# NO HEALTH without MENTAL HEALTH

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#### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- List 3 important characteristics of a Patient Navigation program
- Identify 3 important characteristic of a case which requires Patient Navigators and Mental Health professionals to work as a team.
- Identify two aspects of clinical supervision necessary to successfully serve patients with chronic conditions and mental health disorders in a Patient Navigation Program.

#### **WILLIAM F. RYAN NETWORK**

Over 45 years providing high quality, affordable, primary care and support services

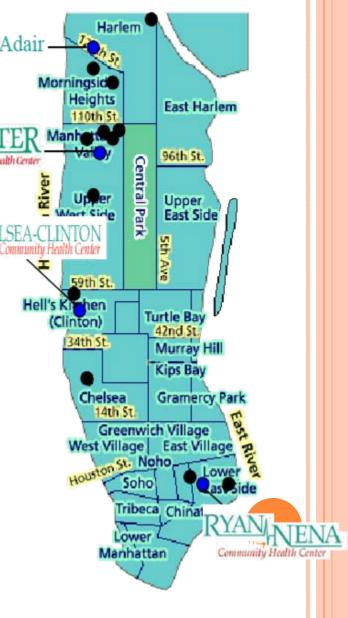
Four main sites (16 total)

49,192 patients served in 2011

Race: 74% minority Sex: 58% F

Insurance: 27% uninsured & 67% public insurance

- Homeless: 2,645 (5%)
- Age: 34% pediatric patients, 57% adult, 10% 65+



### **PROGRAM**

Program Focus	Navigator Skills
<b>Health Care Disparities</b>	Advocacy
Support and Guidance	Culturally Sensitive / Interpersonal Skills / Awareness of Services
Education	<b>Continuously Trained</b>
Care Coordination	Health Care / Community Knowledge
Health and Social Barriers	Assessment / Problem Solving Skills

#### CONNECTION

Diabetes: 1 in 4 suffer from Depression;
 Mortality increases by 30% for Diabetics;
 Co-occurring disorders = severe symptoms from both conditions, increases work disability and medical services used more than those with Diabetes alone.

- Hypertension: Patients aware of Hypertension Diagnosis have higher risk of psychological distress
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# WITHOUT OVERSTEPPING SCOPE

- Clinical Supervision eliminates role confusion
- Strength-based supervision / Effective trainings
- Patients share different information with different providers.
- COORDINATION between MH and PN
- Informed patient can participate in a collaborative model resulting in appropriate services and referrals.

#### PATIENT EXAMPLE

- Maria has a diagnosis of diabetes and hypertension and undiagnosed MH disorder
- Unstable diabetes and hypertension despite Rx
- Domestic Violence at home
- Not receiving MH services at time of Intake
- Medical provider was not aware of patient's DV situation or home environment

#### **BENEFITS OF PN**

- Practitioners get assistance with helping patients achieve their health goals.
- Practitioners gain knowledge of patient's barriers to treatment.
- Practitioners treat a better informed patient ready to collaborate.
- Decreases the number of emergency room / walk in visits.
- The Patient Navigator becomes the Coordinator in coordinated care.

## REFERENCES AND READING RECOMMENDATIONS

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