# **Tri-City Health Center**



## **PHLN Year 2 Project Aim**

Improvement in glycemic control of a TCHC panel of DM patients

 Lower HbA1C in ten percent (10%) of a panel of 360 patients with uncontrolled DM from baseline reading by providing social linkages and diabetes class education.

## **Measures for Success**



- 36 patients will improve their HbA1C reading after receiving Diabetes Class education.
- The administration of PRAPARE survey to identify Social determinants of health, will allow us to assist patients and provide resources for the linkages needed.
- Patients will show improvement in HbA1C after diabetes teaching and social factors are addressed.



# Changes

**Tested Changes** 

1. Recruitment/enrollment.

2. Classes structure

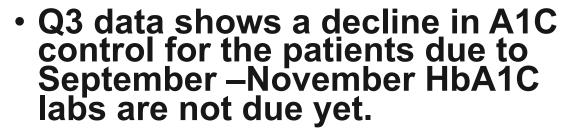
3. Implementation of PRAPARE SURVEY.

## **Implemented Changes**

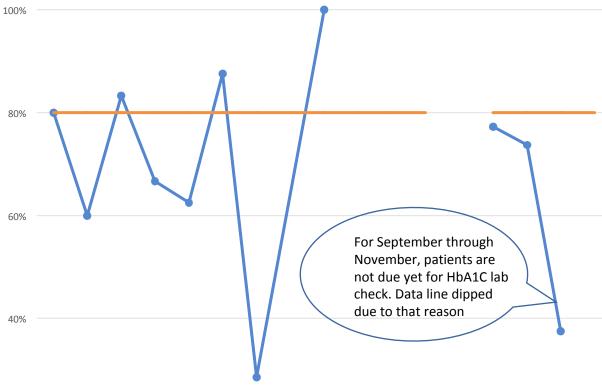
- Provided gift card incentive for patient to attend Diabetes Group Class.
- Remind Providers and MAs to offer classes to patients.
- 3 classes 1 class (comprehensive class with all the elements of Diabetes, Exercise/Medication and nutrition).
- Implemented PRAPARE survey to identify Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)



 Data collected over the Q1 and Q2 reflect that over half of the patients have improvement in HbA1C after linkage to a social resource and after class education on Diabetes.



• After review of Q3 data, patients will be called for case management (medication reconciliation, HBA1c labs, diet and exercise teaching, further education and/or nutritional referral).







# **Strategies for Success**

- **Small Group** to manage PRAPARE screening tool for SDOH and provide linkages to resources
- **Monthly check-ins** with patients from DM group Class.

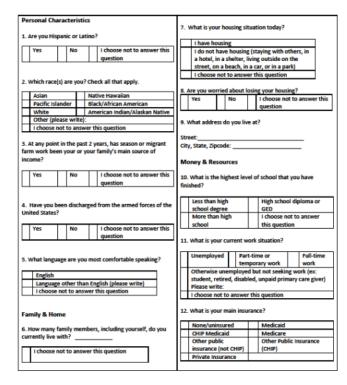
- **Dedicated team member** to follow-up with patients from the Diabetes Group Class.
- Some resources are provided inhouse so patients are linked **immediately** to social resources (Food Farmacy, BH, Medical concerns/appts, Transportation





## Key Tools & Resources



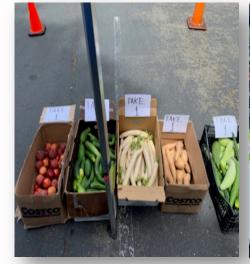


### **Diabetes Group Class**





### **On-site resource- Food Farmacy**







### **PRAPARE Screening Tool- paper format.**

# **Next Steps**

## **Spreading**

The PRAPARE survey implementation will be spread through small departments (such as BH, HIV, Outreach Dept., continue Chronic Care Dept.) through Tri- City Health Center.

We have buy-in from upper management to initiate administration and collection of SDOH data from the PRAPARE survey.

## Sustaining

The Diabetes Group classes will continue as part of the Wellness team duties. Gift card Incentives for the classes will continue through a small grant from Health Pac that will partially cover the cooking demonstration and nutrition part of the class

PRAPARE survey implementation will be done by the staff in each Department A Budget is being created to have 2-3 CHWs hired to manage SDOH linkages and followup with the patients to check resources were received by patients.



# **Current Challenges or Barriers**

Recruitment for Classes- Low recruitment/turnout for classes (average size- 6-10 patients)

Tracking linkages to resources- Currently tracking in Excel spreadsheet. Need EHR to help track linkages (EPIC conversion currently)



