



Community Integrated Paramedicine

# Community Integrated Paramedicine: What can we do for you?

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### The Evolution of EMS

1966 white paper titled "Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society."

From Emergency to Critical Care (Inter-facility)

1990's point of care testing and telemedicine – game changer

Utilization in episodic, non-acute, out of hospital care

2001 – Community Paramedicine - Improving Rural Healthcare

## What is this thing?

- Community Paramedicine (CP)
  - Healthcare delivery model
  - Increases access
  - Specially trained EMS providers
  - Expanded role
  - Must have partners
- Fill gaps/safety net
- Integrated Care connecting dots
- Triple Aim

What
Community
Paramedicine
is NOT

Replacement of existing services

Competition

Duplication of services

## International and National Scene

#### England, Australia, Canada, Scotland, United States

#### International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine

- 2005 50 delegates Australia, Canada, Scotland and United States
- Rural focus

#### Community Paramedicine Insights Forum (CPIF)

- National Association of State EMS Officials
- National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
- Center for Leadership, Innovation and Research in EMS

#### Currently 36 states in 'some form'

- Legislation first
- Pilot studies first
- Committee assembly

#### What is Michigan doing?

- 2 Years
- Strategic Plan
  - CP Certification
  - Standard Outcome
     Measurements
  - Toolkit
  - Policy and Administrative Rule Changes
- Grants



#### Colorado

Western Eagle
County Health
Services District
(WECAD)

Rural resort community – 54,000

2 hours west of Denver – extreme weather

30% residents uninsured

54% ambulance patients uninsured

Goal – Proactive to prevent ambulance transport

#### Services Offered

Hospital discharge follow-up

Medication reconciliation

**Blood draws** 

Home safety checks

Social assessment

Nutritional assessment

Well baby/child checks

Blood pressure and oxygen saturation

Post-injury/illness follow-up

Illness/medication education and compliance

#### Results

- Patient profiling was done based on Eagle County Community Paramedic visits from January 2015 to December 2015. Results showed:
  - 52 patients were served
  - 146 visits were provided
  - Patients were seen 1-5 times
- Higher Level of Service Utilization Prevented:
  - 142 doctor visits
  - 26 emergency room visits
- Initial Cost Savings:
  - \$1,969 average savings per visit
  - \$280,000 total healthcare costs saved in 12 months
- <a href="https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/project-examples/786">https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/project-examples/786</a>

#### **Minnesota**

First in the nation to certify Community Paramedics - July 2012 (20)

Grant from the Department of Labor

Recognition of CP as a provider in law

Certification for payment model discussion

# Community Paramedic Curriculum: Past, Present and Future

#### Version 1.0

- Minnesota Pilot Project
- Classroom setting

2009

#### Version 2.2

- Minnesota Round 2& 3
- Hennepin Technical College

2011 & 2012

#### 2010

#### Version 2.2

- Colorado Pilot Project
- Classroom/Online

#### California

November 14, 2014

Mobile Integrated Health – Community Paramedic

Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development approved California Emergency Medical Service Authority to establish a Health Workforce Pilot Project

## California – 7 concepts

Post-Discharge, Short-term Follow-Up:

Frequent EMS Users

Directly Observed Therapy for Tuberculosis

Hospice

Alternate Destination – Mental Health

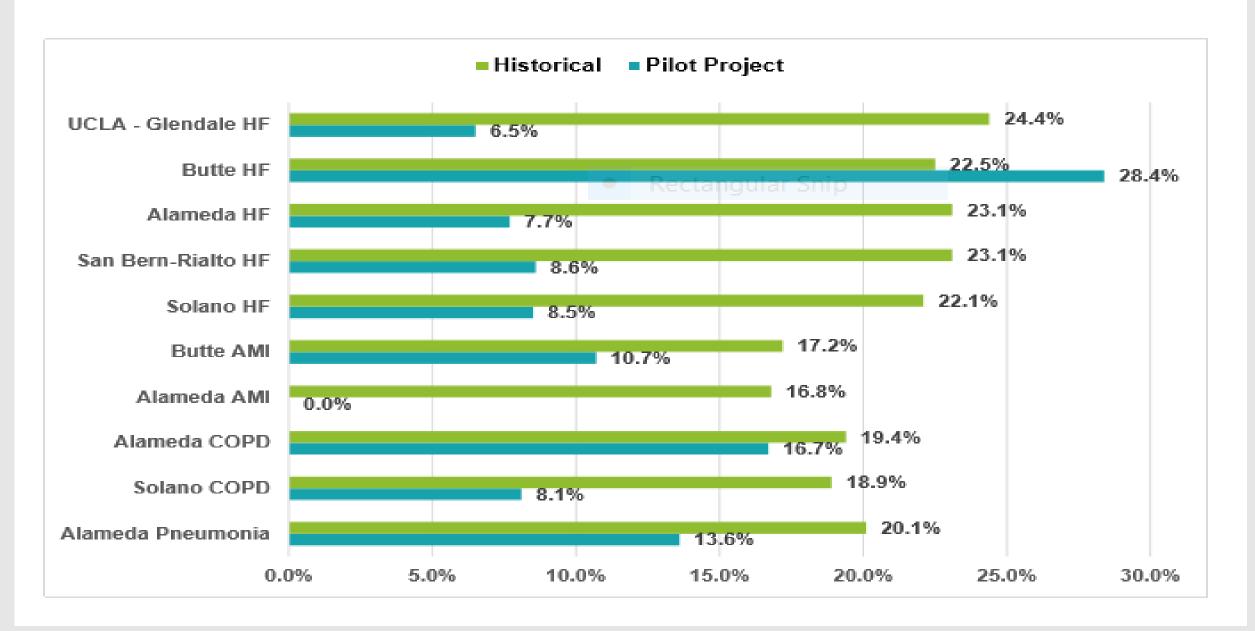
Alternate Destination – Urgent Care

Alternate Destination – Sobering Center

#### DOT

- Ventura County Public Health + TB Clinic + CP
- 6 to 9 months of treatment
- Assigned Patients
  - Resist treatment
  - Verbally abusive
  - Sexually inappropriate
- TB Clinic 722 missed doses (6.7%)
- CP − 2 missed doses (0.06%)

Figure 3. Readmissions within 30 Days for Post-Discharge Project Enrollees versus Partner Hospitals' 30-Day Readmission Rates, 2012–2015 (Cumulative; n = 1372 Patients)



#### Michigan – Special Studies

- Muskegon
- Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA)
- Henry Ford Health
   System- Superior
- Tandem 365 Life EMS
- Livingston County EMS

- Medstar Macomb
- Hayes Green Beach
- RSVP-Bloomfield
   Township Fire Dept & Star
   EMS
- Emergent Health Partners (EHP)
  - JCA & HVA

#### Muskegon Program



- June 21, 2016
- <u>ProMed</u>, White Lake Ambulance Authority, Oceana EMS
- Mercy Health/Mercy Health Hackley
- West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium (WMRMC)
- Reduce hospital re-admissions post discharge and help with transition of care from hospital to Primary Care Provider
- Strokes and Trauma
- Case Management, sub-acute rehab, nursing home/rehab

#### Muskegon Wins

- Matter of Balance Instructors
- CVA/TIA Diagnosis (June-June)
  - •2015/2016 Inpatient readmissions: 56%
    - (N-1378)
  - •2016/2017 Inpatient readmissions: 13%
    - (N-1847)

#### CAASA Program



- To provide quality and compassionate care in the home environment in partnership with the patient, caregivers, and their primary care provider to allow for the highest quality of health and life possible.
- Anyone identified as in need of services
- Local PCP's, Pathway (local health department), DHHS Adult Protective Services, local critical access hospital, EMS crews

#### **CAASA Wins**

• 1 Patient 2016: 48 ambulance transports and 65 Emergency Department visits

Quarter 1 2017: 0 and 0

#### Henry Ford: Superior



- January 01, 2016
- Post discharge support, readmission prevention, PCP engagement
- CHF, COPD
- In-patient case management

#### Unique

- HFHS MIH/CP Program
- Training Program
- Health Plan
- Emergency Department
- Physician
- Integration and Communication
- 30 day readmission

#### Medstar Macomb



- Medstar Texas
  - Mobile Healthcare Program
  - 9-1-1 Nurse Triage
  - Data Masters

#### Medstar Macomb Wins

- •QTR 1 2017:
  - Reduced readmissions of enrolled patients from <a href="20">20%</a> to 3%

#### Tandem 365



- May 14, 2014
- Life EMS
- Kent, Ottawa, Allegan,
   Kalamazoo permission- 1
   Tandem Medical Director
- "A community collaboration empowering others to achieve better health, reduce costs, and improve quality."
- 55 and older (typically) who require assistance managing complex medical problems
- Insurance plans Priority Health

#### Tandem 365

- Integrated Care Paramedics (ICP's)
- Document in an electronic medical records system
- Conversations are logged through a three way call with a voice logger to record the conversation
- Involved in daily interdisciplinary team (IDT) discussions
- Summary reports are provided to Medical Control Directors.
- No new skill set is implemented without medical director knowledge and approval.

Emergent Health Partners (EHP) Community Paramedic Programs

Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) – August 2015 Jackson Community Ambulance (JCA) -March 2016

The program mission is to focus on ER diversion and readmission prevention



### EHP Discoveries and Wins



- Efficiency
  - Dispatch Center
  - 10-12 patients/24-hours
  - Quarter 1
    - 849 patient contacts
  - Potential Patients
     Identified
    - 8,000 year
    - 22 day

## Community Paramedic Work Group



- Meets monthly
- Every other month general CP Work Group
- Alternate months subcommittee
  - Community
     Assessment
  - Scope & Role
  - Education
  - Sustainability/Payers
  - To come: Data,
     Protocol, Regulatory,
     Advertising

#### Different Models proposed

#### **Community Integrated Paramedicine**

- Community Paramedicine Programs
  - Driving force is an EMS agency, possibly a medical control authority with a community focus.
  - Connecting dots, reducing utilization
- Mobile Integrated Health Programs
  - Driving forces is a hospital, health plan, or a stand alone
  - 30 day readmission avoidance

#### Community Assessment



- Intuition Gaps
- Available Data only if you ask the right questions
- Resources
  - Who knew?
  - 211
  - Referral is a two way street

#### Scope and Role

- Medication Reconciliation
- Home Safety Checks
- Social Barriers
- First line antibiotics
- Foley catheters
- Wound Care
- IV Starts/Changes

- Alternate Destination
   Transports
- Post-Discharge Follow-Up
- Chronic Disease
  - Episodic assistance
  - Education
  - Post-discharge monitoring

#### Education

Standardized Curriculum

Approved by MDHHS

May include more than one level or provider

Required continuing education

#### Sustainability

0098-Treat no Transport

**Hospital Savings** 

Partner Programs

Primary Care Physicians

Private Insurance

Medicare/Medicaid

# Data, Protocol, Regulation, Advertising

Data – 40 National measures

Protocol – Established and expanding, formalizing to match scope & role

Regulation – Endorsement/Certification/Licensure

Advertising – How do we connect?

#### National Consensus Conference on Community Paramedicine: Summary of an Expert Meeting

- Education and Expanded Practice Roles.
- Integration of CP Providers with Other Health Providers.
- Medical Direction and Regulation.
- Funding and Reimbursement.
- Data, Performance Improvement, and Outcome Evaluation.
- Community Paramedicine Research Agenda

#### What does CP Education Look Like?

- Professional Boundaries
- Interactions
- Social Determinants of Health
- Cultural Competence
- Pathophysiology
- Lab Values
- Plan of Care

- Chronic Diseas Mangement
- Mental Health
- Communication Strategies
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Nutrition
- Pharmacology
- Immunizations

## Chronic Disease

#### Monitoring

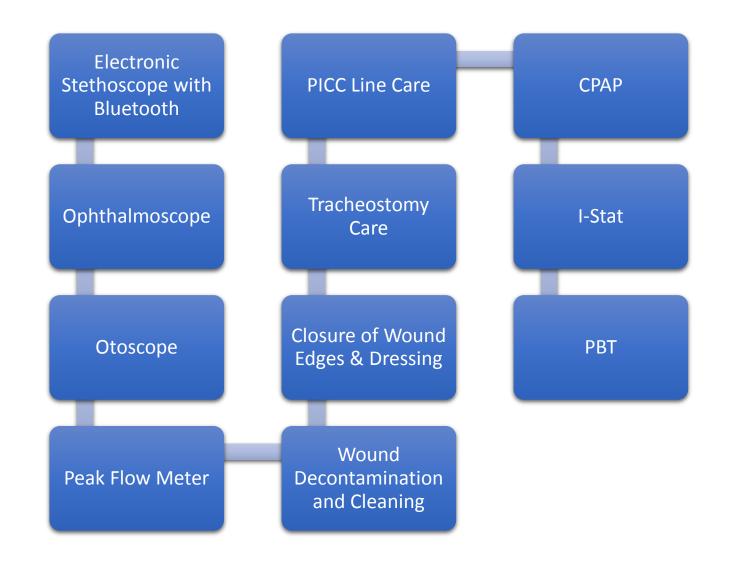
- Iceberg Analogy
- Point of Care Testing

#### Management

- Medication Reconciliation
- Referral
- Medication Administration

#### **Patient Education**

## Equipment & Skill Set Snapshot



## What can we do for you?

Think outside of the box

Examples of filling the gap

Examples of safety net

Non-competition

#### Thoughts from Today

- Jon Ramey/Georgia Asthma Coalition
  - Arrest story they know it, over and over.
  - Financial aspect & environmental triggers see things that they can't or won't articulate
- Robert Wahl/Chronic Disease Epidemiology
  - We use your data thank you!
  - We see different
- Lisa Knight-Urban League
  - Vodka, toothbrush, water bottle, E without a stop light
  - One small piece in the wreckage

