

Between Us:

Work Flow and EHR Innovations in Confidentiality and Adolescent Primary Care

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Minnesota Minor Consent Law

- Pregnancy related care*
- Contraceptive care*
- Sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment*
- Diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and other drug abuse
- Inpatient mental health services
- Emergency care





between us
Connecting Parents, Teens, & Healthcare

What is Between us?





The Problem Reproductive Health Disparities in Minnesota

- Minnesota Adolescent Sexual Health Report 2018:
 - STI rates are disproportionately high for communities of color in Minnesota.
 - Birth rates for black and Latinx youth are three times greater than that of white youth
 - Rates for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea were highest among black youth, followed by Latinx and American Indian Youth
 - Rate of gonorrhea is 33 times higher for black youth and the chlamydia rate is over 9 times higher for black youth compared to the rate for white youth





The Vision -
A Universal
Protocol for
Teens Seeking
Confidential
Care

Organizational wide protocols that ensure that, in an Electronic Medical Record era…
☐call center professionals
□clerical Staff
☐health care providers
□nursing staff
know how to provide confidential services ensuring that the:
☐ The documentation of the encounter is set up differently, so this information cannot be release without the teen consent
☐The labs are identified as confidential
☐The confidential meds given during the visit or sent as a prescription are identified as confidential
☐The billing is protected so no Explanation of Benefits is sent out
☐The AVS is confidential



The System's Change Process

Current

- Standardization of EHR modifications across ambulatory
- Training and continuous quality improvement
- Parenting education and coaching

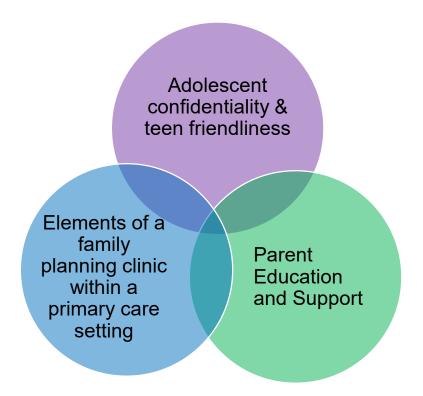
Future

- Emergency Department and Inpatient
- Mental Health Screening for all
- Population Health





How did we address each level?







Systems Transformation

Adolescent confidentiality

- ✓ Electronic Health Record Transformation
 - Private Encounter Banner
 - Patient Chart Advisory
 - Best Practice Advisory
 - Confidential Minor SmartSet
 - Confidentiality Statement on Orders
 - AVS
 - MyChart

Adolescent confidentiality & teen friendliness







Systems Transformation

Elements of a family planning clinic

- ✓ Medication dispensed in clinic
 - Change in Pharmacy work flow "sample" medications
 - Medication dispensed in the clinic for use at home similar to Family Planning clinic

Elements of a family planning clinic within a primary care setting







Systems Transformation

Parent Education and Support

- ✓ Dedicated Parent Educator
 - Website
 - Workshops
 - Provider support

Parent Education and Support









Between Us-Successes

- Last year reached 700 youth
- 6 outreach events
- 68% of family planning methods services were tier 1 or 2 level methods
- 62% of encounters included STI screening
- Betweenushealth.com
 - Parenting support
 - Useful resources for teens
 - Soon in Spanish
- Planning expansion to ED/Urgent Care





New billing system!

- Allows covered family planning services to be confidentially billed to:
 - Medical Insurance
 - Medical assistance (MA)
 - Prepaid Medical Assistance
 Program (PMAP)



Teen Screen

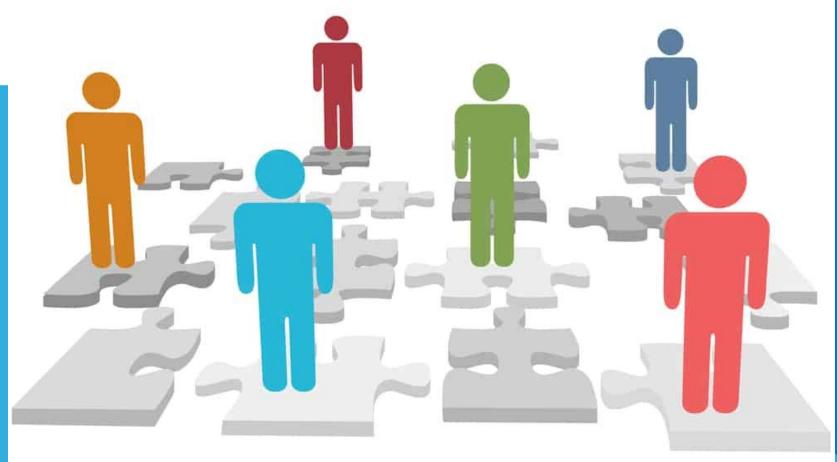


- Goal:
 - Supporting providers in identifying and helping teens with high risk behaviors.
- Process:
 - Pilot in pediatrics primary Care Clinic
- Barriers:
 - Provider's time constrains
 - Coordination
- Outcome: Still in progress.











Thank you!

Feel free to contact us with questions or ideas.

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