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Advising on Provider Quality Improvement Activities

Virtual CQM Training Series

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- Place yourselves on **mute** until you're ready to chime in
- We highly encourage use of your **webcams, if possible**
- Use the chat room to interact with your colleagues and our team
- This meeting is being recorded and available for sharing along with the toolkit for this meeting



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Learning Objectives

- Name the activities associated with QI Projects you take as an AA to prepare for a regional QI Project.
- List tools used as an AA to manage a regional QI project.
- Explain how and when to include stakeholders in your regional QI project lifecycle.
- Explain how to support provider organizations using recent organizational assessment information.
- Describe appropriate approaches for regional QI project development to include non-clinical services by applying learning from past sessions.



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Toolkit Items

- Presentation Slides
- Achieving Together & Dallas QIP Framework
- Sample QIP Report Form, PDSA Worksheet, QIP tracking forms for the AA-level
- Sample submissions and data results tracking worksheet
- Texas Create+Equity Network QIP examples
- Quality Progress articles:
 - Building a better hybrid
 - Be more like a giraffe
 - Fear of the unknown
 - Going deep
 - Less can be more



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Congratulations Reachelian and TRG!



Reachelian Ellison

We are very excited and proud to share that **Reachelian Ellison with The Resource Group (TRG) from Houston** received an award from CQII for her/their great work around consumer engagement in quality improvement.



What it takes to establish a network QI Project

The nuts and bolts of network leadership and QIPs



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Framing Out Regional QIP Activities

AA-Level Framing

- Standard process for regional QIP lifecycle
- Standard data collection tools and processes
- Standard share-back tools and processes
- Curriculum-based coaching to regional providers

HIV Provider-Level Framing

- Standard process to identify organizational aim, root causes, and change ideas
- Standard process to report organizational data, including change idea results



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Administrative Agency Front-Loading

- Administrative Agencies are captains of the regional QI ship!
 - Establishing its own internal process with TA tools or coaching guides.
 - Creating the process for providers to meaningfully participate.
 - Involving key stakeholder perspectives in the design of both!
 - Get their buy-in and get ahead of issues that cripple regional QI projects.
- An established process with standard tools are needed!
 - Established process allows for evaluation later.
 - Allows for standard coaching/TA at multiple levels (boxed content).
 - What does it mean to participate in a regional QIP? (same year-to-year).
 - What does it mean to participate in THIS regional QIP? (changes each year).

Standard QI Process

- Per PCN1502, administrative agencies are charged with creating substantial support and resources for funded provider agencies related to both CQM and QI.
 - How do agencies align their projects with the regional project?
 - How do agencies report their focus?
 - How do agencies inform the AA of the measures they are tracking?
 - How do agencies report the results of their change ideas?
- Good QI process involves peer-learning and exchange
 - Is there a webinar or other TA curriculum for the project?
 - How has the AA ensured a role for all subrecipients?

Recommended Supports

- Draft a regional charter for the QI project
 - Include the rationale for the project including the AA discovery data
 - Include the timelines for the project and the intended outcomes
- Create a system for reporting and sharing back (report forms and data collection templates)
- Create frameworks to show how everyone is working together
 - Ideally link your regional QI project to Achieving Together
 - Use social determinants of health or other supporting frameworks
 - Use these to drive the TA curriculum
- Leverage the Organizational Assessment at both levels to target TA
- Clear contract language related to QI activities at the provider level

Dallas Examples

- Dallas QIP Report Form, PDSA Worksheet, and QIP Guide
 - Adapted from partners in Indiana and Missouri
- QIP submission tracker
- Return to Care Charter
- Return to Care and Achieving Together framework
- Return to Care and social determinants of health framework
- Return to Care Provider Curriculum (webinars and toolkits)

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Bringing in the QIP Lifecycle

It all starts with Discovery



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We are all Texans!

- In Texas, the Administrative Agencies act on behalf of DSHS at the regional level.
 - All administrative agencies should take the state's lead on QIPs. Currently that means we all should focus on Achieving Together.
- The syndicate is an opportunity for regional stakeholders to provide input and feedback to the state regarding state work objectives.
- Periodic statewide CQM update meetings are an opportunity for administrative agencies to update each other on regional activities.
- We should support each other by sharing resources, results, templates, and more!

Planning for ALL Providers to Join

- Achieving Together streamlines our thinking based on its framework.
 - Social determinants of health.
 - Healthcare neighborhoods / systems of care.
- Encourage status-neutral thinking when discussing possibilities with your regional CQM committee and consumer groups.
- Use a “meatball chart” to visualize service mix in the region.
- Use a geographic mapping of where services are provided in region.
- When facing recalcitrant agencies, remember to point out how the regional QIP supports their organizational vision and mission

Discovery and Front-Loading

- The answer to a question may change based on HOW or WHEN a question is asked. The answer will likely change depending on WHOM you ask!
 - Part of AA planning for regional QI projects should be to keep a wide-perspective on participation of ALL funded providers.
 - Create the mechanisms that allow for all to easily participate.
 - Place your focuses on information compelling to folks from different professional backgrounds.
- Use your excellent and thorough planning as the opportunity to ensure there are ZERO opportunities for providers to shirk the QIP.
- Reference contract expectations as the ground floor to participation.

CQM Committees and QIP Design

- Just like you all advise DSHS through the Syndicate, your CQM committees should be advising you on your regional QIP design.
- Give various stakeholder groups the floor when discussing discovery data to ensure a full range of perspectives are available.
- The CQM committee is a place to gain the buy-in of early adopters and dissolve resistance from recalcitrant – peer pressure works!
- Just follow the Part B OA adapted by DSHS for inspiration!

Keep Your Eye on the PRIZE!

- If you have rarely conducted regional projects or have struggled finding a role for all funded providers to participate, be practical.
 - YES you will need structure!
 - NO you will NOT need 100% fidelity to that structure.
- If you have a great deal of experience with regional projects, how have you continued to add sophistication to your QIPs over time?
 - Disparities analysis?
 - Status- or payer-neutral approaches rooted in EHE?
- If you suffer political windshear in your region, start with an ARMI analysis to use an initial pathfinder (saves time/energy down the line)

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Coaching Your Providers

Provide critical supports and resources for the providers to participate



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Process is Just the Beginning

- Once you have a standard process, you must enforce it!
 - Are agencies participating as expected and on the established timeline?
 - What opportunities do you have to poke and prod progress?
- How do you make sure you have realistic/practical expectations?
 - Some groups are bound to be caught unprepared to talk about data.
 - Some groups are allergic to writing things down at first.
- The most important thing is that SOMETHING happens, especially at first! Be mindful of having different rules of play for higher performers versus laggard groups.

Keep Track of Everything

- To avoid having double standards based on baseline organizational ability, focus on keeping track of what's expected at the minimum
 - What is the timeline expected to conduct the QIP? Are there expectations for the timing of discovery vs root causes vs testing of changes?
 - At first, focus on attendance at trainings and other activities, submission of minimally required data, submission of minimally required tests of change
 - Only require 1 full test of change cycle at first, but in time your subrecipients will understand multiple tests of change are required.
- Tracking documents are your best friend
 - Overall steering of the project
 - Basis of providing feedback to providers to show relative sophistication

The OA is a Coach's North Star

Provider-Level OA

- Acknowledge provider orgs are at different places – work with them to enhance what they do based on where they are at
- It's helpful BEFORE launching the QIP to double-check with providers on what they plan to do enhance their QIP activities
- Be there to cheer them on!

AA-Level OA

- Focus on what your AA has available in terms of supportive resources / activities
- Leverage the most recent OA to identify small changes to your regional QIP process based on scores
- Highlight for providers that your QIP process is evidence-based

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Administrative Agency Share & Compare

Let's keep it together as opposed to breaking out this time



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Texas DSHS Quality Improvement Project Overview



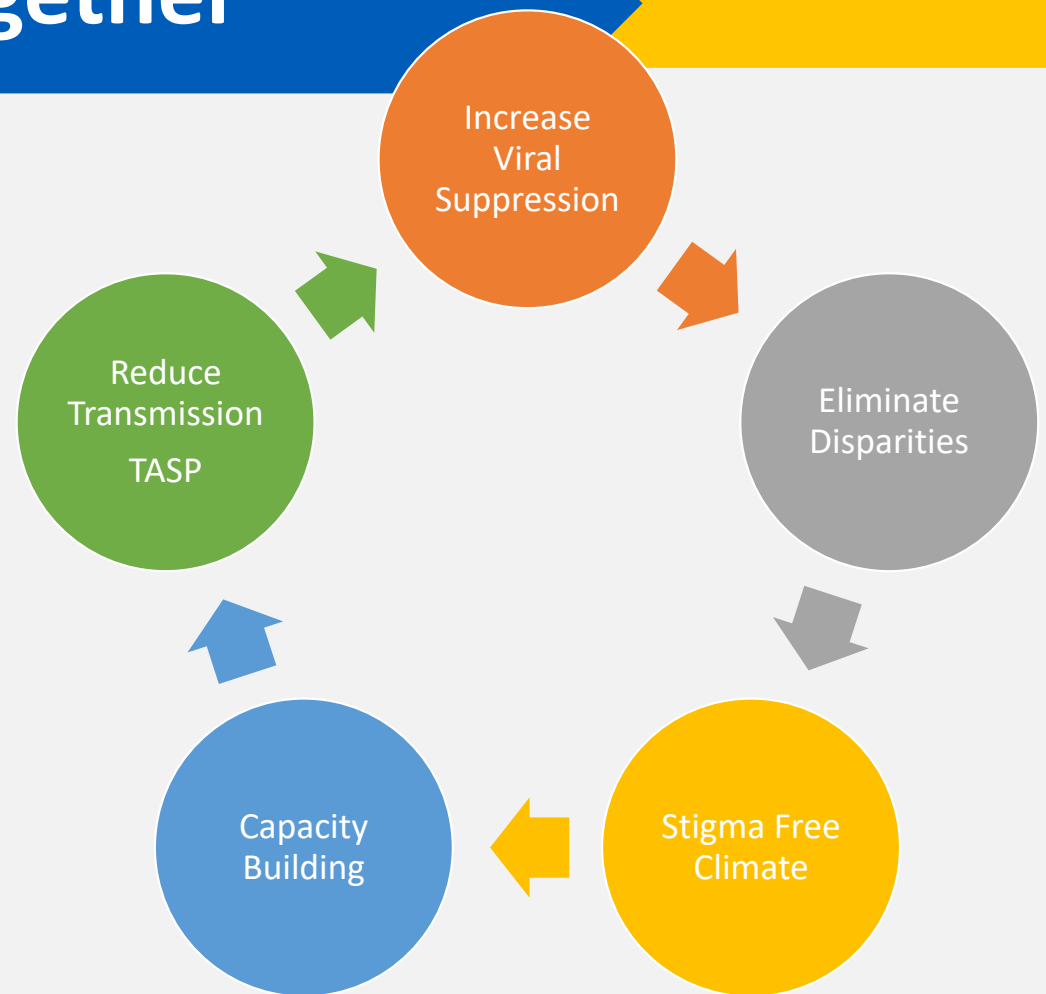
- **21-22: CQII create+equity Collaborative**
- **Project Timeline:** March 2021 – July 2022
- **Problem Statement:** People living with HIV ages 25-39 who receive OAHS funded by Ryan White Part B and State Services (SS) achieve viral suppression at a 3% lower rate than the overall population of PLWH receiving OAHS funded by Ryan White Part B and SS based on data analysis of the recent 12-month period ending on January 31, 2021
- **AIM Statement:** 80% of PLWH ages 25-39 receiving OAHS services will achieve viral suppression by June 30, 2022. A 3% increase from baseline of 77%
- **Intervention:** Quality improvement capacity building focused on drivers to reaching HIV viral suppression that align with our EhE goals of Achieving Together (SYSTEMS OF CARE)




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CQM & Achieving Together

- Aligning our Work
- Quality Improvement Capacity Building
 - Platforms to Reach Community
 - AETC Trainings
 - FUNdamentals Sessions
 - CQM Leadership Trainings
 - CQM Website
 - Collaboration with Stakeholders



Tools & Resources



CQII create+equity toolkit
Fishbone & Driver Diagrams
ARIES HAB/QM Data Report
CQII Ages Monthly Affinity Sessions
Achieving Together Website
DSHS CQM Website
Documentation Templates

ACTIVITIES

Built and Recruited Our Texas DSHS Team Roles Based on Specific SME's Intentionally

Developed Consumer Recruitment Plan

Holding CQM and FUNdamentals Trainings Based on Driver Diagram and Fishbone Analysis

Increase Collaboration with AETC for Rapid Start Institute Part I in June 2021 and Part II Planned for January 2022

Attend and Participate in Affinity Sessions and Monthly Team Meetings

Roll with the Changes, Adjust As Needed



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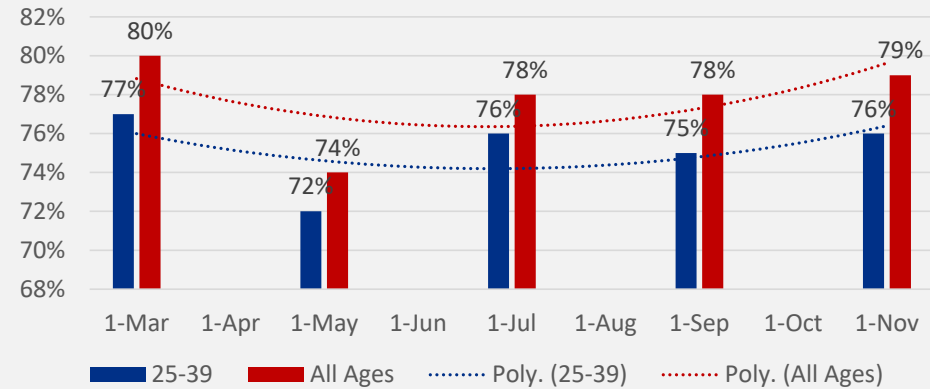
Data Analysis, Reporting & Actions

• Every Other Month: In Mar Reporting Jan etc.. For Data Lags

• ARIES HAB/QM

- ✓ Apply Appropriate Filters
- ✓ Run Report
- ✓ Track Overtime – Run Charts
- ✓ Analyze by HSDA & Statewide
- ✓ Focus Trainings to HSDA’s with Lowest VS Rates
- ✓ Perform Local CQM Assessments
- ✓ Provide Local CQM Technical Assistance Indicated by Data and Assessment Findings

RW-B VS RATES AGES 25-39



M/Y	N/D	Result	What/Why
3/21	Ages: 3457/4489 All: 8387/10484	77% 80%	Baseline
5/21	Ages: 3273/4546 All: 7952/10746	72% 74%	N-184/D+59 N-435/D+262
7/21	Ages: 3580/4711 All: 9842/12618	76% 78%	N+123/D+222 N+1455/D+2134
9/21	Ages: 3958/5277 All: 9731/12476	75% 78%	N+501/D+788 N+1344/D+1992
11/21	Ages: 4043/5333 All: 9910/12658	76% 79%	N+586/D+844 N+1523/D+2174

Consistently seeing increases in new/return to care patients each reporting period who generally need a few months to achieve suppression (what happened in March/reported in May?)

Now How About You?!



Tarrant County Shareout

- 2021-2022 QI project (most recent and only In the last 3 years
 - By June 2022, the TC AA will increase viral suppression rates of Black Women and Trans Women aged 18-39 by 15% from the current baseline of 68.42%,
 - The TC AA will increase the percentage of Black/Latino MSM retained in HIV care for the year of 2021 by 5%.
- The project topic selected by the CQM Committee, CQII Committee, HIT HIV CAB, and CQII Community Input Sessions
- How did you track project progress?
 - LifeQi
 - Updates in the 1:1 monthly meetings with Subrecipients
 - Individual TA Sessions
 - Updates to intervention implementation plans
- Our providers or community have a change to cross-share through community and subrecipient meetings
- Dissemination and spread activities include:
 - Presenting on our CQII Create+Equity Project to other participants
 - The TC AA is also developing a Subrecipient score card
 - Based on feedback from the CAB- a need was identified for better health education materials. The TC AA CAB HIT HIV developed three road maps and a local resource guide.
 - 8 Steps to your First Appointment
 - 10 Steps to Undetectable
 - Completely U, Living and Thriving Positively
 - Thriving Guide-A local resource guide

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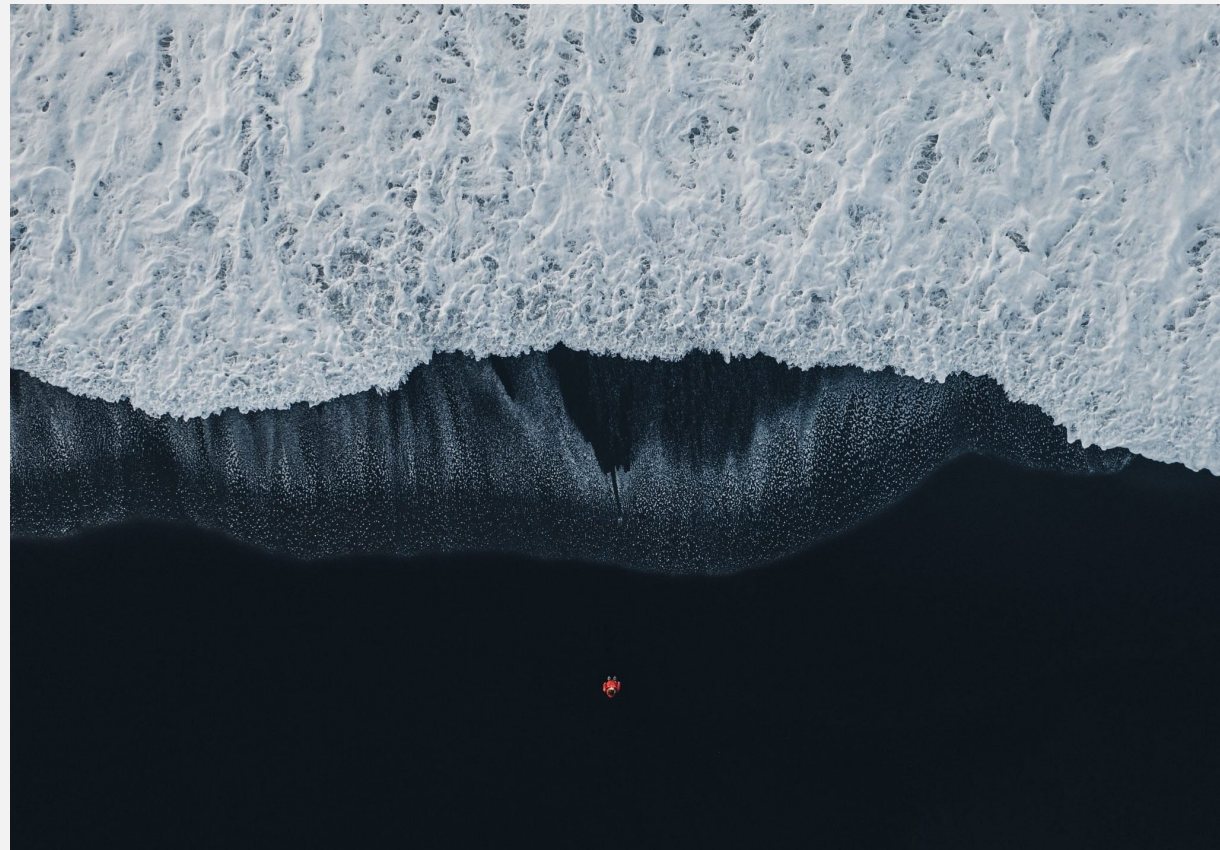
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Webinars in Virtual Training Series

- Visit the DSHS website for links to the entire series
 - 2020 series on CQM basics for Texas administrative agencies
 - 2021 series on administrative agency leadership in CQM as it relates to funded service provider organization activities

[Texas DSHS HIV/STD Program - Ryan White
Program Specific Clinical Quality Management
Resources and Tools](#)

Overall Session Question & Answer



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Additional CQM Resources

- [PCN 15-02](#)
- [PCN 15-02 FAQs](#)
- [HRSA-HAB Center for Quality Improvement and Innovation](#)
- [HRSA-HAB Target Center](#)
- [NQC Quality Academy](#)
- [NASTAD](#)
- [National Quality Forum](#)
- [Institute for Healthcare Improvement](#)
- [American Society for Quality](#)
- Texas DSHS CQM and Syndicate Staff!
- Texas AETC Local Performance Site – RAPID START Institute!
- **Hager Health, LLC!**



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