

Re-Engineering Healthcare Integration Programs (REHIP)

Planning for Primary Care & Psychological Health Care Integration



A DCoE-Funded Tri-Service Demonstration Project

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Overview

- Purpose
- Background
- Approach
- Way Forward



Purpose

- Optimize Psychological Health* services in military Primary Care
- Implement emerging DoD policy and intent across the MHS



Prevalence

- 80% with a behavioral health (BH) disorder visit primary care (PC) at least once a year¹
- 50% of all BH disorders are treated in PC²
- 48% of the appointments for all psychotropic agents are with a non-psychiatric PC provider³

1. Narrow et al., Arch Gen Psychiatry. 1993;50:5-107.

2. Kessler et al., NEJM. 2005;352:2515-23.

3. Pincus et al., JAMA. 1998;279:526-531.



Unmet Need

- 67% with a BH disorder do not get BH treatment¹
- 30-50% of referrals from PC to outpatient BH clinic don't make 1st appt^{2,3}
- 50% of primary care managers (PCMs), can only sometimes, rarely or never get high-quality behavioral health referrals for patients⁴

1. Kessler et al., NEJM. 2005;352:515-23.

2. Fisher & Ransom, Arch Intern Med. 1997;6:324-333.

3. Hoge et al., JAMA. 2006;95:1023-1032.

4. Trude & Stoddard, J Gen Intern Med. 2003;18:442-449.



Unmet Need

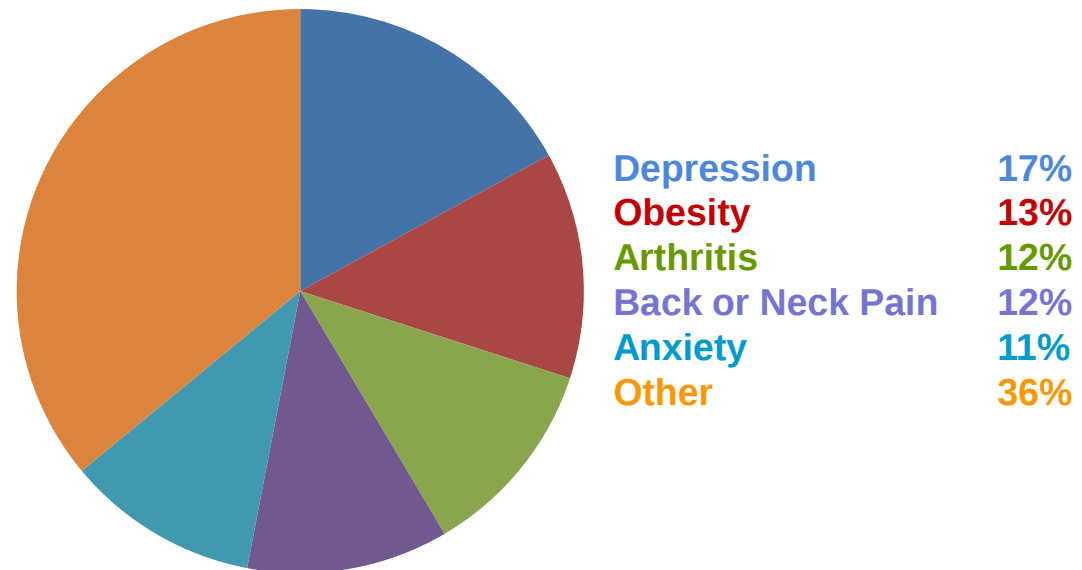
- Health Care Survey of DoD Beneficiaries (2008):
 - ~35% of military health system beneficiaries report difficulties accessing BH care
 - ~70% of family members report challenges accessing urgent BH care

MHS Beneficiaries' Access to Behavioral Health Care
Issue Brief Health Care Survey of DoD Beneficiaries
(HCSDB) July 2008



Cost of Unmet Need

- BH conditions account for ½ as many disability days as “all” physical conditions¹
- Annual medical expense for chronic medical + BH care is 46% greater than for chronic medical care alone²
- Top 5 conditions driving overall health costs (cost = reduced work productivity + medical costs + pharmacy costs)³



1. Merikangas et al., Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2007;64:1180-1188

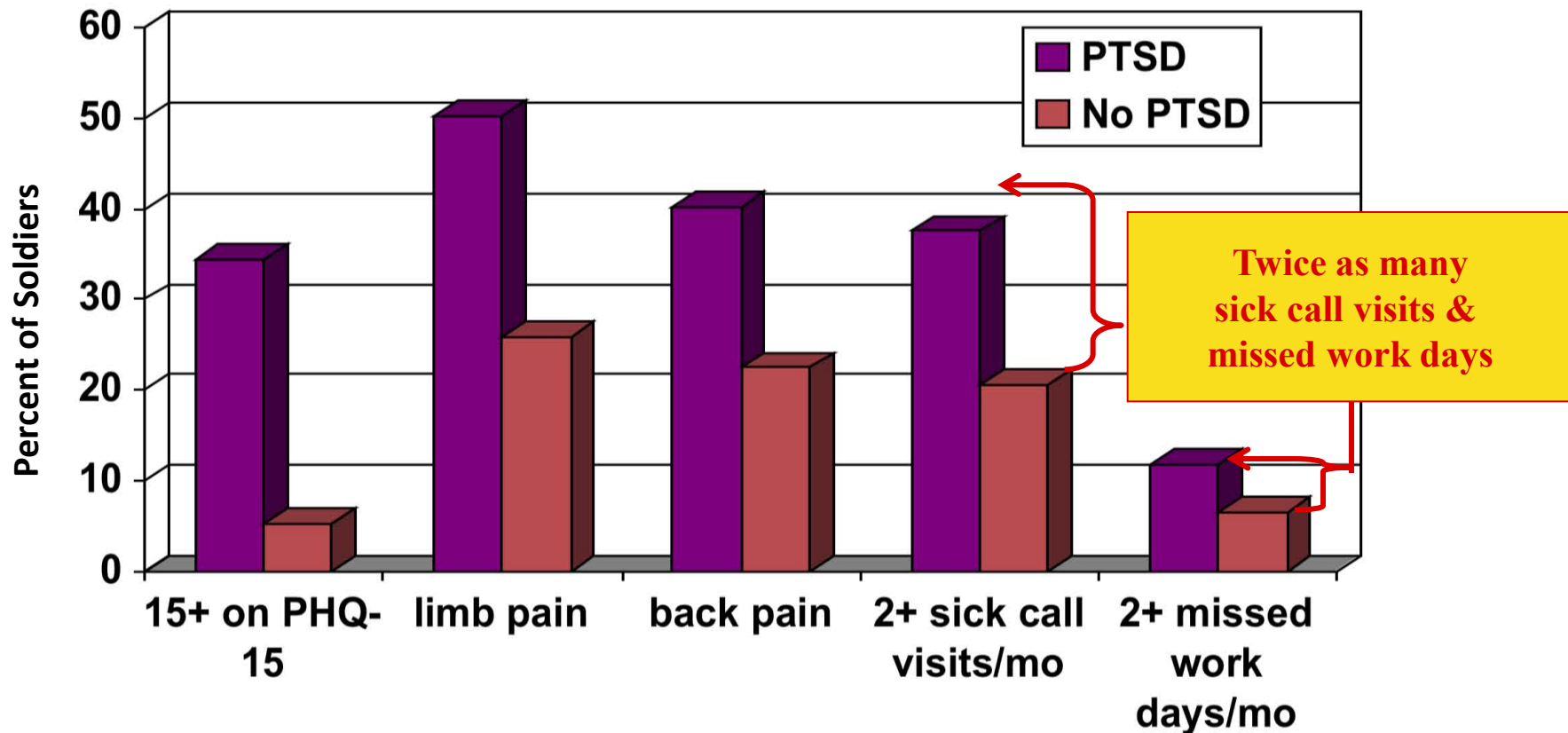
2. Original source data is the U.S. Dept of HHS the 2002 and 2003 MEPS

3. Loeppke et al., J Occup Environ Med. 2009;51:411-428.



Potential for Offset: Service Use & Missed Work

2,863 Iraq War returnees one-year post-deployment





Lower Cost When Treated

- Medical cost ↓17% for those receiving BH tx¹
 - *Controls who did not get BH tx cost ↑12.3%*
- Depression tx in PC for those with diabetes²
 - *\$896 lower total health care cost over 24 months*
- Depression treatment in PC³
 - *\$3,300 lower total health care cost over 48 months*

1. Chiles et al., Clinical Psychology. 1999;6:204–220.

2. Katon et al., Diabetes Care. 2006;29:265-270.

3. Unützer et al., American Journal of Managed Care 2008;14:95-100.



Lower Cost When Treated

Buncombe County Health Center

Decrease in Health Care Costs

- All health care-overall reduction---\$66 PMPM
- Mental health care reduction---\$295 PMPM
- In-patient cost reduction---\$1455 PMPM
- High users of health care decreased---\$435 PMPM



Lower Cost When Treated

Cherokee Health System

After At Least 1 Primary Care Behavioral Health Visit

- 28% ↓ *in medical use for Medicaid patients*
- 20% ↓ *in medical use for commercially-insured patients*
- 27% ↓ *in outpatient psychiatry visits*
- 34% ↓ *in out patient psychotherapy sessions*

Cherokee Data vs. Other Regional Providers

- *All Lower specialist utilization*
- *Lower ER utilization*
- *Lower hospital admissions*
- *Lower overall costs per enrollee*



Better Outcomes

- Quantitative & qualitative reviews¹⁻⁴
 - *Depression*¹⁻⁴
 - *Panic Disorder*^{1,2}
- Other Studies⁵
 - *Tobacco*
 - *Alcohol Misuse*
 - *Diabetes, IBS, Primary Insomnia*
 - *Chronic Pain, Somatic Complaints*

1. Butler et al., AHRQ Publication No. 09- E003. Rockville, MD. AHRQ. 2008.

2. Craven et al., Canadian Journal of Psychiatry. 2006;51:1S-72S.

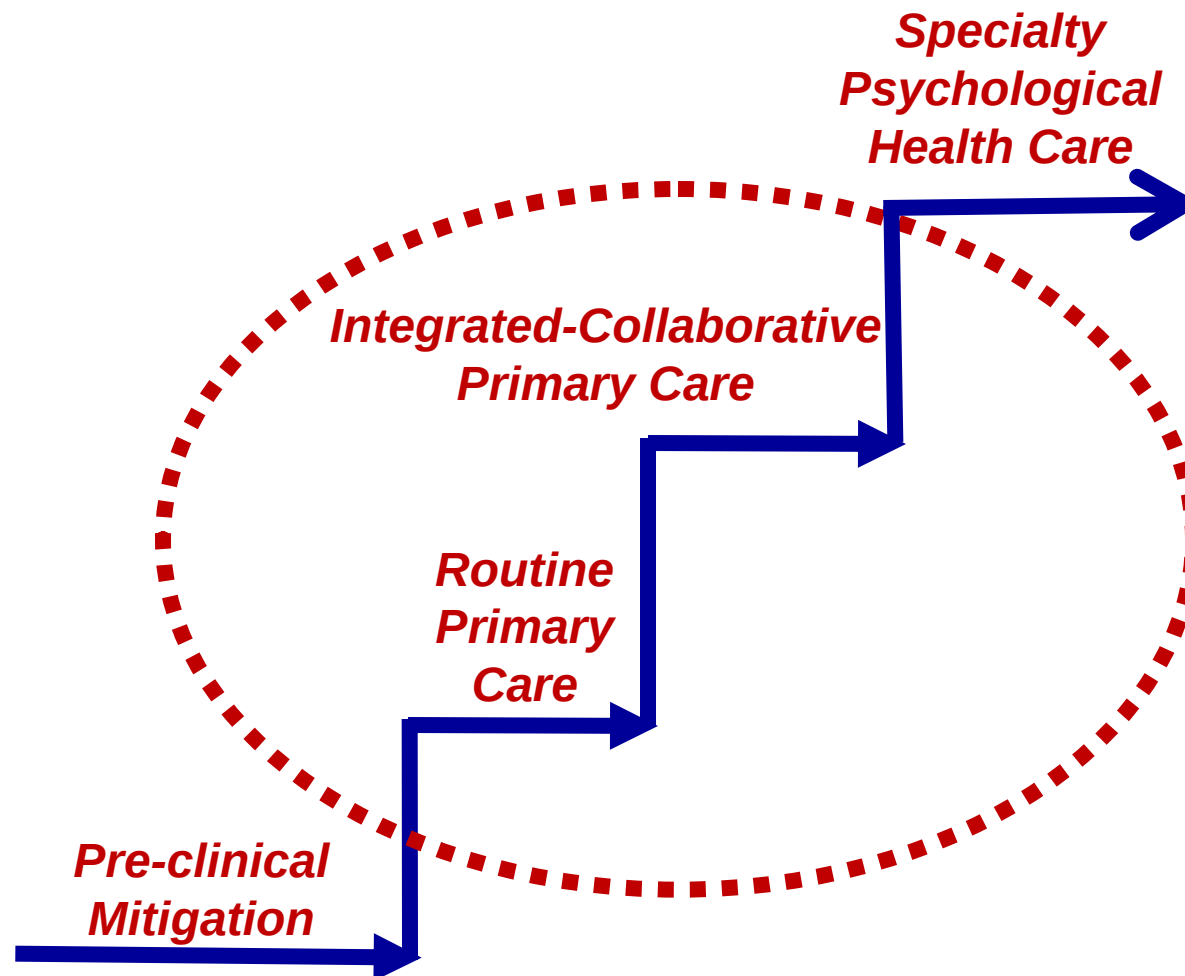
3. Gilbody et al., British Journal of Psychiatry, 2006;189:484-493.

4. Williams et al., General Hospital Psychiatry, 2007; 29:91-116.

5. Hunter et al., Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care: APA, 2009.



Stepped Care for Population Health Services





Models of Care

– Care Management Model

- *Typically focused on a discrete clinical problem*
- *Specific pathways to systematically address how BH problems are managed in PC*
- *PC providers & care managers share information*
- *Systematic interface with the outpatient mental health clinic*



Models of Care

– Primary Care Behavioral Health Model

- *Focused on all enrolled patients*
- *Embedded Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) with PC team*
- *BHCs & PCMs share patient information*
- *Brings a team-based management approach*
- *Helps team improve BH assessment & intervention*
- *Sees patients in 15-30 minute appointments*
- *Same day as well as scheduled appointment availability*
- *Focuses on full range of BH & health behavior change*



REHIP: Blending Models

GOALS TO IMPROVE

Continuity of Care
Access to Specialty Care
Strong Empirical Support
Clinical Feasibility & Efficiency
Behavioral Medicine Approaches
Implements DoD/VA Guidelines

RESPECT-Mil
Systems
Continuity Method

Reduces drop out
Maximizes clinical efficiency
Tracks to remission or referral to another level of care

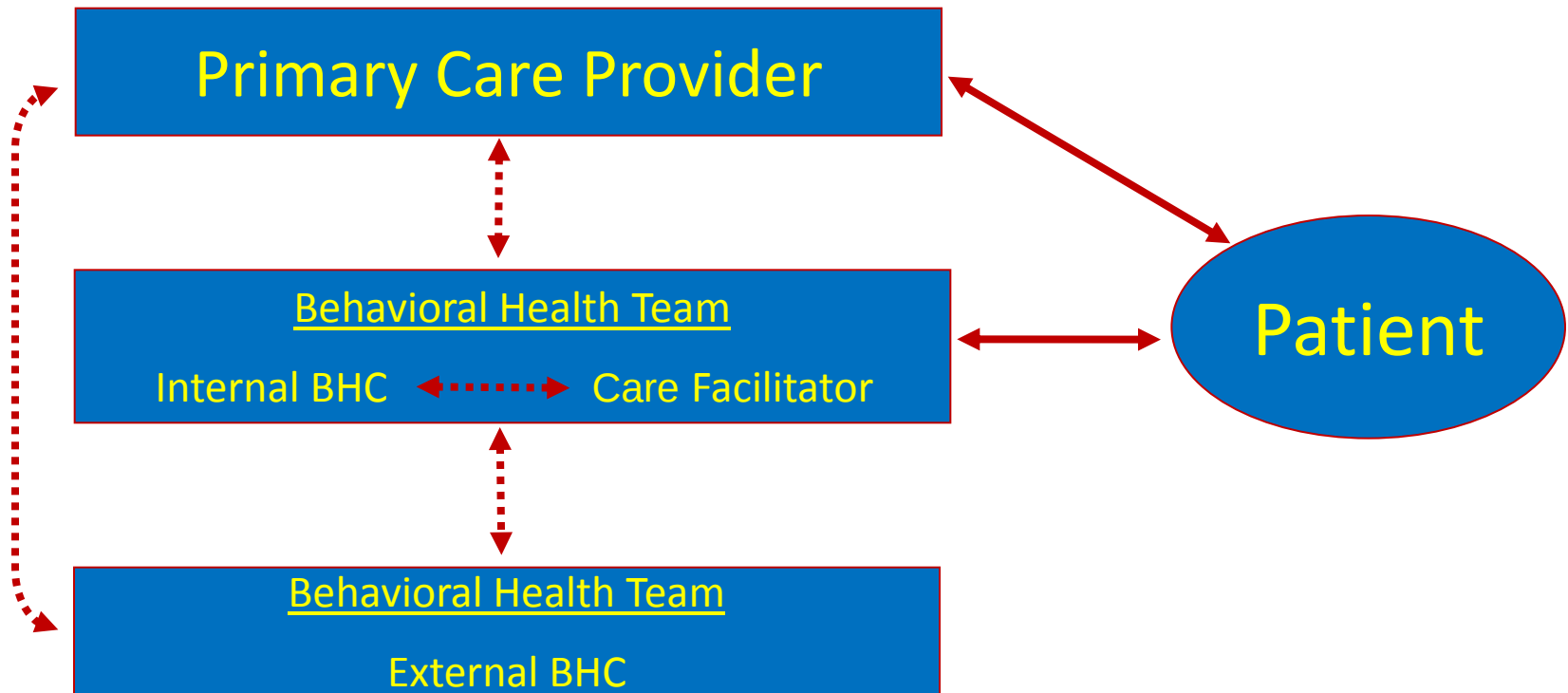
BHOP
Embedded Specialist Method

PCM has expert consultants on team
Improves PC access to psychosocial treatment
Addresses broad range of PH problems



Re-Engineering Health Care Integration Programs

Primary Care Medical Home ~ A Prepared Interdisciplinary Practice





REHIP Proposal

- **A Tri-Service demonstration project and evaluation**
 - Operationalizes guidance from Mental Health Integration Working Group & Office of the Chief Medical Officer (TMA)
- **Marries components from existing programs into one consistent “best practice”**
 - Implements collaborative “team-medicine” approach
 - Enhances access to intensive, focused therapeutic intervention and collaborative treatment planning for a range of issues
 - Improves recognition, management, and continuity of care for depression and PTSD
- **Six sites (site=base/post), two per Service**

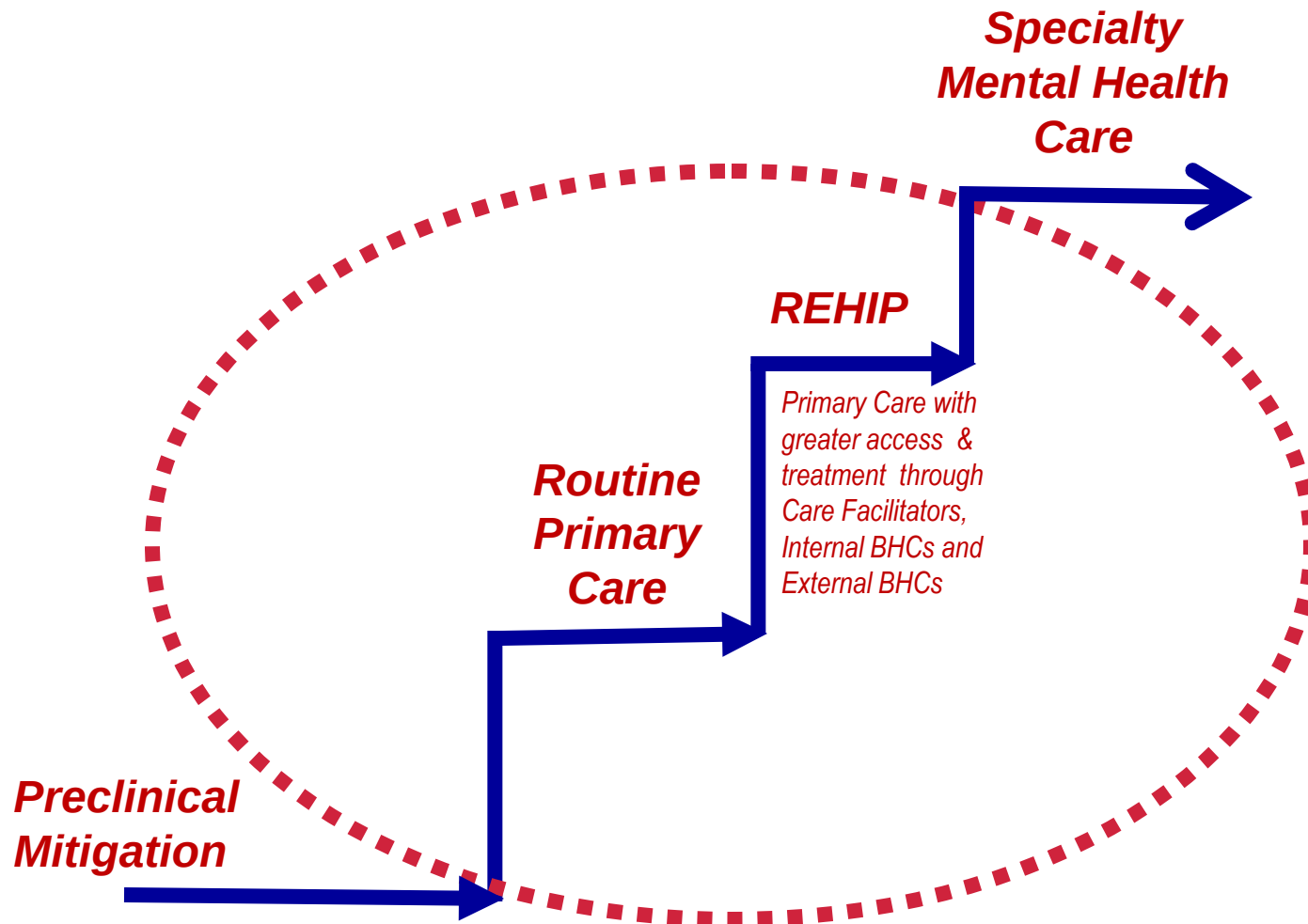


REHIP Components

- Approach is codified into manuals for Primary Care Provider, Care Facilitator, and Behavioral Health Consultants.
- Screening, assessment & treatment for all adult beneficiaries
- Universal screening for depression & PTSD for improved recognition & early intervention.
- Centralized training, evaluation with program development and management.
- Action Officers in each Service that will coordinate and communicate with site Champions and the REHIP Implementation Cell (RIC)



Why REHIP?





REHIP Clinic Staffing

- One Primary Care Champion per site (Team Leader)
- One Behavioral Health Champion
- Internal Behavioral Health Consultants
- External Behavioral Health Consultants
- Nurse Care Facilitators - One or more FTE per for clinic
- Administrators



REHIP Implementation Cell (RIC)

Distinctively...

- Multidisciplinary
- Tri-Service
- Experienced
- Fully Funded

Providing...

- Training and Support
- Manuals and Tools
- A Data Repository
- Evaluation



REHIP Summary

- A Tri-Service Demonstration
- Evidence-based
- Improves population access
- Expands available care options
- Maximizes continuity of care
- Consistent with Patient-Centered Medical Home



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