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# USING DATA TO TELL THE STORY

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Outcome and Data Recommendations for  
Medical Respite Programs

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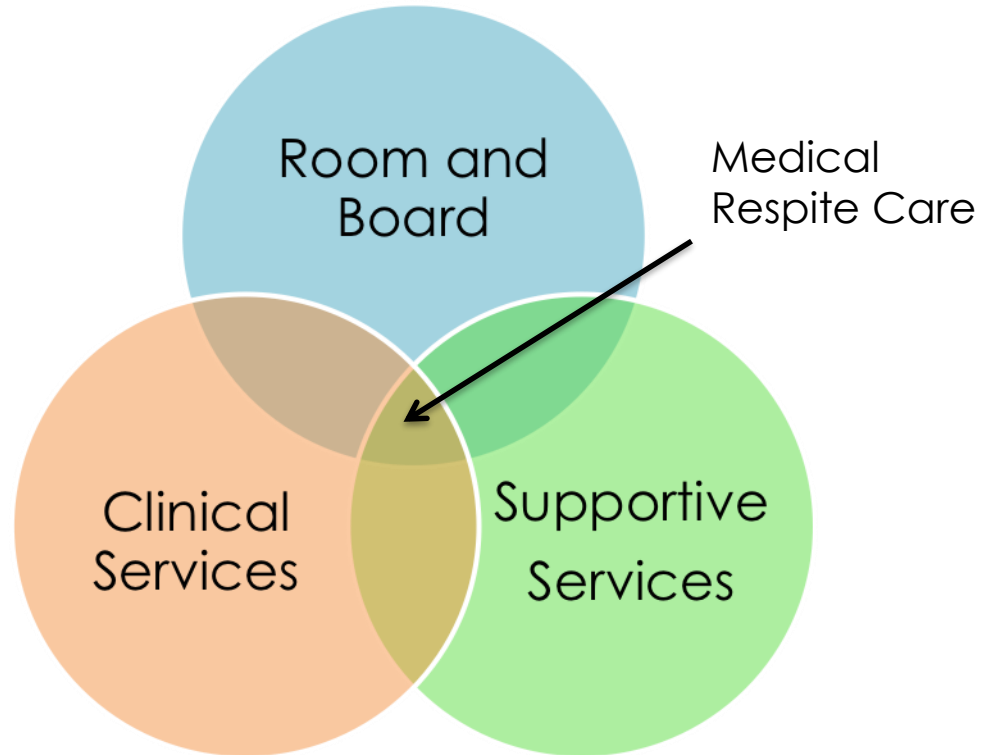
# MEDICAL RESPITE: DEFINITION

- Acute & post-acute care for people who are homeless who are too ill or frail to recover from sickness or injury on the street, but not sick enough to warrant hospital level care
- Short-term residential care that allows people who are homeless to rest in a safe environment while accessing medical care and support services
- **NOT:** skilled nursing facility, nursing home, assisted living, BH step-down, or supportive housing

## Diversity of Programs

- Size
- Facility
- Length of stay
- Staffing & services
- Admission criteria

# MEDICAL RESPITE CARE



# LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

Bethlehem Haven Medical Respite

Bridgewell/ LCHC RCC

Center for Respite Care

Central City Concern

Cottage Health RCP

Heading Home

HOPE Adult Shelter & Recuperative Care Center

Sister Mavis Jewel Medical Respite

National Health Foundation

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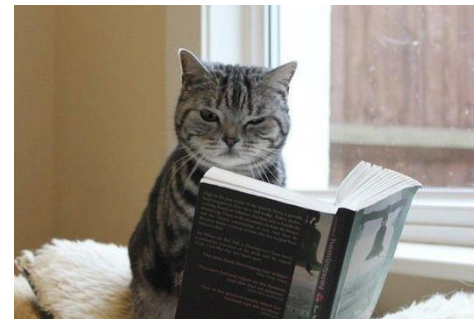
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## Bethlehem Haven Medical Respite: CY 2019





## Bethlehem Haven and Allegheny Health Network Pilot

- Started in 2016
- 10 Beds (5 at 1410, 5 at Wood Street Commons)
- AHN Provided: Nurse, CRNP, Home care services
- New Bethlehem Haven position: Respite Care Coordinator
- Pittsburgh Mercy's Mobile Medical Unit and Psychiatric Consults



## PHASE II: Adding UPMC, UPMC Health Plan and a new building

- Moved in to 905 Watson June 2018
- 29 Beds (10 UPMC, 5 UPMC Health Plan, 14 AHN)
- The role of Pittsburgh Mercy: onsite medical care from the Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center
- Expansion of Respite team
- AHN transitioned all onsite care to Pittsburgh Mercy in January 2019



- Bethlehem Haven's Medical Respite Program Provides short-term residential housing coupled with post-acute medical care to support an individual's recovery from illness or injury. Individuals may be homeless, unstably housed, or do not have a family member or friend to care for them.
- Bethlehem Haven's Newly renovated Medical Respite Program offers private rooms and access to on-site dining and laundry. The Program's professional staff provide individualized case management to encourage adherence to medications, physician instructions and follow-up appointments, thus decreasing the probability of future hospitalizations



### Brief overview of referral process:

- Allegheny Health Network utilizes their Center for Inclusion Health consult service
- UPMC Hospitals send referral to Pittsburgh Mercy Medical Respite Team
  - Chart review and Nurse visits patient in the hospital to review level of care and make sure patient is appropriate for Medical Respite
- Unconventional referrals
  - Case by case basis



## Example of the format of referrals:

**Respite Referral MRN (insert Medical Record number) (abbreviation for the hospital) (Date)**

**Example: Respite Referral MRN 000000000000 PUH 8/30/18**

**Body of the email:**

**Name:**

**DOB:**

**Insurance (carrier and policy number):**

**Unit/floor/room (including bldg.):**

**Anticipated Discharge:**

**Recuperative Need:**

**Unit contact:**

**Brief Summary:**



### Bethlehem Haven Medical Respite Team--Staffing

- Social Worker
- 1.5 Nurses
- Housing Coordinator
- Care Coordinator
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Counselor)
- Medical Providers (Part-time: PA and MD)
- Residential Support Staff (24 hr coverage; 7 days/week)
- Administration
- Complemented by Home Care



Some strategies utilized while at Respite

- Daily Huddle
- Weekly Operations Meeting
- 1:1 sessions
- Housing Plan
- Housing consults
- Weekly Community Meetings
- Groups: Art Therapy, drug and alcohol, etc.
- Medical visits with onsite Physician Assistant



## Some of the Services Linked to While in Respite

- Home Health
- Primary Care
- Medical Specialist Appointment
- Medication/Pharmacy
- Benefits Coordination
- Identification: Social Security Card, Birth Certificates, IDs
- Permanent Housing and other Housing Resources
- Outpatient Behavioral Health Treatment
- Health Plan Case Management
- Operation Safety Net
- Community Life Programs
- Employment
- Service Coordination





## DECISIONS AROUND DATA

- What Data Can We Control
  - Admissions, Reasons for Admissions, Length of Stay, Disposition, Service Linkage, Satisfaction Survey, Demographic information, diagnoses while at Respite, etc.
- What Data Do We Not Have Access To
  - Information about health needs and utilization pre/post Respite stay, insurance utilization information, etc.



## DECISIONS AROUND DATA

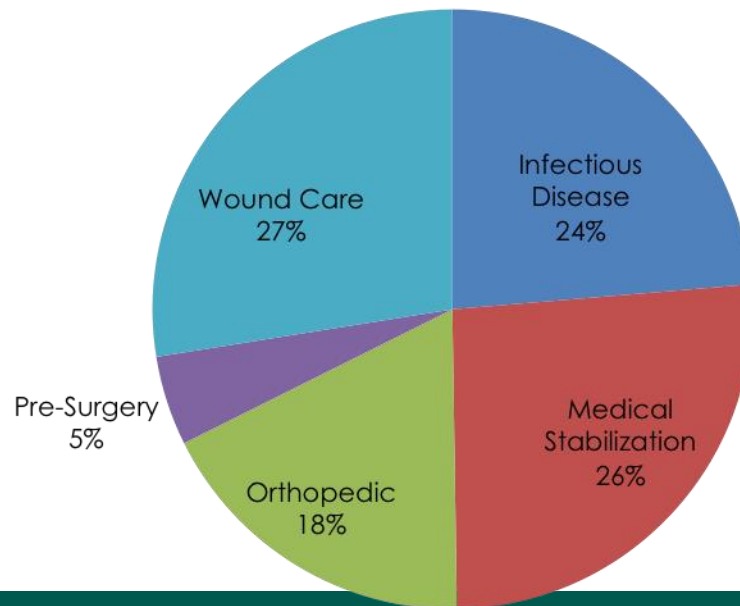
- Focus on what we can control, collaborate on the information we do not have access on.
  - Build strong partnerships, meet regularly
- Use the information we can control
  - Continuous program evaluation: we use data to learn about our program and to make improvement
- Identify barriers and plan to make adjustments
  - When we started, primarily on paper for documentation and data collection; implemented a medical record



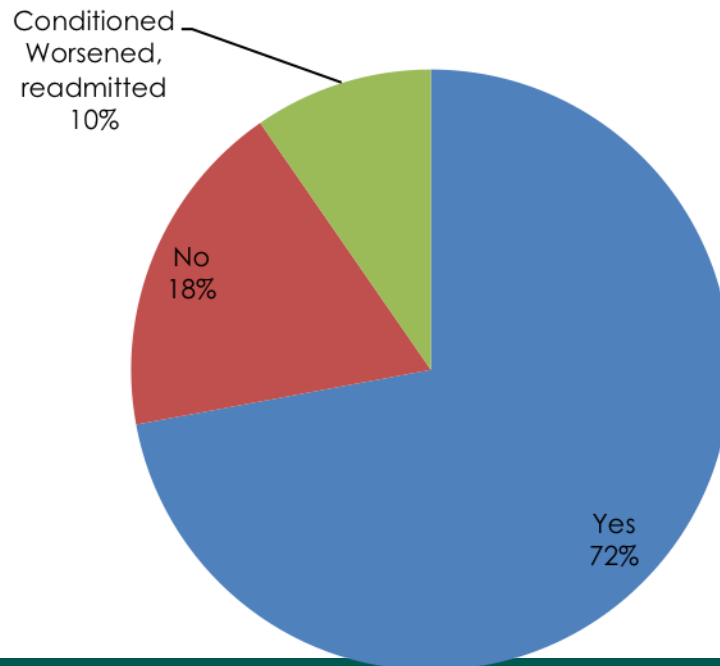
# Bethlehem Haven Medical Respite

- Total Admissions (6/15/18 to 1/31/20)
- 208
- Total Discharges (6/15/18 to 1/31/20)
- 197
- Average Length of Stay (6/15/18 to 1/31/20)
- 34.19 Days

## Reason for Admission



# Completed Medical Treatment



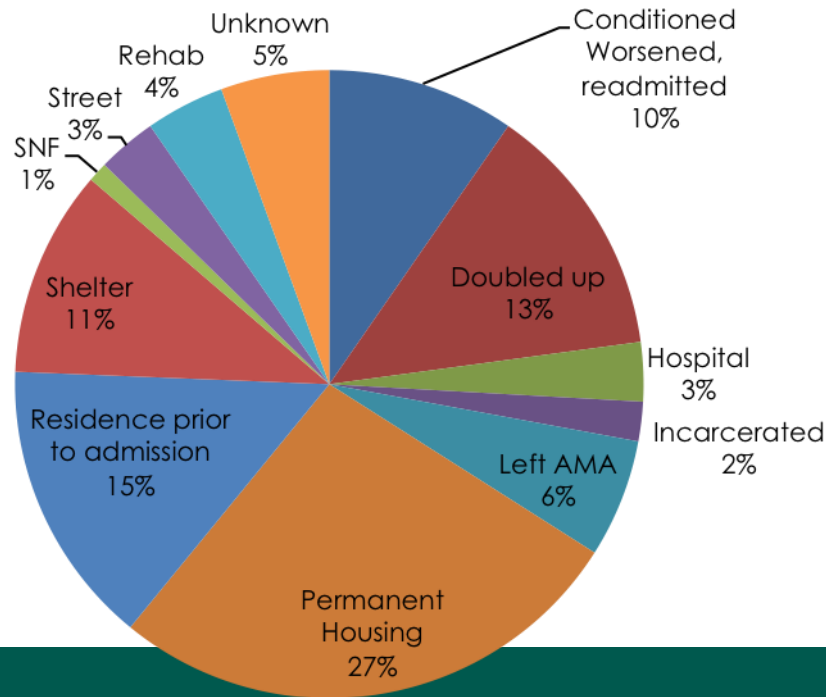


Bethlehem Haven

Dates: June 15, 2018 to January 31, 2020



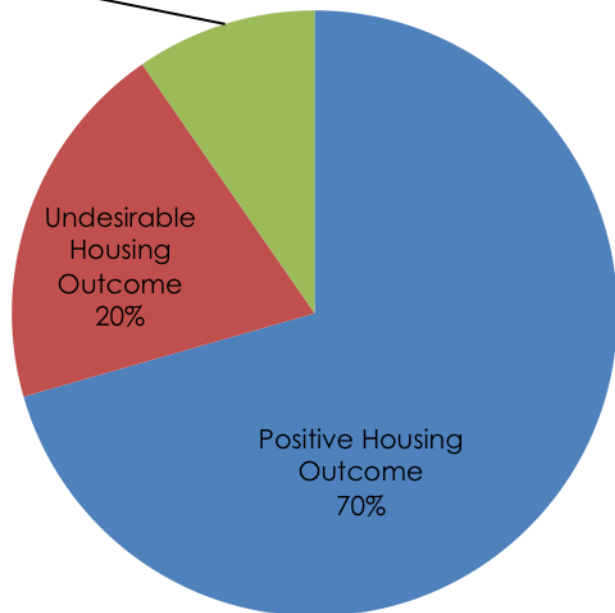
# Disposition from Medical Respite





## Disposition, CONT

Conditioned  
Worsened,  
Readmitted  
10%



### Positive Housing

**Outcomes:** Doubled Up, Permanent Housing, Residence Prior to Admission, Shelter, SNF, Structured Substance Abuse Treatment

### Undesirable Housing

**Outcomes:** Incarcerated, Left AMA, Street, Unknown

# BETHLEHEM HAVEN MEDICAL RESPITE

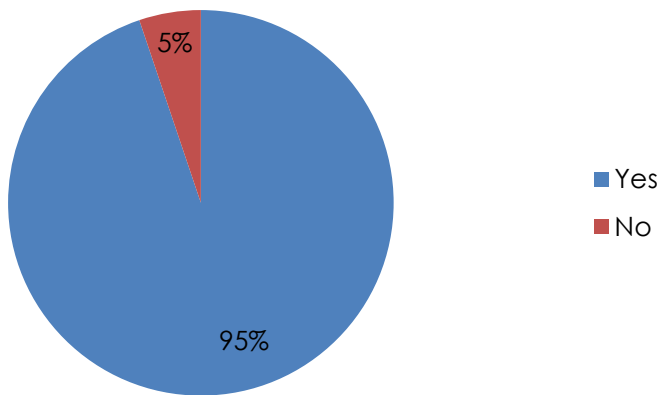
## Sample Client Survey



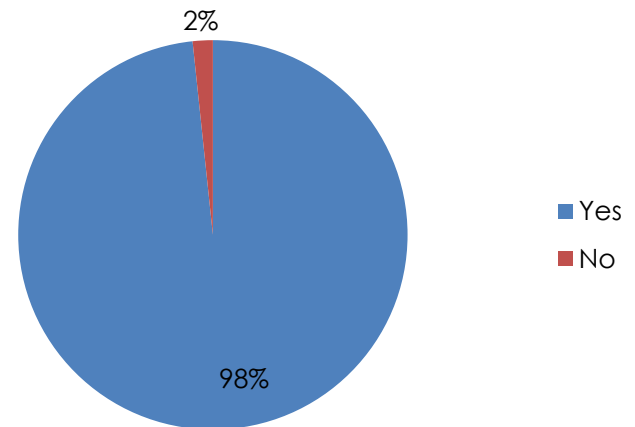


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Do you generally feel you were given enough help, advice, information and support from staff?



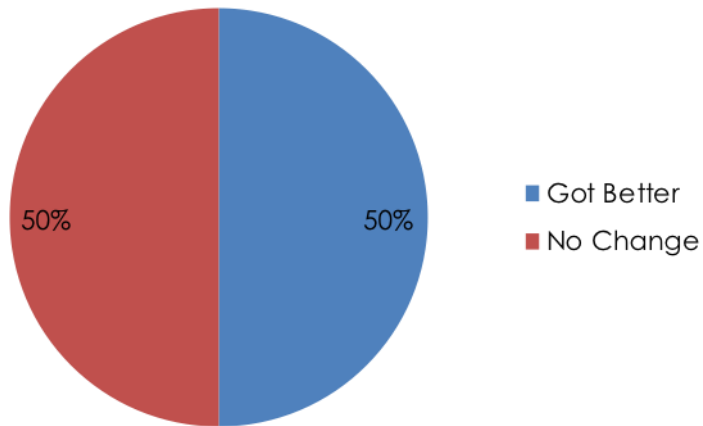
During stay at Medical Respite, I felt safe



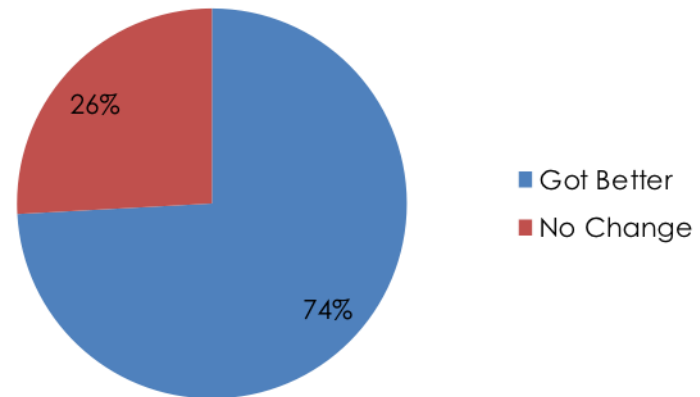


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## My ability to manage my money



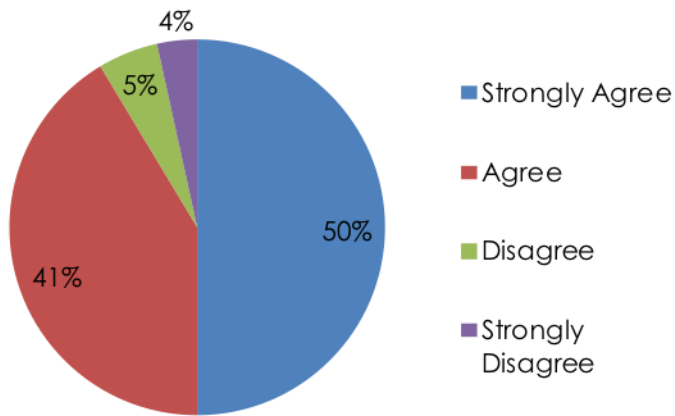
## My Ability to make and keep appointments



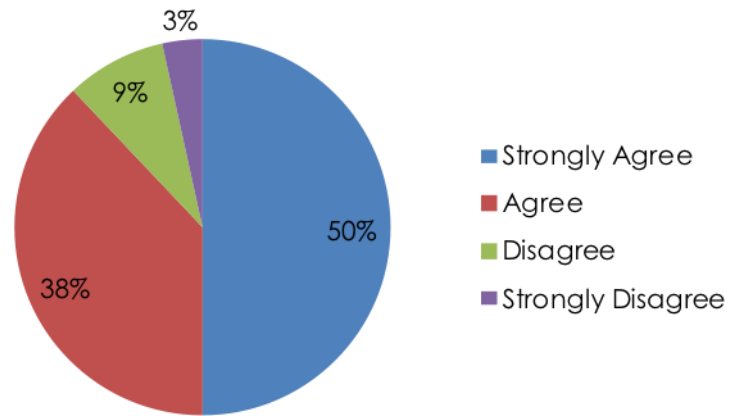


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Upon discharge I had a good understanding of how to manage my health



Upon discharge I had a better sense of well being





## Client Testimonial

“I really appreciate everything you all did to help me get situated. You guys really made a difference in my life and it means more than I could ever say. I got to say I’ve met a ton of people in the human services and you are one that belongs in that field. People in need def need people like you and Erin and the crew over there helping them.”



Center for  
**RespiteCare**  
*Homeless Medical Recovery*



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***“THE MISSION OF THE CENTER FOR RESPITE CARE IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY, HOLISTIC MEDICAL CARE TO HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO NEED A SAFE PLACE TO HEAL, WHILE ASSISTING THEM IN BREAKING THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS. “***

- The Center for Respite Care, Inc. is a 24/7, 20-bed, stand-alone, medical facility serving adult women and men who are experiencing homelessness and need a place to recover after a stay in the hospital or other medical facility.
- The work of the Center is unique in the Cincinnati tri-state area. We have learned in our nearly 20 years of service that a healthy life for our clients relies on many factors. We call our core program “From Medical Recovery to Independence.

# CENTER FOR RESPITE CARE

- Location: Cincinnati, OH
- Beds/Occupancy: 10 double occupancy rooms (20 beds)
- Staffing: 18 total staff (includes Admin)
- Part-time Physician (provided in-kind)
- Full time Registered Nurse
- LPN/MA staff (2.5 FTE)
- Case management team (2.5 FTE)
- Client Care Assistants (7.5 FTE)
- Licensed by the State of Ohio as a Residential Care Facility (Short Term Assisted Living)

# CENTER FOR RESPITE CARE

- Outcomes & Data (what we collect and why)
- Driven primarily by funding sources:
  - Funding by demographics (age, gender, medical status (HIV), length of stay and, other factors such as military status.)
  - Funding by medical outcomes (improvement in obesity, A1C scores, smoking cessation)
  - Funding by social/program outcomes (benefits/income secured, housing/placement obtained)
- Driven by quality improvement and benefit to referral sources:
  - Establishment of medical home
  - Access to regular, preventative healthcare
  - Understanding and appropriate use of acquired benefits.
  - Reduction in use of ER/ED for medical services.
  - Connection to community supports.





# COTTAGE RECUPERATIVE CARE PROGRAM

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# COTTAGE RECUPERATIVE CARE PROGRAM AT PATH SANTA BARBARA

**10** patient beds

**90** day maximum stay

**1** medical director (part-time)

**3** registered nurses (part-time)

**1** social needs navigator

**5** respite care monitors



- Located in Santa Barbara, California
- Hospital-led
- Onsite Public Health Care Center
- Referrals from hospital and community



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# RECUPERATIVE CARE PARTNERS

## Patient Care

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Cottage Nurse  
Cottage  
Navigator  
Public Health  
Local Shelter  
Monitors

## Funders

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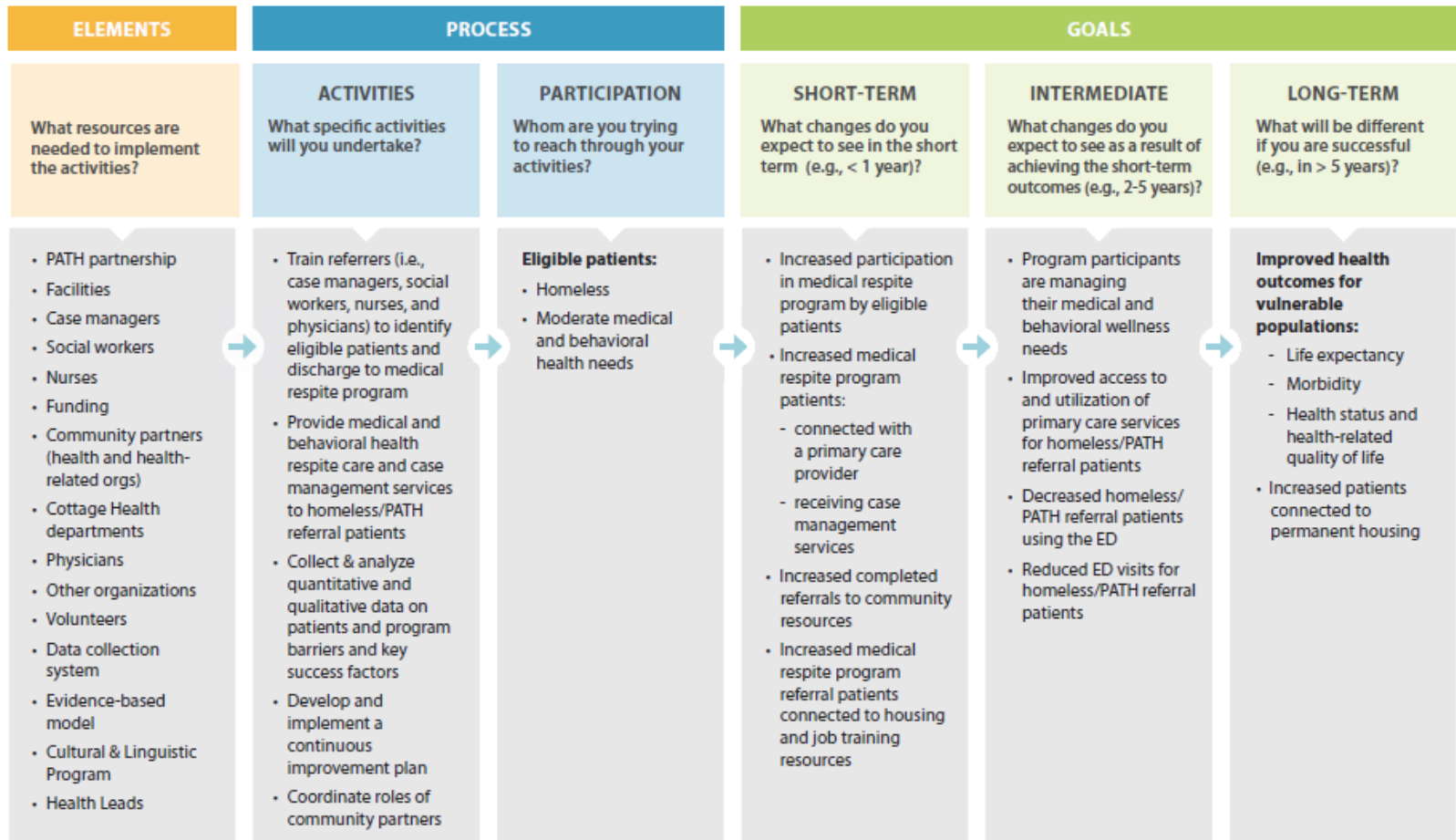
Cottage Health  
CenCal Health  
Private Foundation  
Individual  
Philanthropists

## Housing

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Housing Authority of  
the City of SB  
PATH

# RECUPERATIVE CARE LOGIC MODEL



# EVALUATION TOP OUTCOMES

## Document-ready for housing

- Patients that are document-ready for housing
- Patients in temporary and permanent housing (at exit and after)

## Reduce ED and inpatient use for program participants

- Emergency department utilization rates
- Inpatient utilization rates

## Referrals offered and utilized

- Patients with established care plans
- Referrals offered; appropriately identified; successfully completed
- Connection to medical home

# Recuperative Care Program

## Brief Indicators Dashboard

Last Updated: April 30, 2020

*cumulative indicators reflect all patients in program since October 2018*

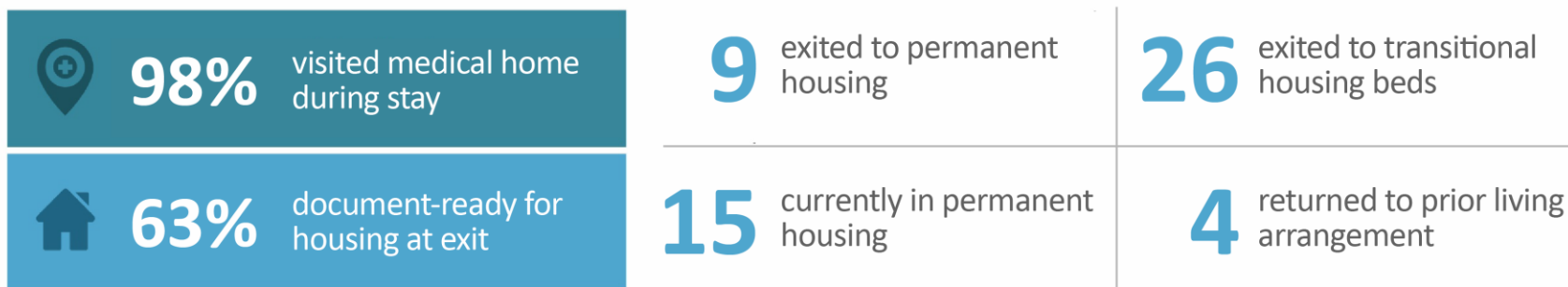
<b>Medical &amp; Social Needs (cumulative, includes duplicates)</b>	<b>Count 90-day + Current pts</b>	<b>Percent 90-day + Current pts</b>	<b>Count early exit pts</b>	<b>Percent early exit pts</b>	<b>Count all pts</b>	<b>Percent all pts</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Total Patients</b>	48	91%	5	9%	53	100%	
<b>Visited Medical Home During Program</b>	47	89%	2	4%	49	92%	
Average # of PCP Visits per Patient Stay	3.58	-	0.8	-	3.32	-	all PCP visits/all 90-day + current patients
Average # of On-site Public Health Visits per Patient Stay	1.77	-	0.2	-	1.62	-	all Public Health visits on-site/all 90-day + current patients
<b>PCP to ED Visits During Program Ratio</b>	6.62	-	0.50	-	4.89	-	
<b>Patients Document-Ready for Housing</b>	29	60%	3	60%	32	60%	
<b>Exit Status (cumulative, includes duplicates)</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>					<b>Notes</b>
<b>Patients who have exited program</b>	40						
<b>Patients at Roomkey South</b>	2						
<b>Patients Completing Program + Current Patients</b>	48	91%					
<b>Patients Exiting Program Early</b>	5	9%					
<b>Currently in Permanent Housing</b>	14	40%					total housed/unique patients ever in program



# Recuperative Care Evaluation

October 2018 (launch) – April 2020

**PATIENT OUTCOMES:** 50 patients total, 3 repeat patients, 10 current patients



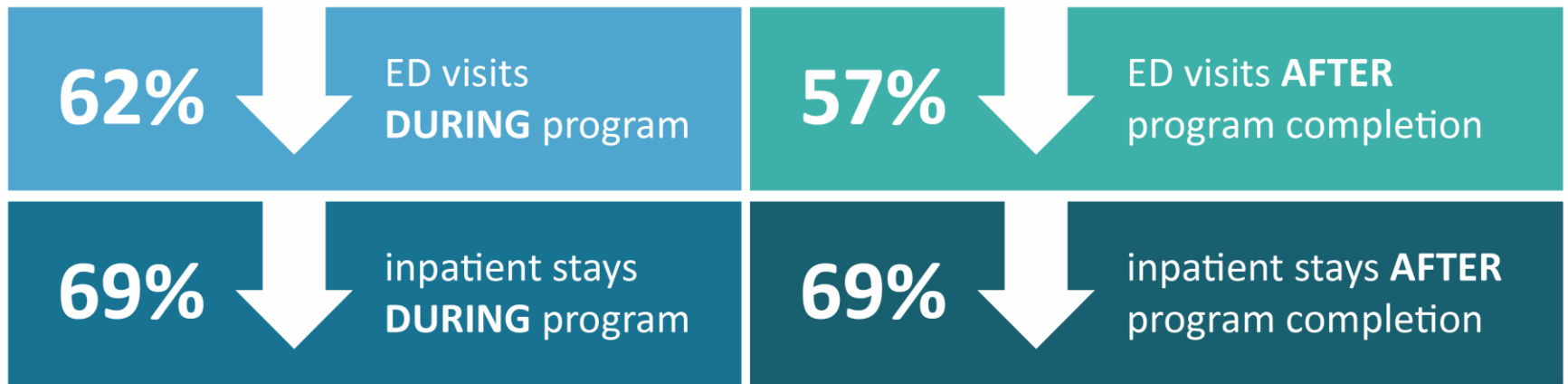
## MEDICAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Wheelchair to walker, recovery from incontinence, wounds healed, limb saved and diabetes management

# Recuperative Care Evaluation

October 2018 (launch) – April 2020

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES FOR ALL PATIENTS:



*Compared to the 90 days before entering the program*

# QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



# OUTCOME MEASURES & DATA COLLECTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDICAL RESPITE PROGRAMS

## Health Outcomes

A client's stay in a medical respite program is precipitated by a health-related event. Whether a client is injured or sick, their referral is connected to a medical condition. The following outcome recommendations focus on the health needs of clients and the clinical care provided by the program. Programs are encouraged to define the specific numerator and denominator for the identified measures and variables based on feasibility of data collection.

Outcome Measure	Variables	Considerations
<b>Primary Care:</b> Connection to primary care is established or strengthened	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Identify primary care provider (PCP)</li><li>▪ Schedule primary care appointment</li></ul>	Medical respite staff must be familiar with the process in which clients are connected to primary care (e.g., Do they have an assigned PCP? Who is the local Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) provider?)
<b>Assessment:</b> Assessment and coordination of health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Assess need for health screenings based on age,</li></ul>	The stability of a medical respite stay provides an

## Tools

### Health Outcomes

- Admission Procedure & Checklist – Center for Respite Care (pg. 10)
- CAHPS Health Literacy Survey (Modified) (pg. 11)
- Client Health Summary – Center for Respite Care (pg. 12)
- Client Medication Inventory – Center for Respite Care (pg. 13)
- Medical Intake Form – Center for Respite Care (pg. 14)

### Social Outcomes

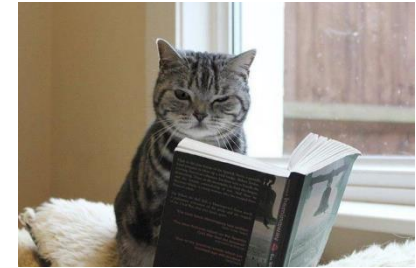
- Care Transitions Measure (pg. 16)
- Care Transitions Record (pg. 17)
- Client Authorization Form – Center for Respite Care (pg. 18)
- Discharge Planning Form – LCHC/Bridgewell RCC (pg. 19)
- Self-Administered Medication Record – Center for Respite Care (pg. 20)
- Self-Management Tool (pg. 21)

### Program Outcomes

- Client Satisfaction Survey – Barbara McInnis House (pg. 22)
- Client Satisfaction Survey – Bridgewell/LCHC RCC (pg. 25)
- Performance Measure Worksheet – Central City Concern (pg. 26)
- [Standards for Medical Respite Care](#) – NHCHC
- [Standards Organization Self-Assessment](#) – NHCHC

### Data Collection & Sharing

- Data Collection Protocol - Bridgewell/LCHC RCC (pg. 27)
- Informed Consent for Treatment Form – Center for Respite Care (pg. 28)
- Universal Informed Consent – Durham Crisis Collaborative (pg. 29)



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