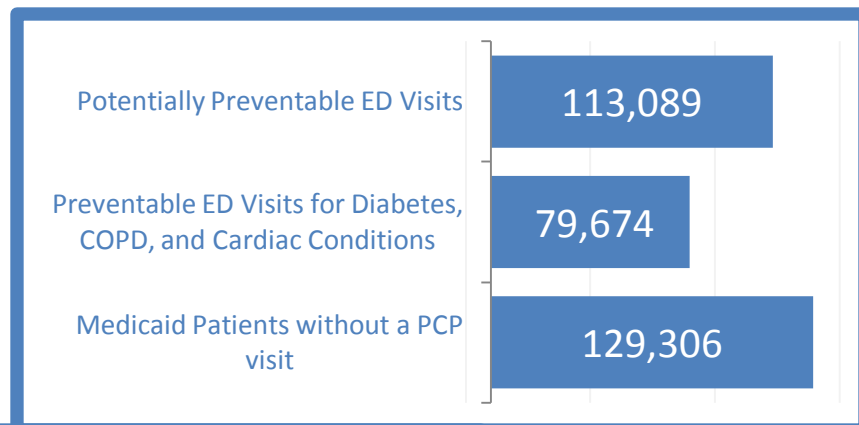


# Emergency Department triage for at-risk patients

**Measured on:** The number of participating patients presenting to the ED, who after medical screening examination were successfully redirected to a PCP as demonstrated by a scheduled appointment.

## Progress:

- Identified EDs with highest volumes of preventable admissions
- Identified peak hours of preventable utilization by site
- Collaborate with Health Homes to refer high-risk patients
- Begin planning to address gaps



Source: NYS Department of Health ED PPV by County (2012), total from Erie, Niagara, and Chautauqua.

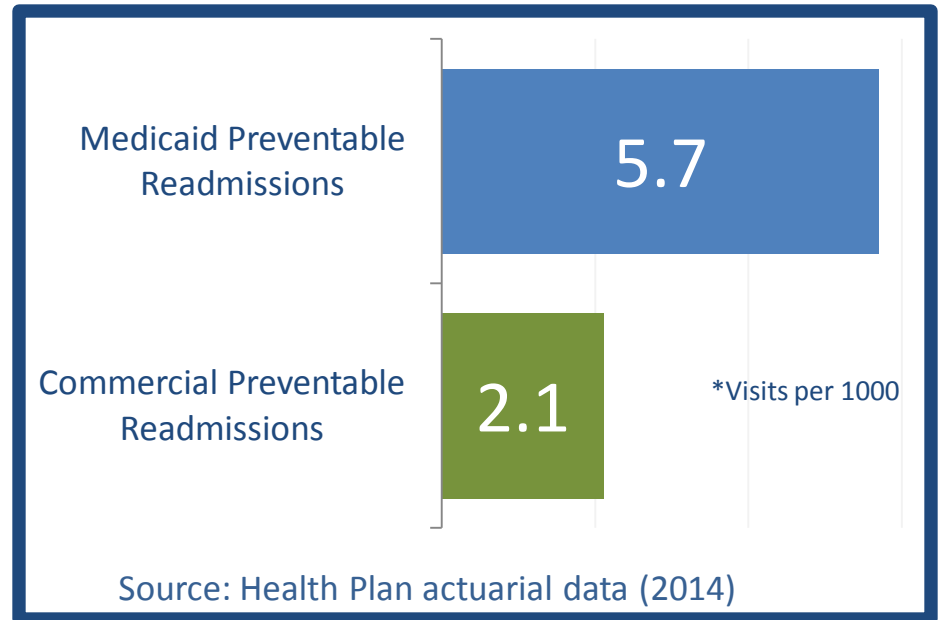


# Care transitions model to reduce 30-day readmission

**Measured on:** The number of participating patients with a care transition plan developed prior to discharge.

## Progress:

- Meeting with Primary care practices to determine existing care management capabilities
- Identify areas where additional resources are needed
- Identify best practices for care transitions



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# Expand usage of telemedicine in underserved areas

**Measured on:** The number of participating patients who receive telemedicine consultations.

## **Progress:**

- Select Vendor-Specialists on Call
- Plan to begin roll out at WCA Hospital
- Expand TM to other hospital partners

## WNY Community Needs Assessment Identified:

- 14,100 Rural Households without a vehicle
- 70% of all Specialists are located in Erie County
- 2/3 of Mental Health providers are in Buffalo and its Suburbs
- 3/4 of OBGYN Providers are in Erie County



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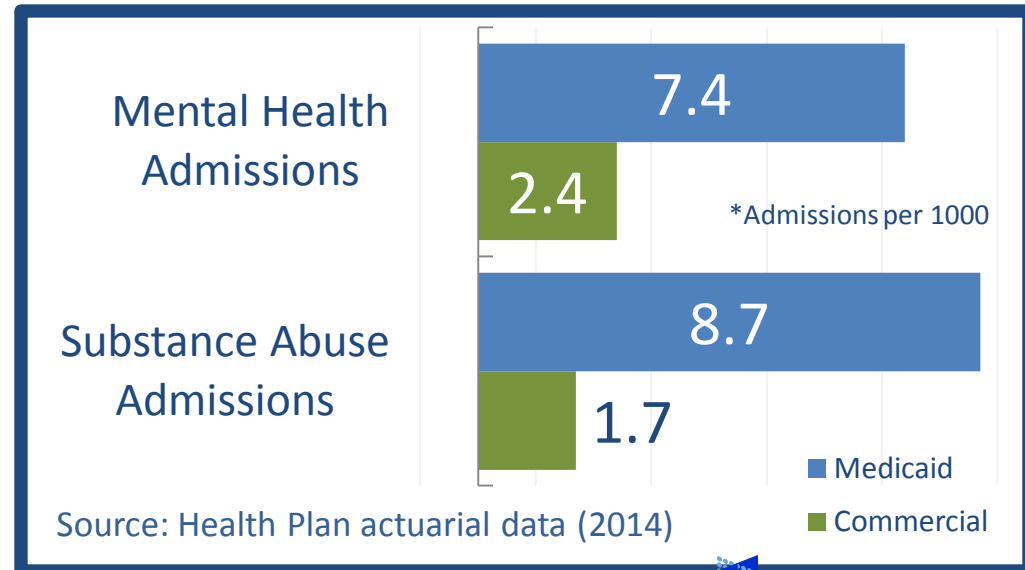
# Integration of primary care and behavioral health services

## Measured on:

1. The total number of patients receiving appropriate preventive care screenings that include mental health/SA.
2. The total number of patients receiving primary care services at a participating mental health or substance abuse site.

## Progress:

- Identify primary care practices and behavioral health providers interested in coordinating services
- Meetings with Millennium Collaborative Care to coordinate on overlapping practices
- Discussion of different models of integration that comply with state and federal regulation

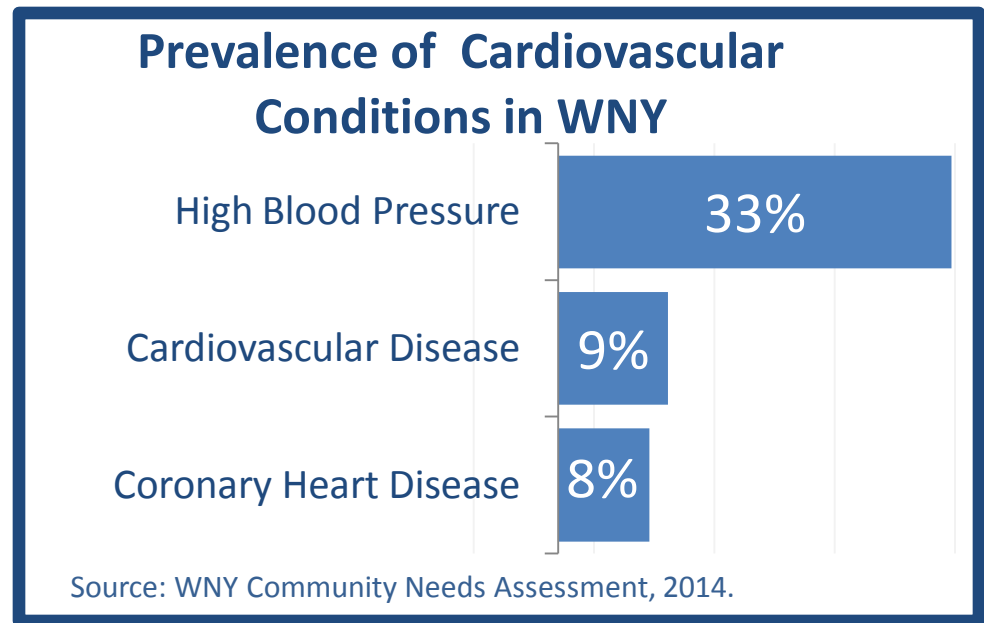


# Cardiovascular Health- Evidence-based strategies for disease management

**Measured on:** The number of participating patients receiving services from participating providers with documented self-management goals in medical record (diet, exercise, medication management, nutrition, etc.).

## Progress:

- Meeting with Primary care practices to determine existing care models and use of patient self-management goals
- Select national evidence-based guidelines for cardiovascular conditions
- Begin planning strategy for PPS-wide adoption of selected guidelines

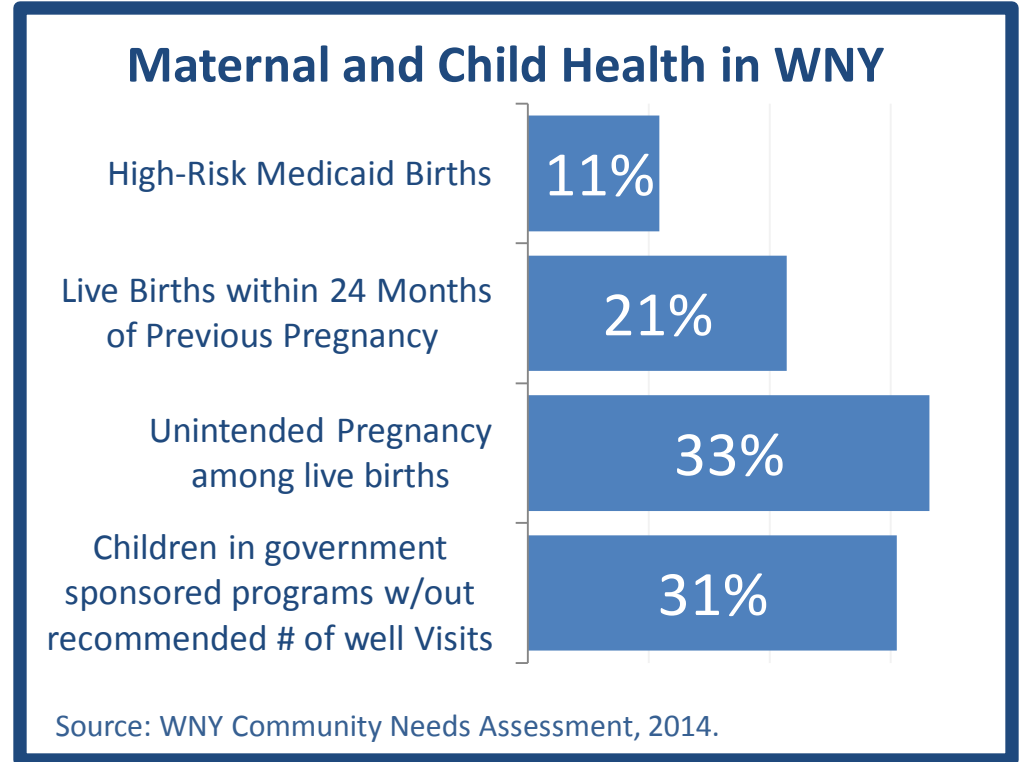


# Adopt Nurse Family Partnership Model

**Measured on:** The number of expecting mothers and mothers participating in this program.

## Progress:

- Meetings with local organizations to develop a referral network
- Working on participation agreement with NFP
- Hiring and training new nurses and project leadership
- Begin enrolling high-risk moms in Chautauqua County in September



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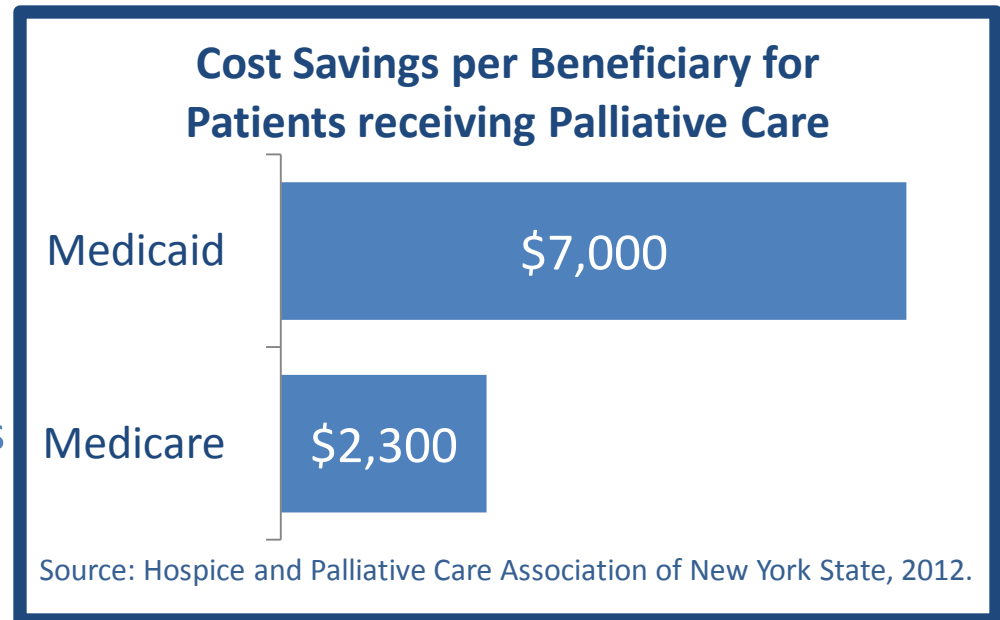
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# Integration of palliative care into the PCMH model

**Measured on:** The number of participating patients receiving palliative care procedures at participating PCMH sites, in accordance with the adopted clinical guidelines.

## Progress:

- Identify practices with high volumes of eligible Medicaid patients
- Meetings with Safety net clinics and designated PCMH practices to discuss integration possibilities
- Discussions and trainings on different models of integration
- Begin enrolling patients by the end of August

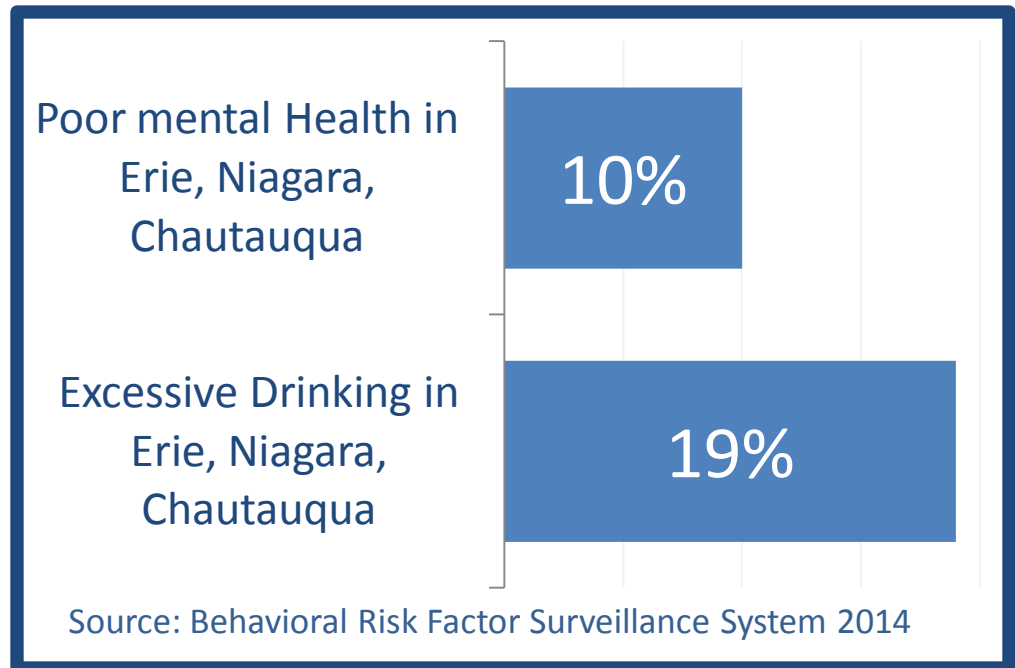


# Promote mental, emotional and behavioral (MEB) well-being

**Measured on:** Metrics established by our project team

## Progress:

- Use the Community Needs Assessment to identify greatest need for MEB services
- Select programs to expand based on identified community need
  - Teen Intervene
  - Wellness in the workplace
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - Compeer, etc.
- Work with Millennium Collaborative Care to coordinate projects



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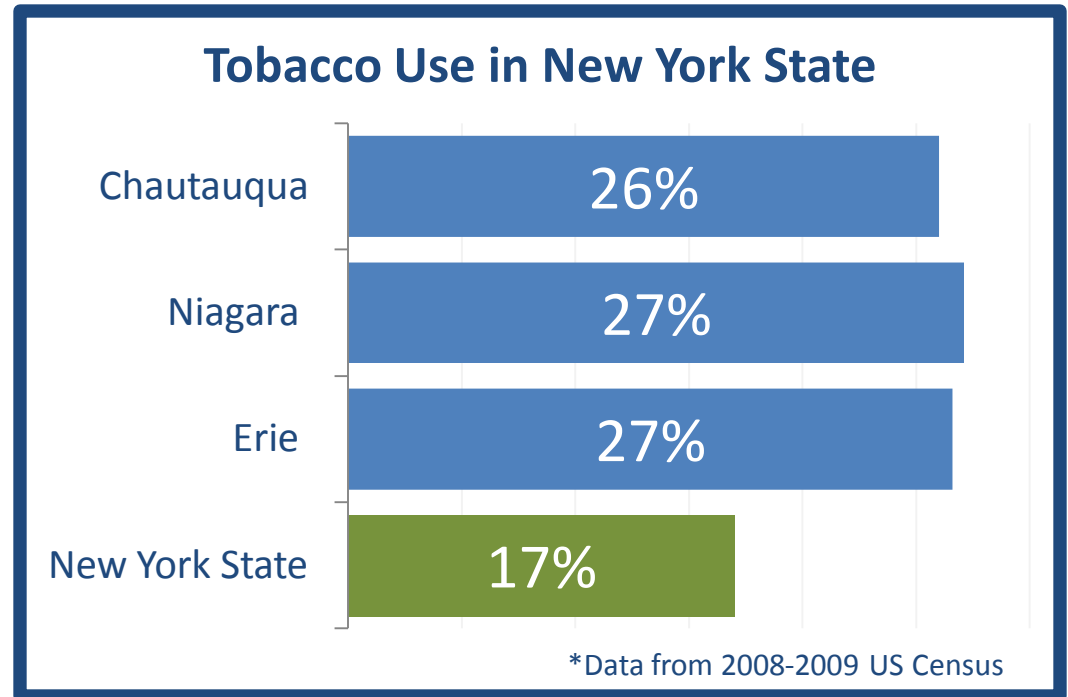


# Promote tobacco use cessation

**Measured on:** Metrics established by tobacco project team

## Progress:

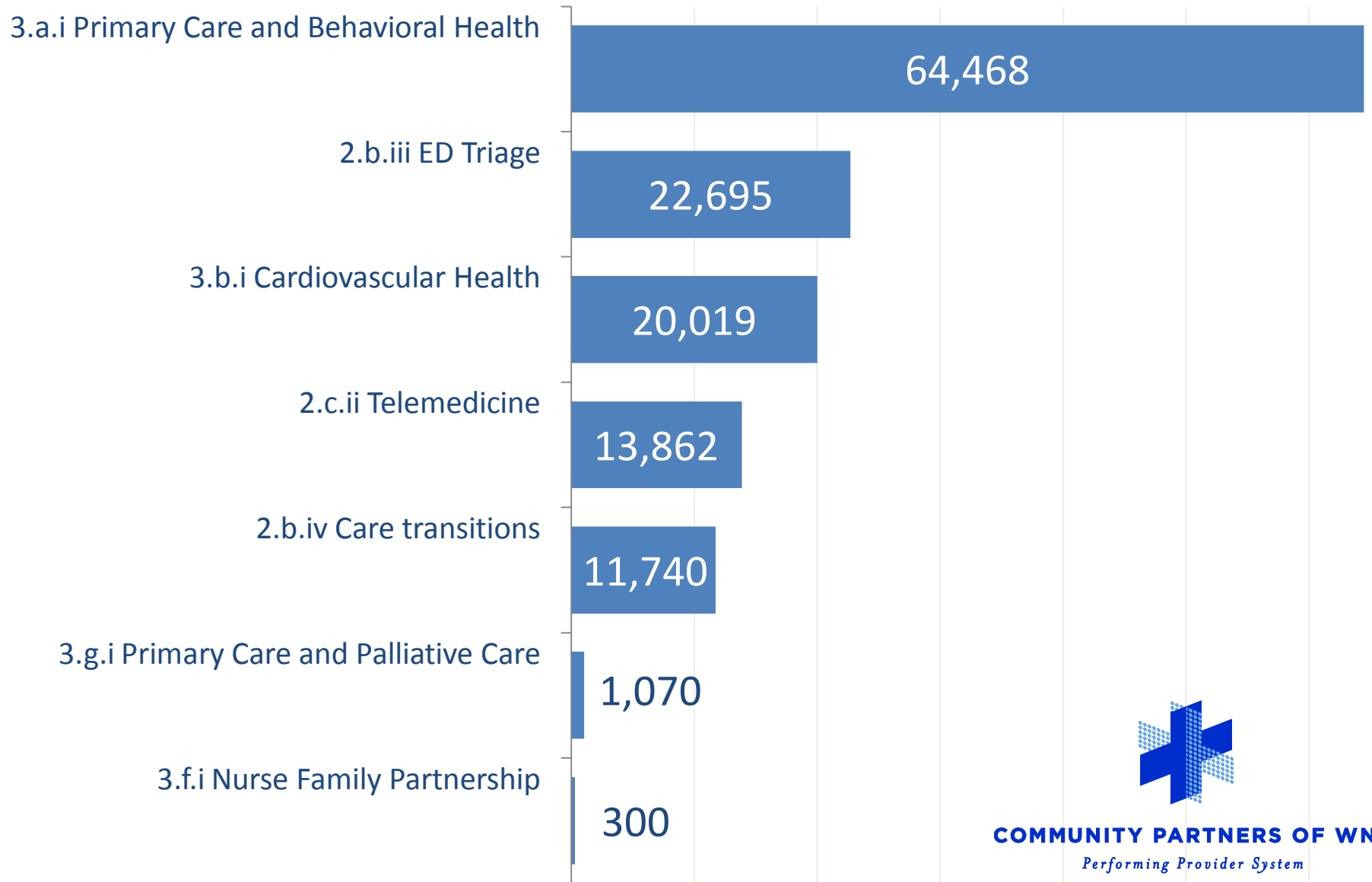
- Expanding relationships with current PPS partners and the NYS Smoker's Quitline
- Work with the team of the Cardiovascular project to coordinate efforts



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# CPWNY Patient Engagement Commitments



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# Cultural Competency and Health Literacy

- Finalize cultural competency and health literacy strategy by December 31, 2015.
- The strategy should:
  - Identify groups experiencing health disparities
  - Identify factors to improve access to quality primary , behavioral health , and preventive care
- Develop a training strategy focused on addressing the drivers of health disparities (beyond the availability of language-appropriate material) by March 31, 2016.
- Deliverable: Describe training programs delivered, participant-level data and training outcomes.



# Cultural Competency and Health Literacy

## Progress:

- Collaborating with P2 Collaborative and Millennium Collaborative in developing a strategy
- Formalizing a survey of our partners on what they currently have in place for cultural competency and health literacy
- Formed an ad hoc meeting to advise
- Continue to collaborate and attend joint meetings to address this work stream as a “community”.



# Workforce Strategy

- Due with the October 31<sup>st</sup> Submission (DY1 Q2)
- Working on hiring a contractor to complete this work stream



# Financial Sustainability

- The Finance Governance Committee (FGC) has been established, consisting of six members from CPWNY partners.
  - Monthly meetings since May, 2015.
- Specific tasks of the Finance group include:
  - Reporting on the receipt and distribution of project funds
  - Development of an annual budget for CPWNY PPS
  - Review Financial Stability of CPWNY and partners
  - Ensure the development and maintenance of an effective compliance plan
  - Assess baseline of network for Value Based Payments, and develop a plan to achieve 90% value-based payments across network by year 5 of the waiver



# Upcoming Deliverables for Partners

- Feedback from Today's Meeting
- Cultural Competency and Health Literacy Survey sent out September 30, 2015
- Information Technology Capabilities Survey
- Tax ID Forms
- HEALTHeLINK sign ups
- Service Agreements
- Training



# Upcoming Opportunities for Partners

- Regulatory Waiver Requests – Due Sept 15, 2015
  - DOH, OMH, OASAS and OPWDD to waive certain regulatory requirements for DSRIP projects and capital projects associated with DSRIP
  - Waivers apply to all patients regardless of payer
- Opportunity to Add Partners – Mid September
  - Addition of new providers that can contribute to performance
  - Any provider will need to have been added through the appropriate attestation process.
  - Please contact the PMO with recommendations for additional partners





# Community Partners of WNY Executive Governing Board

- Peter Bergmann, President and CEO, Sisters of Charity Hospital
- Michael Edbauer, DO, Chief Medical Officer, Catholic Medical Partners
- Dennis Horrigan, President and CEO, Catholic Medical Partners
- Christopher Kerr, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Hospice Buffalo
- Joyce Markiewicz, President and CEO, Catholic Health Home and Community-Based Care
- Mark Sullivan, Executive VP and COO, Catholic Health
- Bruce Nisbet, President and CEO, Spectrum Human Services
- Michael Osborne, VP of Finance, Catholic Health
- Bart Rodrigues, Senior VP and Chief Mission Officer, Catholic Health
- Edward Stehlik, MD, Chairman of the Department of Medicine, Kenmore Mercy Hospital
- Grace Tate, VP of Community Initiatives and Human Resources, Buffalo Urban League
- Dennis Walczyk, CEO, Catholic Charities of Buffalo
- Betsy Wright, President and CEO, WCA Hospital



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# Community Partners of WNY Leadership Team:

- Dennis Horrigan, President and CEO, Catholic Medical Partners
- Michael Edbauer, DO, CMO Catholic Health
- Carlos Santos, MD, CMO Community Partners of WNY
- Rachael Nees, Director of Grants, Catholic Health
- Thomas Schifferli, DSRIP Interim Director
- Patti Podkulski, Director of Medical Policy and Accreditation
- Dapeng Cao, PhD, Manager of Healthcare Analytics
- Sarah Cotter, Director of Clinical Transformation
- Peggy Smering, Director of Care Management
- Cara Petrucci, Project Coordinator



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Thank You!



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# Questions?

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