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**Combined Meeting of the  
Blueprint Executive Committee Meeting  
And  
Blueprint Planning and Evaluation Committee  
November 14, 2018  
8:30 – 10:00 am**

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Oak Conference Room (2nd Floor)  
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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Update on Quality Improvement Facilitation Program:
  - a. PCMH Transformation (NCQA)
  - b. Continuous Quality Improvement
3. 2018 in Review and Looking Forward to 2019
4. Updates to Implementation Manual and Payments

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# Expansion and Quality Improvement Program (EQulP) Update

November 2018

# EQulP Team

- 13 FTE (with one vacancy)
  - 6 facilitators hired and trained in 2018
  - Up to 3 additional FTE to be added for SBINS
- Rachael McLaughlin (Brattleboro/Burlington)
  - Thomasena Coates (Springfield/Windsor)
  - Greg Dana (Randolph/Upper Valley)
  - Heidi Baker (St. Johnsbury/Newport)
  - Elise McKenna/Lori Dupuis (Morrisville)
  - Jaclyn Holden (Barre)
  - Jill Davis (St. Albans)
  - Ellen Talbert (Burlington)
  - Ryan Torres (Middlebury/Rutland)
  - Victoria Webber (Bennington)
  - Artie Seelig (WHI)
  - Maurine Gilbert (Community Facilitator)

# EQulP Practice Engagement

- 20% Highly Engaged – Regular QI meetings with Multidisciplinary Team
- 50% Engaged – Regular QI meetings with 1-2 Practice Representatives
- 20% - Partially Engaged – Using support for NCQA recognition and/or learning collaboratives
- 10% - Rarely or not Engaged

# EQuIP Focus Areas – Primary and Specialty Practices

Learning Health Systems	QI Facilitation	Training	Program Implementation	Quality Assurance
Learning Collaboratives (HTN, Diabetes, Hub/Spoke)	Practice Level	Patient Centered Medical Home Model	WHI	NCQA Recognition Preparation
	Organization Level	QI in Practice	SBINS	Clinical Attestation Support (ACO or BP)
	Community Level	Motivational Interviewing	CHT / Behavioral Health Integration	

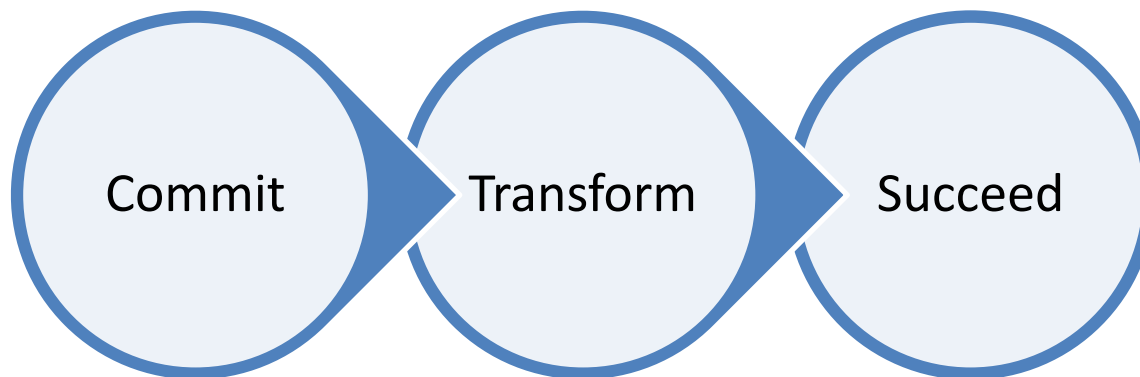


Ongoing Practice Transformation  
(NCQA PCMH)

Quality and Payment Reform Efforts  
Continuous Quality Improvement

# Blueprint NCQA Recognition

- Newly Engaging Practices – 2
- Accelerated Renewal Practices (Level 1 or 2) - 28
- Sustaining Practices (Level 3) - 107





# Key NCQA Process Changes in 2017

- 1 Year recognition period with annual check-ins
- No “levels” of recognition
- Q-Pass system replaces the application and survey systems
- More interaction with NCQA/Assignment of NCQA representative throughout the process; up to 3 check-ins

# NCQA 2017 Patient Centered Medical Home Standard Concept Areas

1. Team-Based Care and Practice Organization (TC)
2. Knowing and Managing Your Patients (KM)
3. Patient-Centered Access and Continuity (AC)
4. Care Management and Support (CM)
5. Care Coordination and Care Transitions (CC)
6. Performance Measurement and Quality Improvement (QI)

# Key (Core) PCMH Content Changes in 2017

- Comprehensive Assessment to include Social Functioning and Social Determinants of Health
- Use of information on the population served by the practice to prioritize needed community resources
- Behavioral Health Measurement and QI
- Assessment of the access needs and preferences of the patient population

# Impact of 2017 PCMH Process and Standard Changes

- Considerable learning with some process delays (for NCQA and Vermont Practices)
- Less focus on documentation, more on demonstrating
- Ease of attestation for sustaining practices
- Audit (TBD)

# Practice Experience of Quality Improvement Supports Survey

**Objective:** Understand the experience of primary care practices with quality improvement facilitation in order to better align quality improvement support resources

## **Survey Distribution:**

List of practice contacts from Facilitators + Blueprint portal

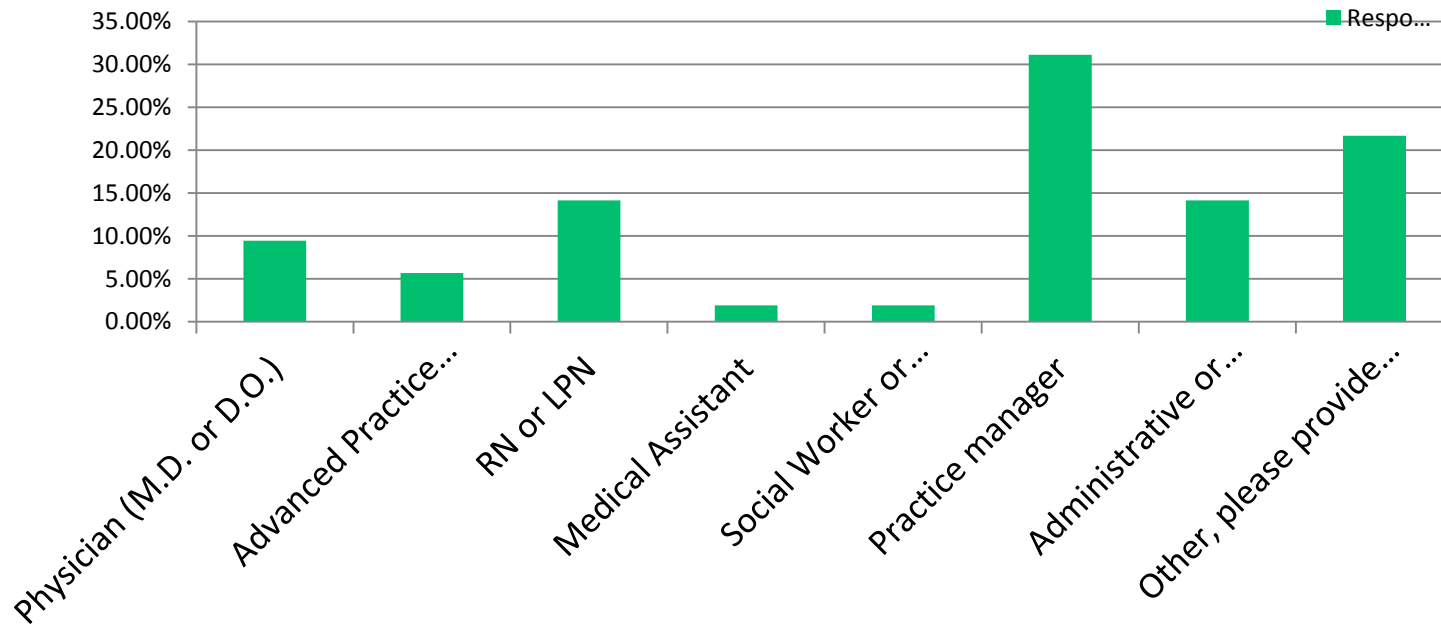
200 email addresses

Distributed in September/October 2018

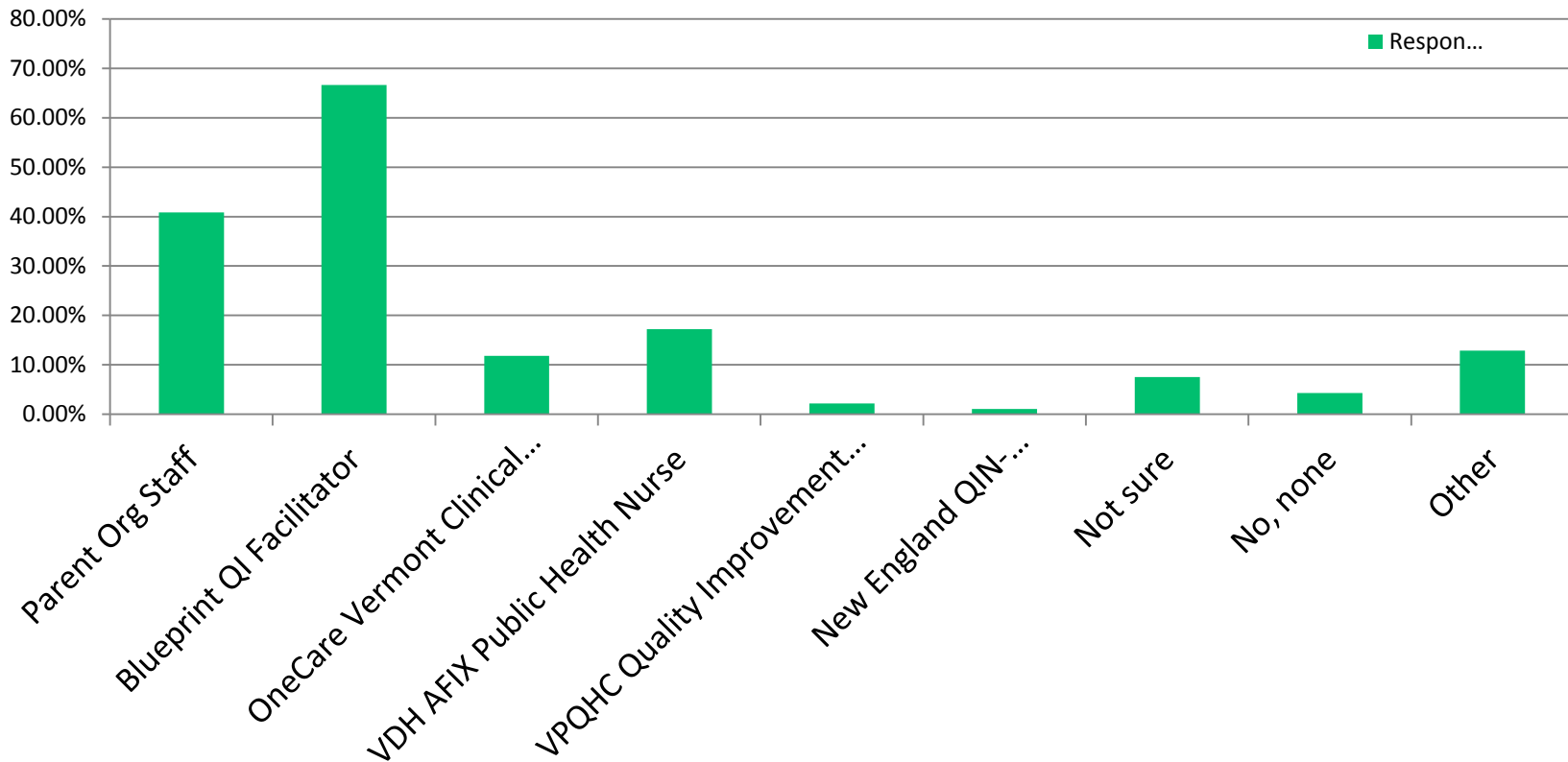
106 responses, about 83 completed surveys

# Respondents

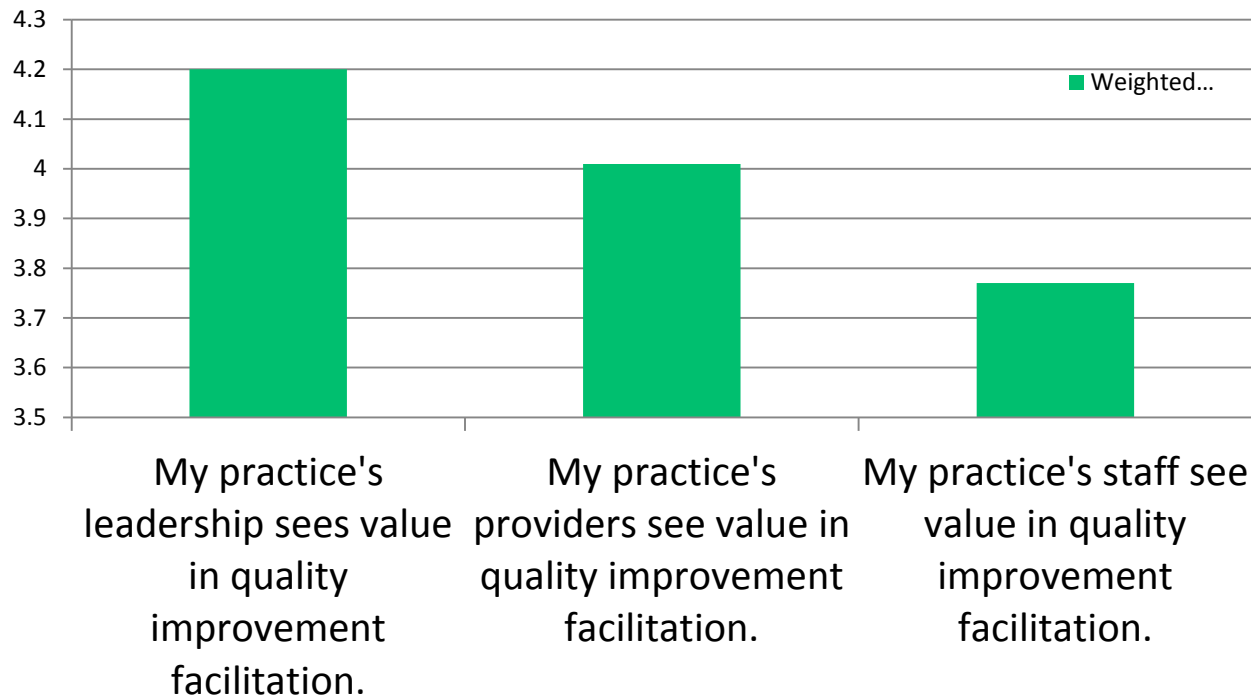
What is your role in your practice? Select one



### Who provides quality improvement facilitation in your practice? Select all that apply.

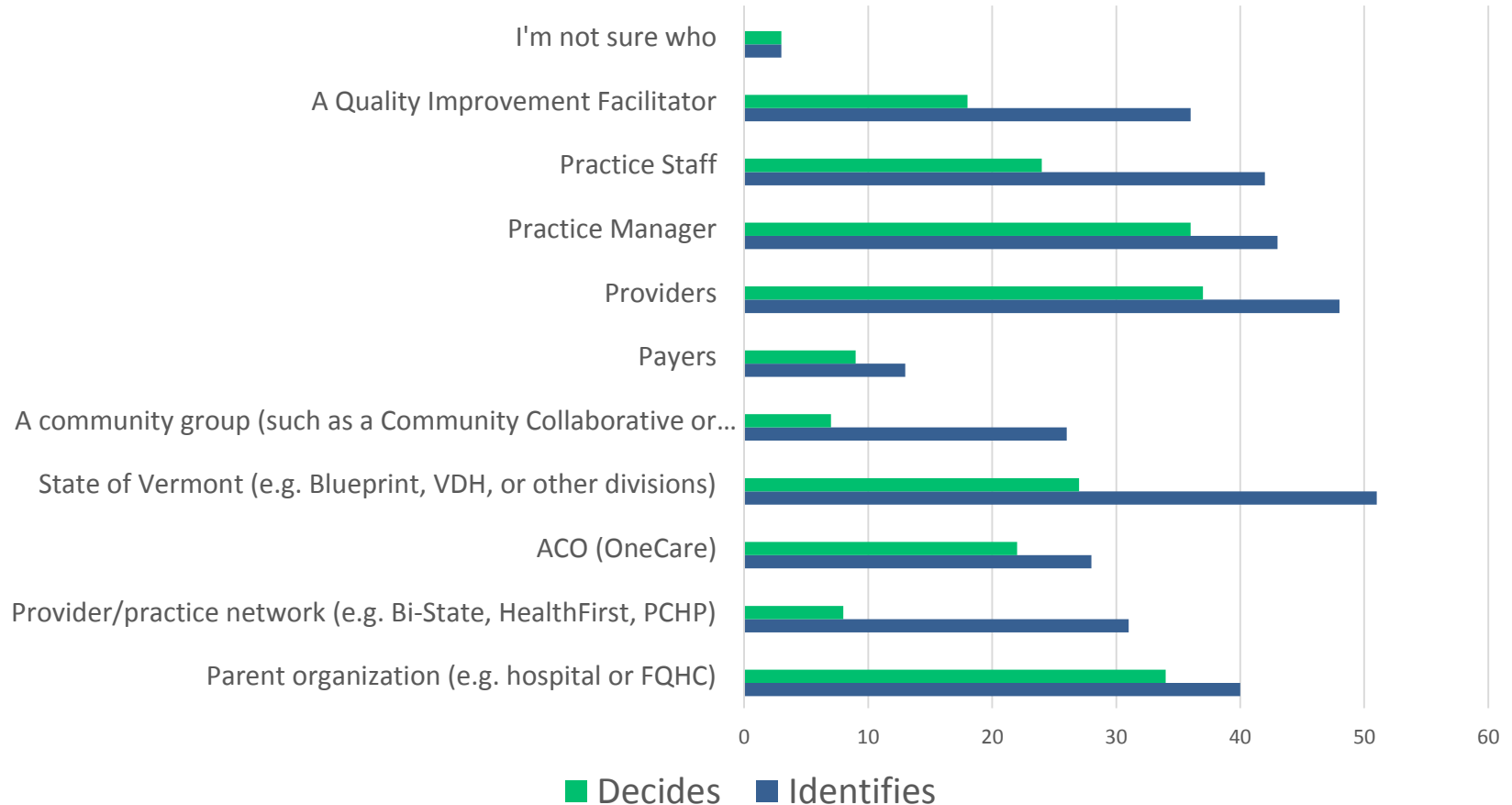


Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements

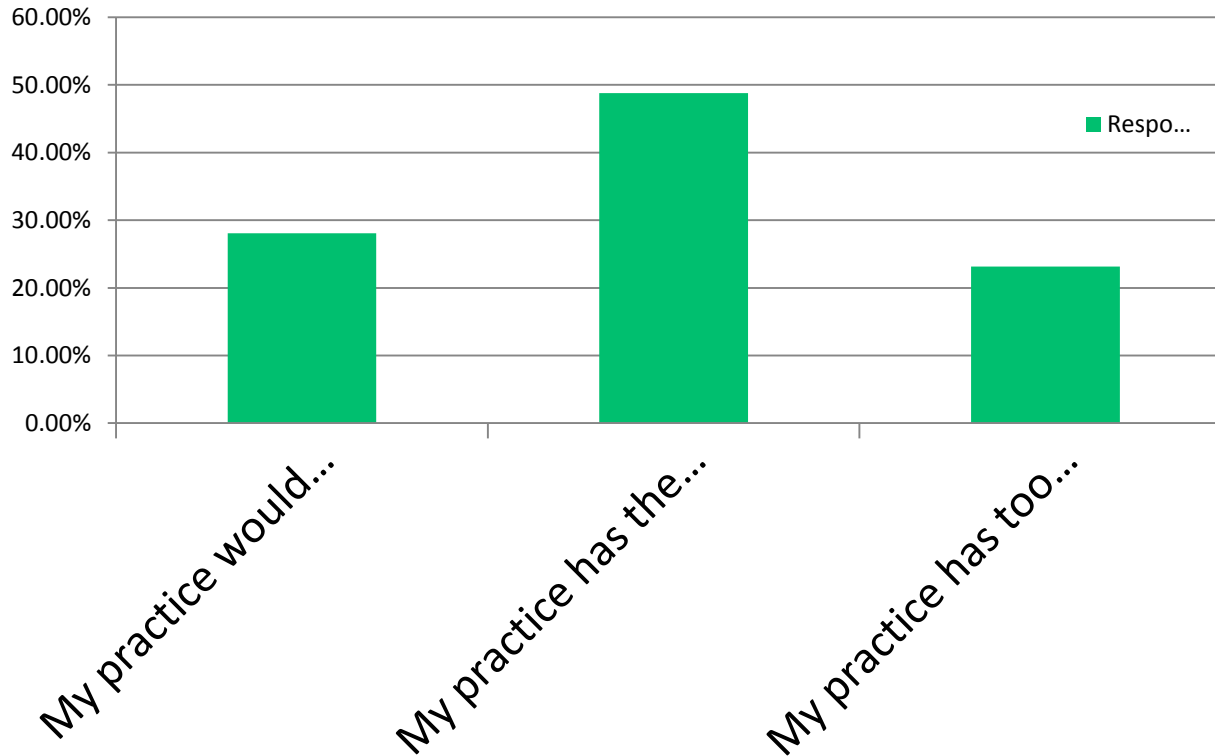




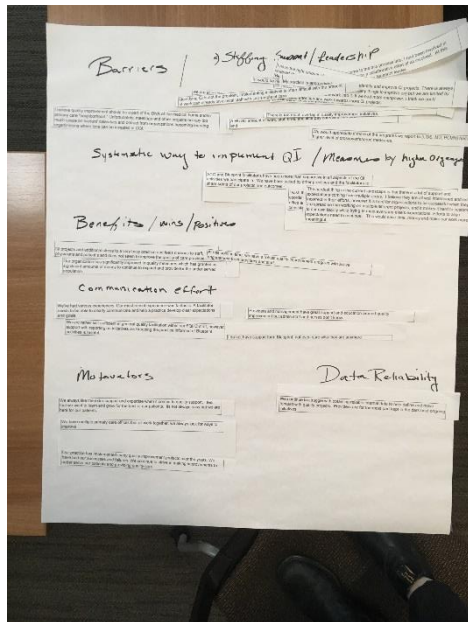
In your practice, who identifies opportunities for quality improvement and who decides on quality improvement projects to pursue? Check each box that applies.



Please review the following statements and select the one that best applies to your practice. Select one



# Qualitative Themes



“I feel like we want to learn and grow for our patients.”

Barrier is provider/staff time and focus  
Information Technology/Data

Facilitation helps

Requirements pulling practices in too many directions

# SBINS Planning Guidance Issued



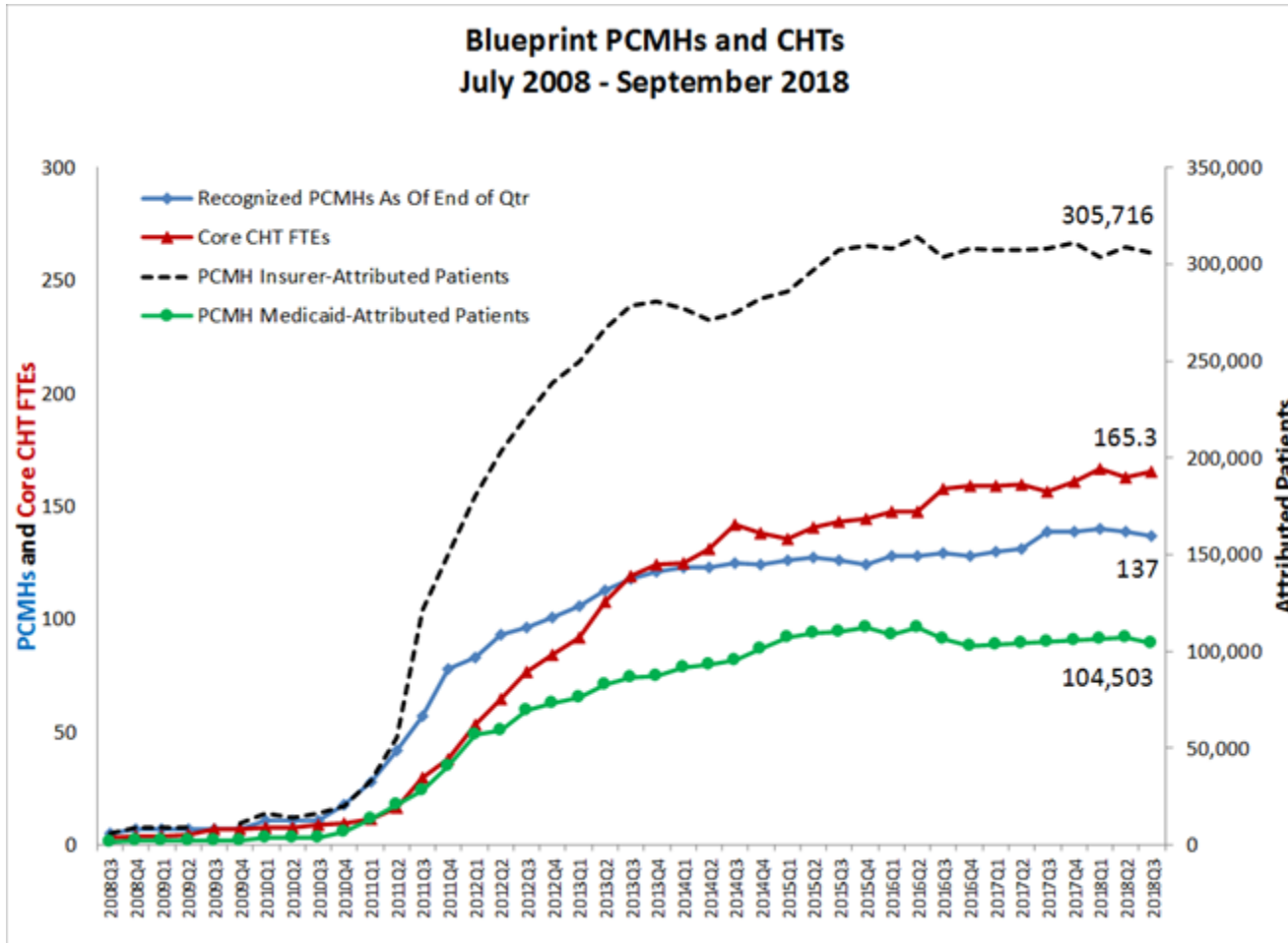
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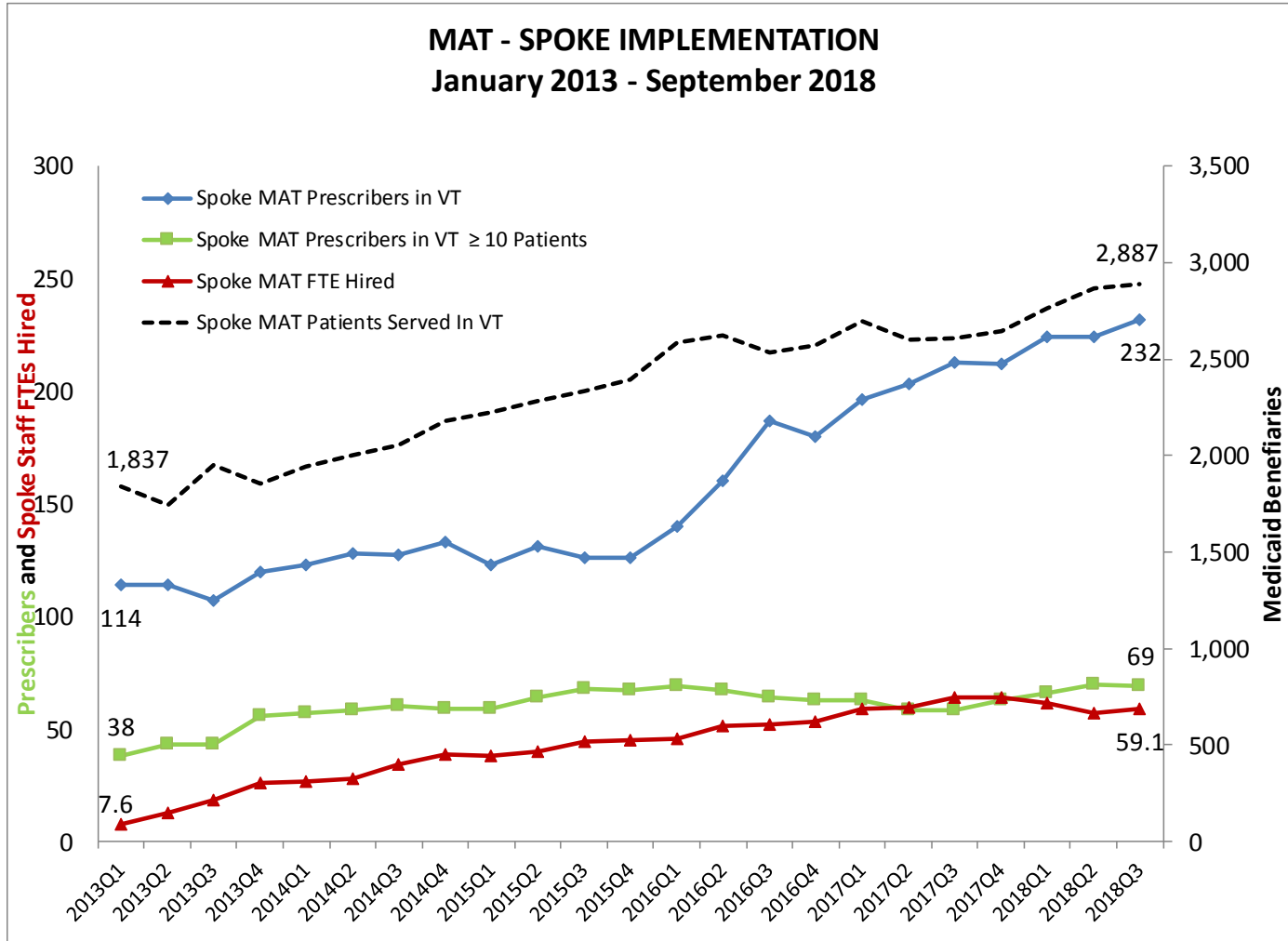


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## SBINS

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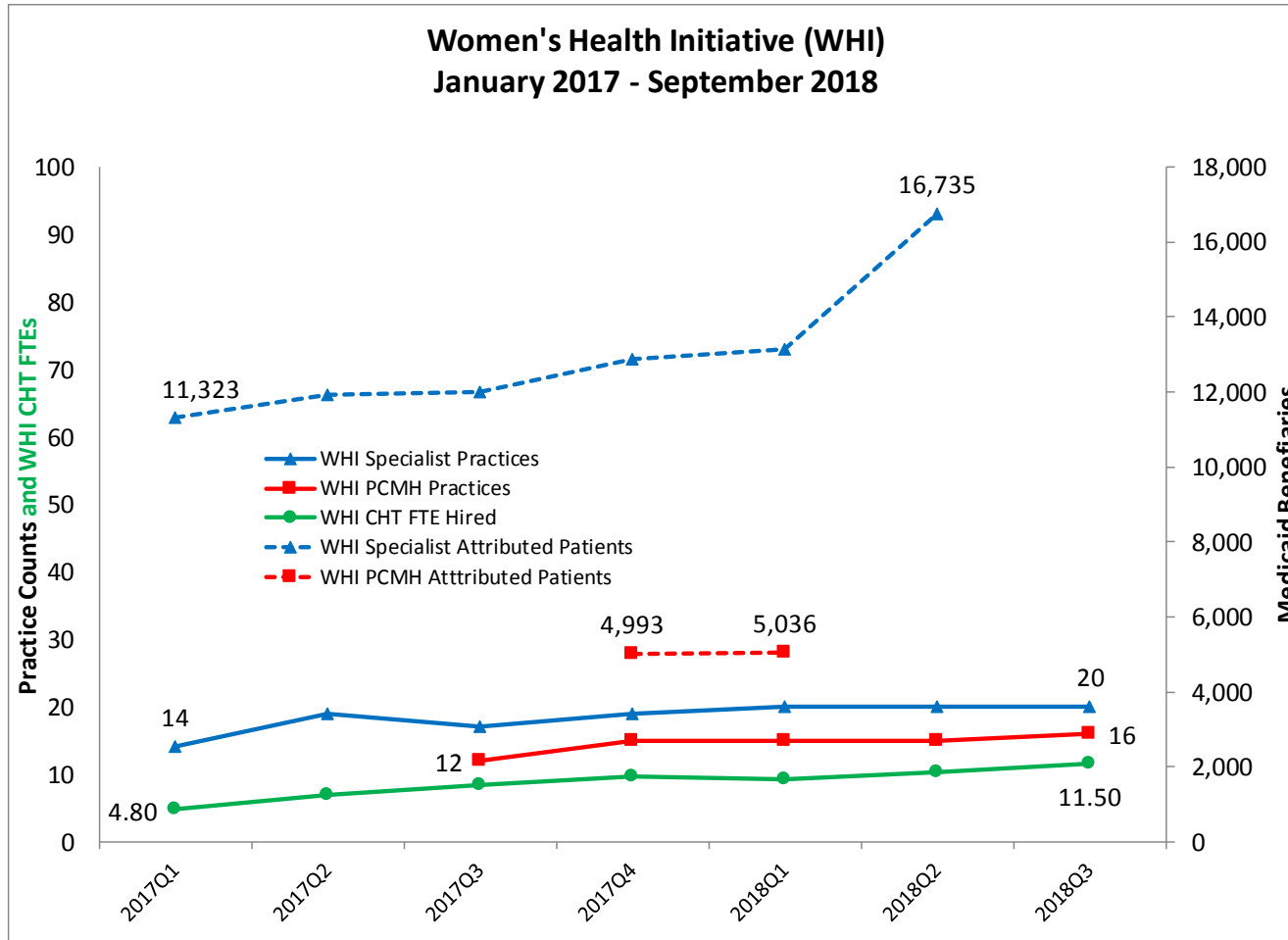




### Hub Census and Waitlist: August 2018

Region	# Clients	# Buprenorphine	# Methadone	# Vivitrol	# Receiving Treatment but Not Yet Dosed	# Waiting
Chittenden, Addison	979	282	697	0	0	0
Franklin, Grand Isle	352	144	207	1	0	0
Washington, Lamoille, Orange	483	161	322	0	0	0
Windsor, Windham	634	130	503	0	1	0
Rutland, Bennington	422	99	301	0	22	0
Essex, Orleans, Caledonia	767	208	558	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3637</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>2588</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>

Note: The Franklin/Grand Isle location opened in July 2017. Some clients are transferring from the Chittenden/Addison hub to the FGI hub.





# Payment Updates: PCCM

## Sec. E.307 Primary Care Funding (pg. 93)

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B. 307 of this act \$2,166,000 shall be used to increase the amount of the per-member-per-month payment through the Blueprint for Health to each patient-centered medical home in fiscal year 2019

## H 924 Committee of Conference Report

### Plan

- Estimate \$1.65 PMPM added to Blueprint PCMH Payments Beginning January 2019

# Medicare Payments 2019 & OneCare Risk Contract

## Policy Goals

- Medicare payments are part of OneCare VT “shared savings” requires actual savings & board approval to allocate
- Refresh Medicare patient attribution (currently at 2016 levels) & include new Blueprint Practices
- Maintain Continuity of Services & Programs

## Plan

- PCMH Per Member Per Month remains stable pending available funds
- CHT & SASH payments reflect trend increase pending available funds

# Payment Updates: Performance Payments

## Issue

- Evolution of VHCURES Data
  - Higher proportion of Medicare & Medicaid Members (Gobeille decision)
  - New Medicare data set post MAPCP Demonstration Program

## Plan

- Adjust “improvement” component for 2019 payment calculation
- Move to annual calculation of performance payment (from twice yearly)