

Opioid Safety Project

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Objective

Improve quality and enhance patient safety by leveraging the EHR to improve opioid prescribing practices using a multidisciplinary approach.

Background

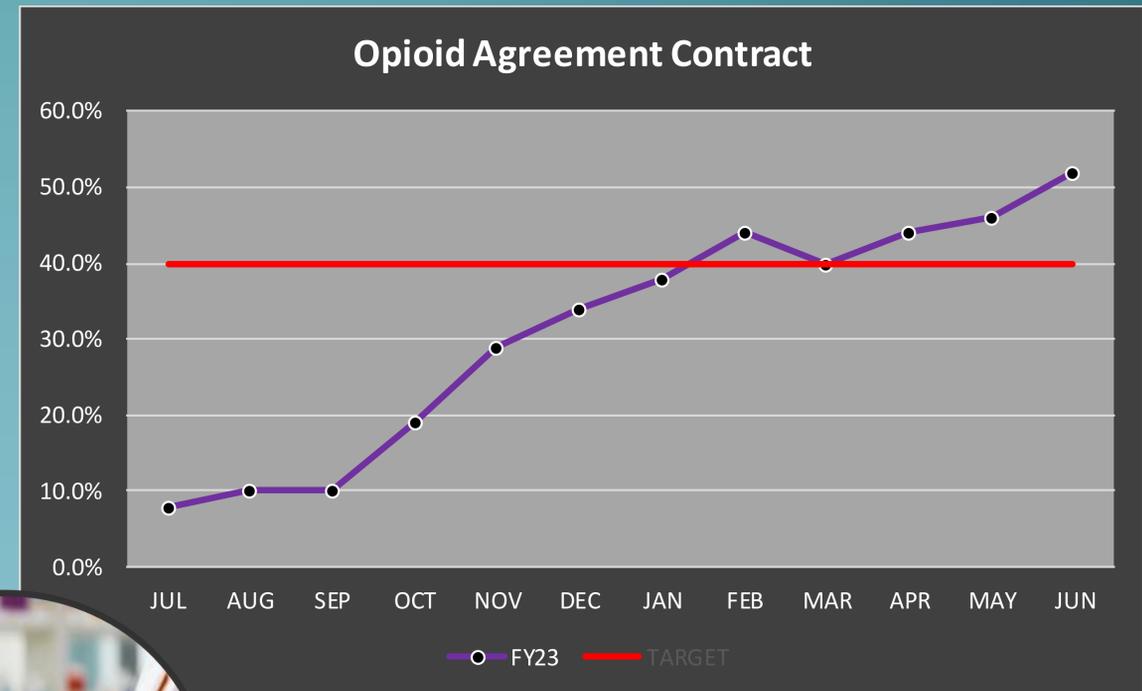
- Compliance risk assessment completed and noticed vulnerability.
- Number of patient opioid prescriptions per 10,000 population- 2022 IDPH Data
 - Iowa 1,578
 - Van Buren County 1,692 –total population 7,256
- HHS data indicates prescription opioids are related to a significant number of deaths each year in Iowa.

Actions Taken

- Baseline data collected of patients with active opioid prescriptions from our RHC
- Established a multidisciplinary workgroup
- Trialed processes related to collecting pain agreements in our RHC and establishing processes for our EHR functionality.
- Held one on one meetings to collaborate with our Physician Champion
- Participated in a community committee on opioid funding received

Metrics

Percentage of patients on opioid prescriptions with an up to date (annual) pain agreement on file



Analysis

- These efforts led to a 40% increase in our up to date pain agreements collected.
- This group of patients is less likely to misuse opioid prescriptions
- Increases safety practices organizationally and within our community

Next Steps

- Standardize process for patient chart advisories to enhance multidisciplinary communication of patients with an opioid prescription agreement.
- Offer community education on safe opioid practices and administration of Narcan
- Empower providers to analyze personal opioid prescribing practices via EHR dashboard.
- Exploring Billion Pill Pledge

