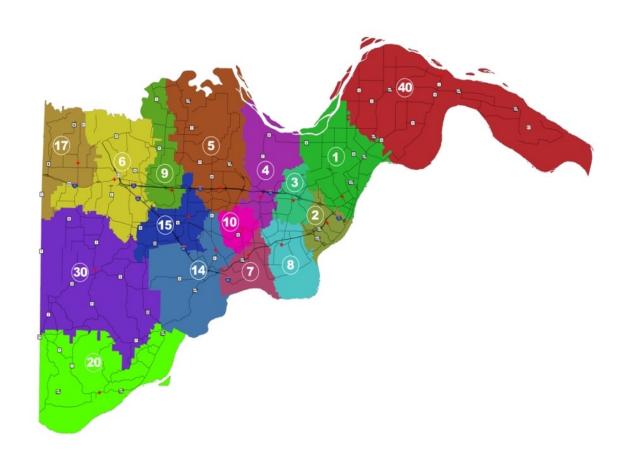
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Our Story of Resilience & Lessons Learned

IRCP



St. Charles Co Ambulance District

- 592 Square Miles
- 409,981 Population (2021)
- 51,000 Calls (2022)
- 18 911 ALS Ambulances
- 7 ALS Transfer Units
- 260 Personnel

Our Story begins 2016

- Overdose Referral Program
- Positive early results

2016 Overdose Referral Program



- Completed successful pilot readmission
- Pilot BHR telemedicine



Behavioral
Health
Response &
Alternative
Disposition

Assessment patients with behavioral crisis/suicidal ideation

CSSR tool used

Inclusion criteria met- BHR engaged & make disposition recommendation & provide resources

- Signed contract UHC health survey
- Hedis measure gap filler
- Signed contract readmission avoidance





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2020 1st in house CP program

COVID HIT

- Started make shift clinic in old station
- PCR/rapid covid test 1st responders
- 1st ambulance district stand alone vaccinator in state.



Downs of Covid

 Covid shut down readmission & UHC stopped talks



- Robust HUG program starts
- Short-term surveillance (STS) program hospital starts to free up beds.
- Start homebound vaccine program



Signed Anthem Managed Medicaid HUG program.

Collaborated with local Mental Health Facility for Risk Assessments

ET3 medical started with 16 medics 911 division

2023 Where are we now?

- BJC readmission picked up volume
- HUG referrals up
- Started pilot single resource run low acuity
 911 calls find HUG patients.
- Got 501C3
- Received \$25K grant CP education & awaiting \$1.7 million grant for MAT

What have we learned?

- Never lose focus of your mission
- Programs can fail, but can open other doors.



QUESTIONS?

