



Innovative Linkage to Care Outcomes between an ED and Community Provider Partnership

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

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No Conflicts of Interest

The FOCUS Program is a public health initiative that enables partners to develop and share best practices in routine blood-borne virus (HIV, HCV, HBV) screening, diagnosis, and linkage to care in accordance with screening guidelines promulgated by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), and state and local public health departments.

FOCUS funding supports HIV, HCV, and HBV screening and linkage to the first medical appointment after diagnosis. FOCUS partners do not use FOCUS awards for activities beyond linkage to the first medical appointment.

FOCUS PROJECT



Gilead Sciences, Inc.

- Routinize HIV and HCV Screenings, expanding care & access
- Reduce the number of undiagnosed individuals
- Decrease the number of individuals diagnosed late
- Ensure strong linkages to care, promoting early engagement and positive health outcomes
- Promote the normalization of screening and reduce stigma

METRO INCLUSIVE HEALTH



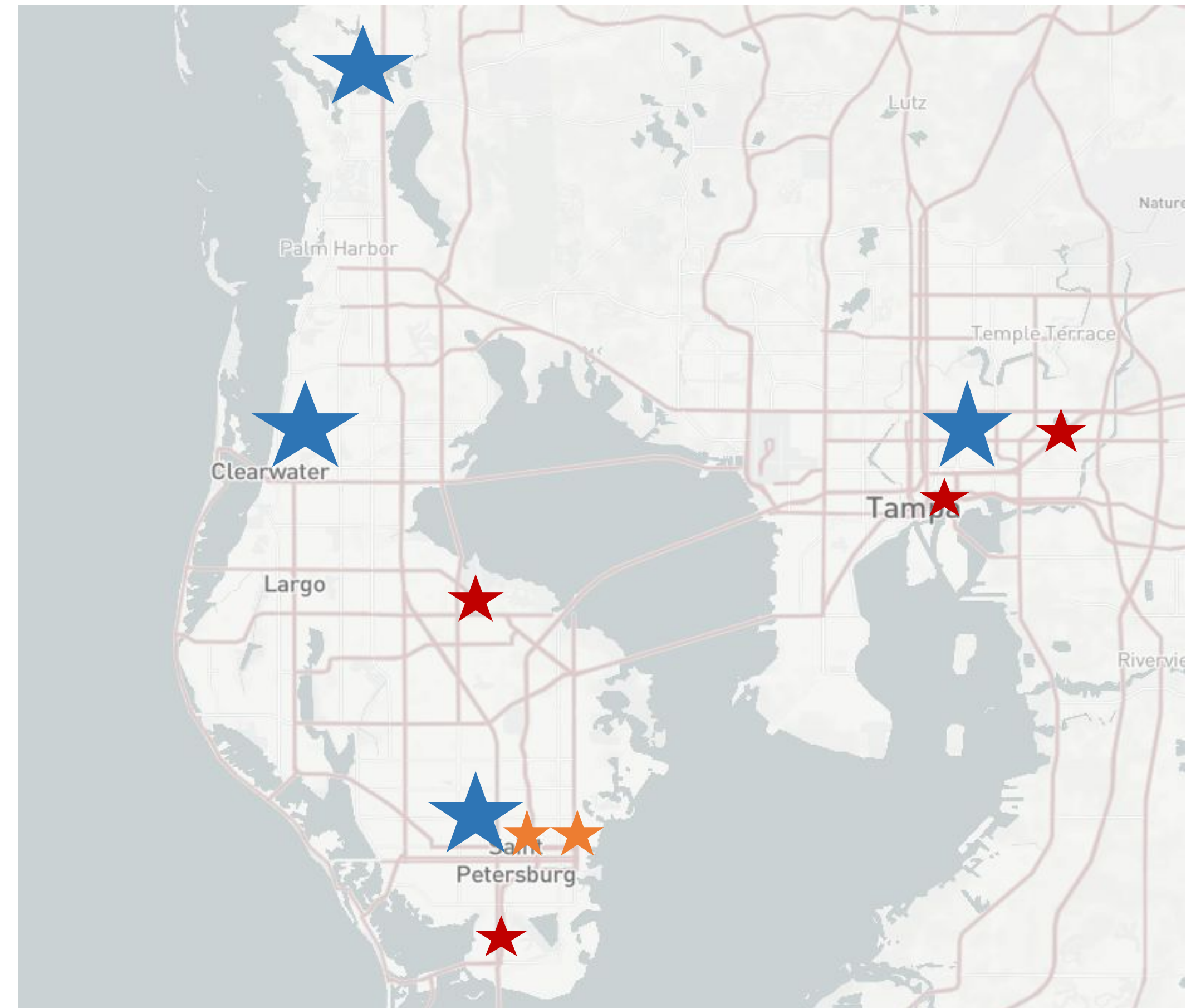
- Committed to providing quality health and wellness services that are inclusive, relevant, supportive, and represent the lifetime continuum of the people in our Tampa Bay community
- 1992 Metropolitan Charities Incorporated as 501(c)(3)
 - Medical Case Management
 - Prevention & Sexual Health Programs
 - Outreach & Engagement Services
- 2014 Behavioral Health Services
- 2015 Primary Care Services
- 2019 COA Accredited (Council on Accreditation)
- 2020 Federally Qualified Health Center Look Alike



METRO INCLUSIVE HEALTH



- Providing Care throughout Tampa Bay
- METRO Health Centers: ★
 - St Petersburg
 - Tampa
 - New Port Richey
 - Clearwater
- Satellite locations ★
- LGBTQ+ Welcome Center ★



METRO INCLUSIVE HEALTH



Delivering trauma-informed comprehensive and fully integrated medical services with 100 wraparound culturally competent supportive services

- HIV Care Coordination Services
- Primary and HIV Medical Care
- Behavioral Health
- HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services
- LGBTQ+ Community Programs



TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL



Established in 1927, Tampa General Hospital (TGH) is a private not-for-profit hospital and one of the most comprehensive medical facilities in Florida serving a dozen counties with a population in excess of four million.

TGH is the primary teaching hospital for the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine.

As the region's leading safety net hospital, Tampa General is committed to providing area residents with excellent and compassionate health care ranging from the simplest to the most complex medical services.



COLLABORATION BETWEEN ED AND CBO/FQHC-LAL



Red Carpet Linkage Process

- METRO serves as a direct, one-stop linkage resource for identified HIV positive individuals, regardless of insurance status
- Referral to Linkage Navigators who connect individuals to medical care and Ryan White Funded wraparound services
- Follow-up and confirmation of patient attendance (i.e. outcome of successful linkage)

INCREASED LINKAGE TO CARE RATES



2017 Before Collaboration	HIV	HCV
# Ab of positive patients	113	722
Ab seropositivity	0.9%	6%
# of RNA positive patients	n/a	334
# / % Linked to care	72 / 64%	162 / 49%

May 2018-April 1 2020	HIV	HCV
# Ab of positive patients	447	1570
Ab seropositivity	1.1%	4.9%
# of RNA Positives	n/a	447
#/% RNA Positives Linked to care	371 / 83%	293 / 66%

CONCLUSIONS



Routinized HIV and HCV Screening expands care and access

Partnerships and collaborations developed between ED and community based providers create meaningful linkage opportunities for patients

METRO and TGH are community champions for ending the HIV epidemic and forged a collaborative “Red Carpet Linkage” process ensuring all HIV positive individuals have streamlined access to medical care, regardless of insurance status.

This routine screening infrastructure and community partnership is a model approach for helping to end the HIV epidemic in Florida.

Thank you



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