

# 39th Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference



#### Presents

### Community Collaborations: Reaching Vulnerable Populations Through Partnerships

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#### Our top partners

















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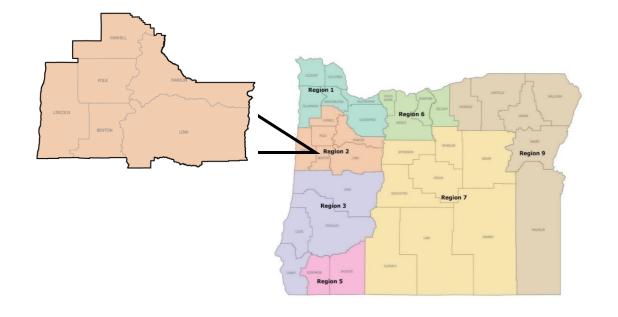


### Who Am I?

- Regional Testing Coordinator: Ensure testing access for vulnerable populations throughout Region 2 by filling in gaps and alleviating barriers.
- "Vulnerable populations" defined as:
  - Uninsured

Introductions

- Congregate care settings
- Migrant and seasonal farmworkers
- ➤ People of color
- > Those experiencing disabilities



**Metrics** 

## **Building Collaboration Pathways**

- Find partners who align with goals
- Ask questions
- Locate channels

Research

### Establish

- Meet and check in regularly
- Deliver
- Go outside of scope

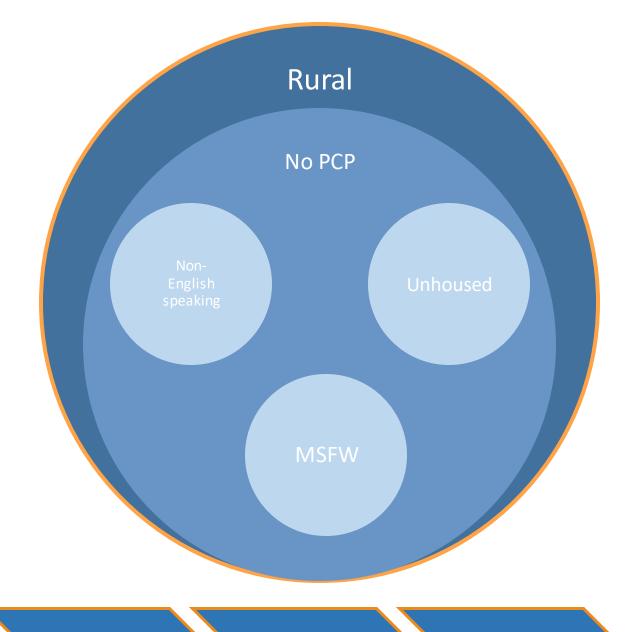
- Facilitate connections between partners
- Bring in your organization

Empower



#### **Rural Locations**

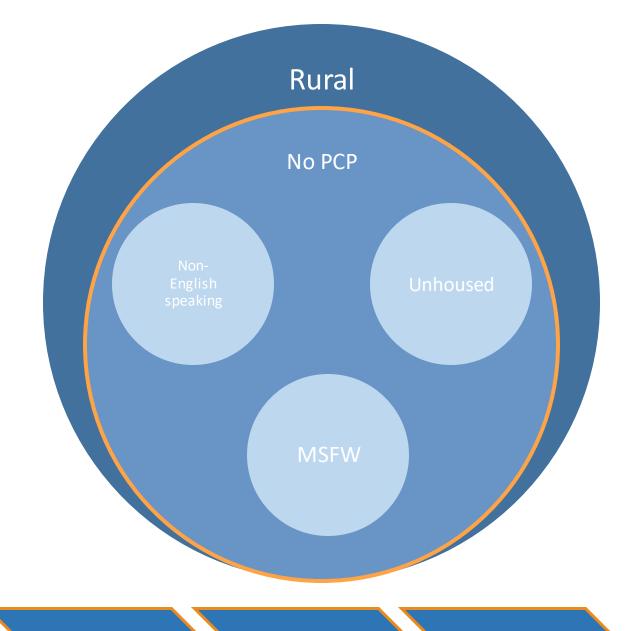
- ➤ Partners may prefer in-person meetings. Taking the time to go to them can reap much more successful partnerships.
- ➤ Patients may be disenfranchised with the healthcare system. This means that the less information that they have to give, the happier that they will be.





#### **Patients Without a Primary Care Provider**

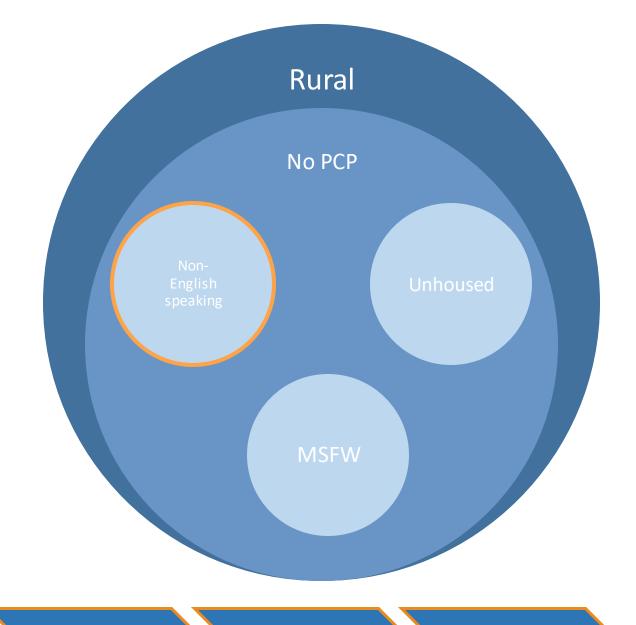
- May not be able to access basic care
- > Find it harder to get prescriptions
- ➤ For what services can you provide a blanket provider order? Who can act as proxy for the provider?
- > Then, how can you connect them with a PCP?





#### **Non-English Speaking Patients**

- ➤ Many EHRs are not designed for all cultures of naming systems. This can lead to errors and less patient-centered communication in facility operations that don't have direct patient interaction.
  - ➤ How many letters does it accept?
  - ➤ Will it take more than one last name? What is the hyphen requirement?
  - Do you have to merge accounts?



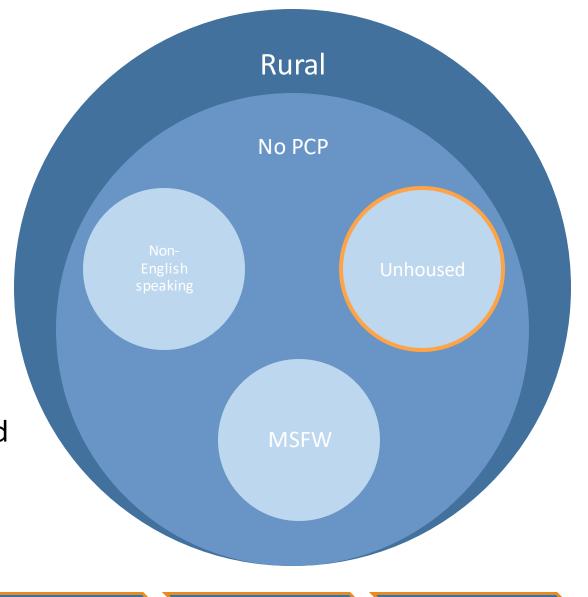
Building Pathways

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#### **Unhoused Patients**

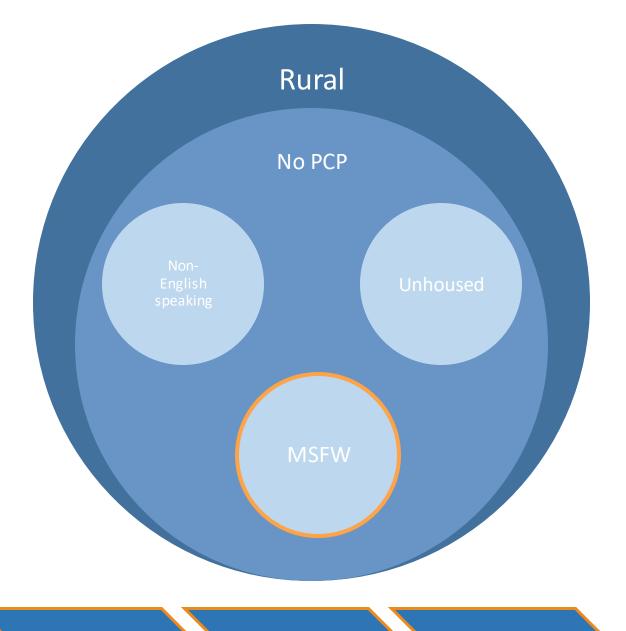
- > Harm reduction sites
- > Fred Meyer gift cards
- ➤ If they are staying in a shelter, can they stay there with the condition that they have?
- ➤ What information exists at the shelters related to healthcare? What can be expanded?





#### **Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Patients**

- Not just Spanish speaking
- > Listen to radio in the fields
- ➤ Apartment complexes provide low barrier sites for community care clinics



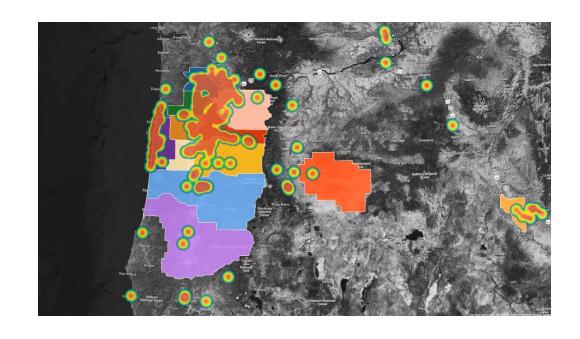


Introductions

### Measuring Success

#### **Developing Metrics**

- What are your goals?
  - Provision of care
  - Promotion of services
  - System change
  - Geographic Coverage
- Who are you targeting?
- Where are you targeting?



Metrics



### Measuring Success

#### **Measurement Methods**

- Are your patient portals set up to ask for this information? Can you integrate data collection in your service?
- If you can't ask it of the patient, can you look at your efforts? How many events have you done at particular targeted sites? Are your partners well educated on available services?

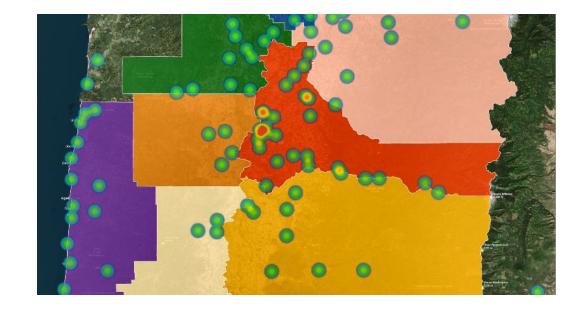




### Measuring Success

#### **Benefits**

- > Identify growth opportunities
- Connect patients to applicable services
- Offer scalability





### Case Studies



John, a patient at Yamhill County Fairgrounds during the Omicron surge



Demobilization of an LPHA and utilization of network



Change reporting portal based on feedback



### How You Can Launch

#### Research

- LPHAs
- Resource Handbooks

### Considerations

- Episodic funding
- Wraparound care
- Provider shortage





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