



# Collaborative Care:

## Case Study of Integrating Primary Care in a Mental Health Setting

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# Objectives

- Examine a reverse co-location model of collaborative care
- Identify important features of model
- Present challenges and stimulate discussion on how to overcome challenges
- Identify others who might be interested in helping us improve this model



# **The Case for Integrated Care**

**People with severe mental illness die  
25 years earlier than the general population  
(on average)**

(60% due to physical health conditions  
...COPD, CAD, Cancer)



# Why Reverse Co-Location?

- Medical home in a community based outpatient practice is right for most patients **but not all patients.**

Patients with severe mental illness:

- » often need for frequent mental health services
- » may require specialized care:
  - ability to connect with community mental health resources
  - team based care with focus on behavioral health
  - ability to deal with crisis
- » may feel more comfortable in behavioral health setting



# WakeBrook

- Inpatient Unit: 16 beds (soon to be expanded to 28)
  - » 500-600 admits per year
- Residential Facility Based Crisis Unit: 16 beds
  - » 500 admits per year
- Residential Detox Unit: 16 beds
  - » 900 admits per year; #1 alcohol, #2 opioids
- Crisis and Assessment Services: 12 chairs
  - » 5000 patients per year
- Child Psychiatry Clinic
- Substance abuse treatment program for pregnant and/or parenting women and their children
- Primary Care Service

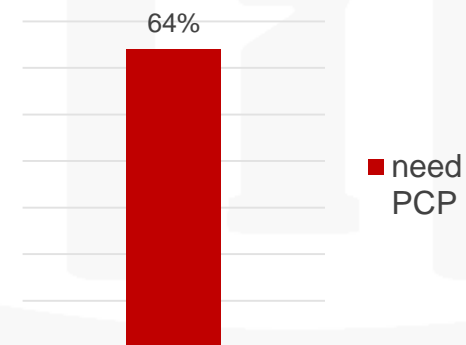
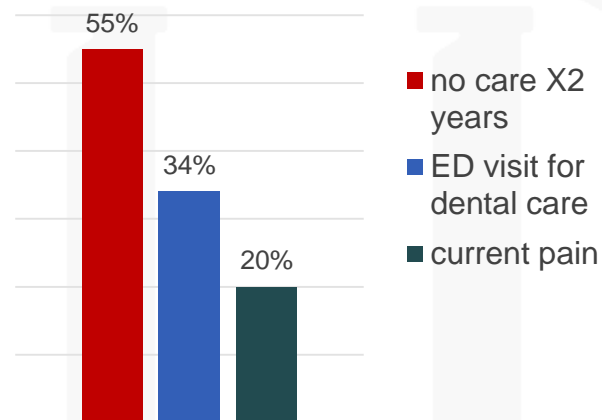
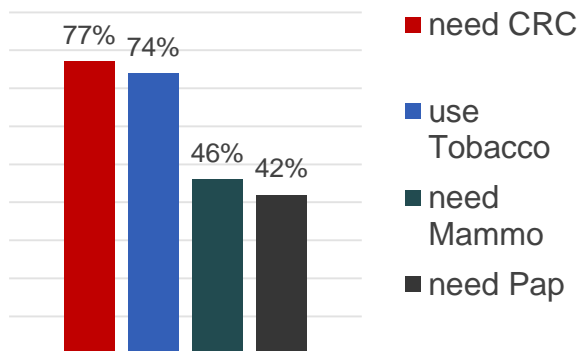
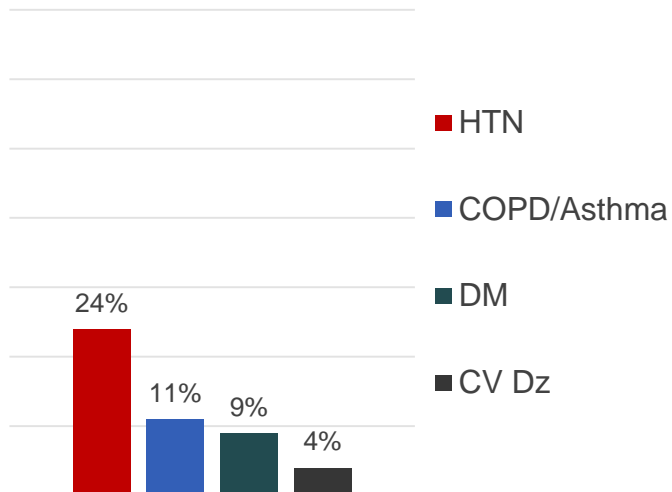


# WakeBrook Primary Care Service

- **Staffing:**
  - » MD Medical Director: 0.4 FTE
  - » MD supervision: 1.0 FTE
  - » FNP/PA: 3.5 FTE
- **Description of Work:**
  - » Intake physicals and consultations on units
  - » Full scope outpatient family medicine office for patients with SMI
    - Coordinated and accessible care over time
    - Focus on quality improvement
    - Team based care with behavioral health



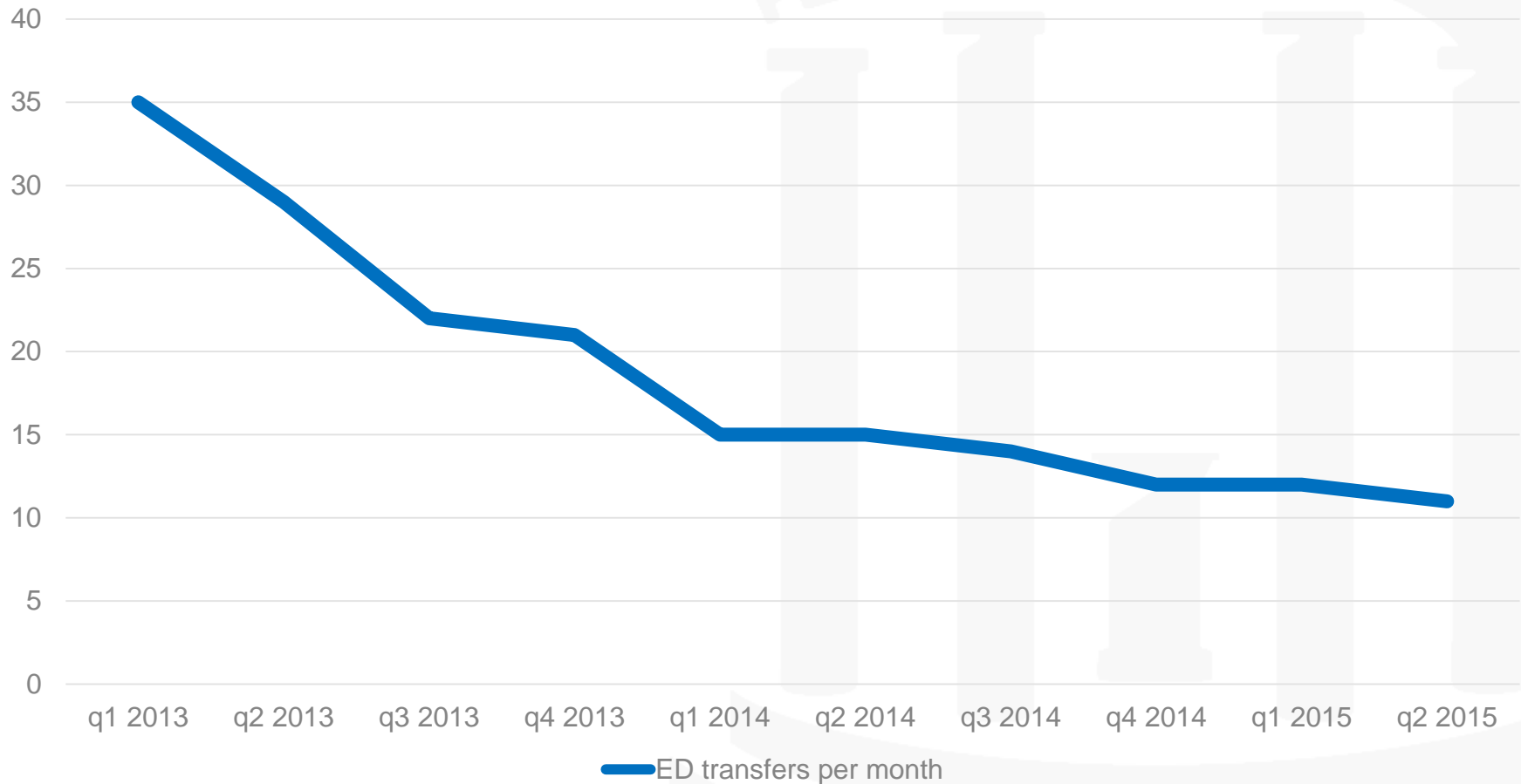
# Needs Identified on Units





# Early Impact of our Work on Units

ED transfers/month from Wakebrook for Medical Reasons







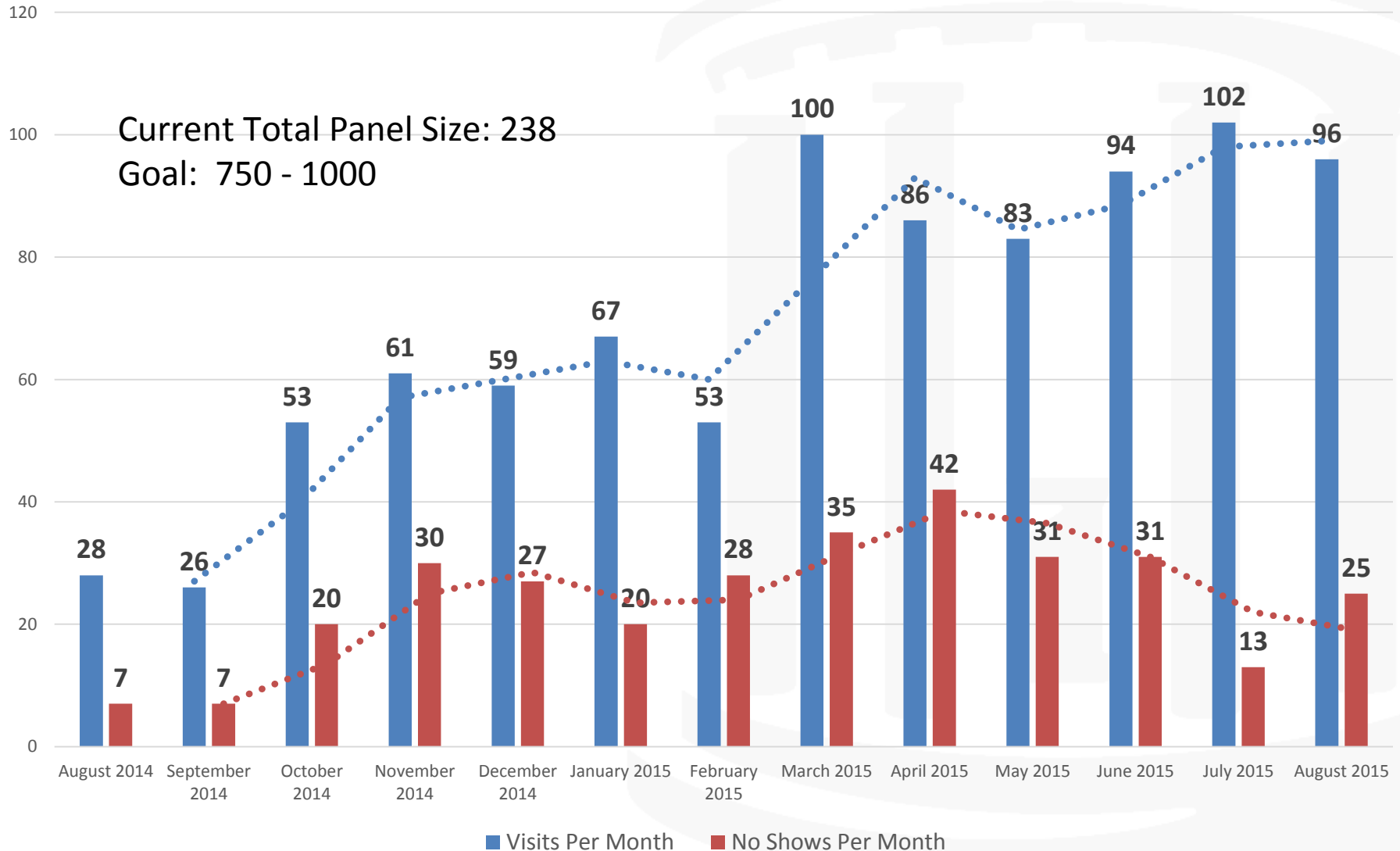
# Our Primary Care Practice Team

- Flex clinicians who work on units
- Full time RN with care manager role
- Full time office manager with quality improvement role
- Pharmacy technician (50%)
- Dental team (dental students with faculty supervision)
- Peer support (100%)

Note: positions in red being added currently (SAMHSA funded)  
start up funds provided by UNC HCS and Wake County



# Growing the Primary Care Office



# The Clients in our Primary Care Office

| Physical Health Diagnoses | n   | %   |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| HTN                       | 107 | 45% |
| DM                        | 43  | 18% |
| COPD                      | 25  | 11% |
| CAD                       | 10  | 4%  |
| Psychiatric Diagnoses     | n   | %   |
| Psychotic Disorder        | 177 | 74% |
| Severe Mood Disorder      | 22  | 9%  |
| Personality Disorder      | 20  | 8%  |
| Substance Use Disorder    | 56  | 24% |

| Insurance Status (%) |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Medicaid             | 28% |
| Dual                 | 16% |
| Medicare             | 26% |
| Other Govt           | 5%  |
| Private              | 3%  |
| Uninsured            | 22% |

| Behavioral Health Connection | n  | %   |
|------------------------------|----|-----|
| UNC ACT team                 | 47 | 20% |
| Fellowship ACT team          | 5  | 2%  |
| Easter Seals ACT team        | 2  | 1%  |
| Carolina Outreach ACT team   | 5  | 2%  |
| STEP clinic                  | 60 | 25% |
| Naftel                       | 15 | 6%  |
| WakeMed                      | 6  | 3%  |



# Triple Aim Dashboard for Quality

|                                 | 9/1/2015 |      |
|---------------------------------|----------|------|
| Population Health               | n        | %    |
| Tobacco Use                     | 160      | 67%  |
| BMI >30                         | 133      | 63%  |
| DM with systolic >140           | 13       | 30%  |
| DM with A1c >9                  | 5        | 12%  |
| HTN with SBP >140               | 36       | 34%  |
| eligible women with Pap q3 yrs  | pend     | pend |
| patients >50 with CRC screen    | pend     | pend |
| Cost                            | n        | %    |
| Emergency room visits past 3 mo | pend     | pend |
| Hospitalization past 3 months   | pend     | pend |
| Patient Experience              | n        | %    |
| Time to third available appt    | pend     | pend |
| Cycle time                      | pend     | pend |
| Patient satisfaction            | pend     | pend |



# Challenges

- Develop long term financial viability
  - » Contracts that pay for value not for volume
  - » Collect data for utilization outside of our office
- Find most effective and efficient ways to communicate with behavioral health team
- Measure patient experience