



# Holmes County LIP Brief

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# Holmes County, Florida

- Population - 20,000
- White - 90% Black - 6.5% Other - 3.5%
- Below Poverty Level - 19.9%
- Median Household Income - \$32,247
- Median Age - 41.5
- Entire County Designated Rural
- Entire County Designated HPSA Primary Care
- One 20-Bed Critical Access Hospital

# LIP Budget

Total LIP Budget = \$750,000.00

- Total salaries and benefits (MD, ARNP, RNs, LPNs, and 2 administrative workers) = \$600,922.00
- Contracted services (mental health, ARNPs for evening clinic, dental, diagnostics such as X-ray and ultrasounds) = \$108,750.00
- Other (patient education and outreach, information technology, office equipment, operating expenses such as fingerprinting and medical supplies and client incentives) = \$40,328.00
- LIP Match (29.08%) pulled from local general revenue and primary care dollars= \$218,100.00

# Contracted Cost

- Mental health psychiatrist - \$150.00 per hour  
\*yearly contract amount \$15,600.00
- Mental health counselor - \$80.00 per hour  
\*yearly contract amount \$6,240.00
- Family Health Care of Chipley - \$133.00 per hour  
\*yearly contract amount \$52,800.00
- Vision - \$55.00 per exam  
\*yearly contract amount \$3,300.00
- Doctor's Memorial Hospital - Medicaid rate  
\*yearly contract amount \$30,000.00
- Dental - varies depending on treatment plan  
\*yearly contract amount \$34,000.00
- Patient's Result Network - \$250.00 per month (500 messages)

# Contracts

- 2 providers are part-time DOH employees and the other 3 are contracted through local physician practice- Family Health Care of Chipley
- Dental Statement of Work
- Life Management Statement of Work
- Vision
- Doctor's Memorial Hospital
- Patient's Result Network (patient's call to obtain test results)

\*Dental, mental health, and podiatry are referrals through the health department's physician or nurse practitioner.

# Partnerships

## Doctor's Memorial Hospital (DMH)

- ER diversion for clients deemed non-emergent
- Discharge planning for patients with no medical home
- Provides diagnostic test (x-ray, US, HIDA scan) at Medicaid rate
- DMH refers clients for nutrition consults

# Other Partners

## Holmes County Free Medical Clinic

- LIP program provides labs
- Volunteers through DOH
- DMH provides a limited number of free x-rays and diagnostics

## Local Providers

- Refer patients to after-hours clinic
- Refer patients for nutrition consults

# What needs has the LIP clinic met?

- **A Primary Care Clinic that is open after 5:00 PM (normal working hours)**
- **ER Diversion: An option for primary care needs that are not deemed an emergency**
- **Hospital Discharge Care Coordination that connects clients with available resources to meet their health needs**
- **Specialty referrals: For medical care such as mental health, dental, podiatry, and optometry for uninsured patients who are unable to afford services**
- **Diabetic case management encompassing nutrition education on a monthly basis**
- **Prescription assistance program to help clients with medication**
- **Healthy cooking demonstration classes**



# LIP Services

- Evening clinic
- Prescription assistance program
- Specialty referrals (Vocational Rehabilitation and Bay Cares, Inc. in addition to doctors who take Medicaid)
- Discharge Care Coordination
- Nutrition consults

# Prescription Assistance Program (PAP)

- Prescriptions filled between July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 totaled 1,644
- Total yearly value for medication obtained amounted to \$568,179.32

# Nutrition Consults

- From March 2011 until June 30, 2012, 26 participants lost a total of 206.6 pounds.
- Local physicians continue to refer patients.
- On average, there are around 8-12 new consults each month.
- Each client is seen every 4 weeks.
- 70 % of Holmes County adults are overweight or obese.

# Care Coordination and Specialty Referrals

- There were 51 clients in diabetic care coordination between June 2011 and July 2012.
- There were 333 specialty referrals between June 2011 and July 2012.

# Specialty Referrals

**Allergist - 1**

**Dermatology - 21**

**Ear, nose, and throat - 28**

**General surgery - 24**

**Nephrology - 5**

**Gynecology - 1**

**Ophthalmology - 4**

**Pain management - 13**

**Psychology - 4**

**Pulmonology - 19**

**Sleep study - 3**

**Urology - 5**

**Cardiovascular - 31**

**Endocrinologist - 12**

**Gastrology - 36**

**Hematology - 5**

**Neurology - 31**

**Oncology - 1**

**Orthopedic - 51**

**Podiatry - 5**

**Physical therapy - 1**

**Rheumatology - 9**

**Spine - 14**

**Vascular - 5**

# Monthly Referrals

- Amount of monthly referrals:
  - Mental health = 11
  - Dental = 8
  - Vision = 4
  - Podiatry = 4
  - Diagnostic test (x-ray, ultrasound) = 5

# LIP Clinic

- There were 3,712 unduplicated individuals served between June 2011 and July 2012
- Total LIP services for that time period was 15,939
- Total ER diversions for the time period totaled 1,300

# LIP Clinic

Most common complaints seen in the LIP clinic include:

- Sore throat (most often strep)
- Ear ache
- Skin abscess (most often staph)
- Cough/ congestion
- Nausea/ vomiting/ diarrhea
- Sinuses
- Upper respiratory infection
- Urinary tract infection
- Occasional skin laceration
- Gout exacerbation



The LIP program works to expand access to care for the uninsured and to address chronic disease management, utilizing preventative measures through a multidimensional approach of various healthcare professionals. This approach aims to meet the healthcare needs of the community, keep patients out of hospitals, and reduce costly emergency room visits.

