

Health for all -Increasing inclusion for people with disabilities

Learning collaborative session 4:

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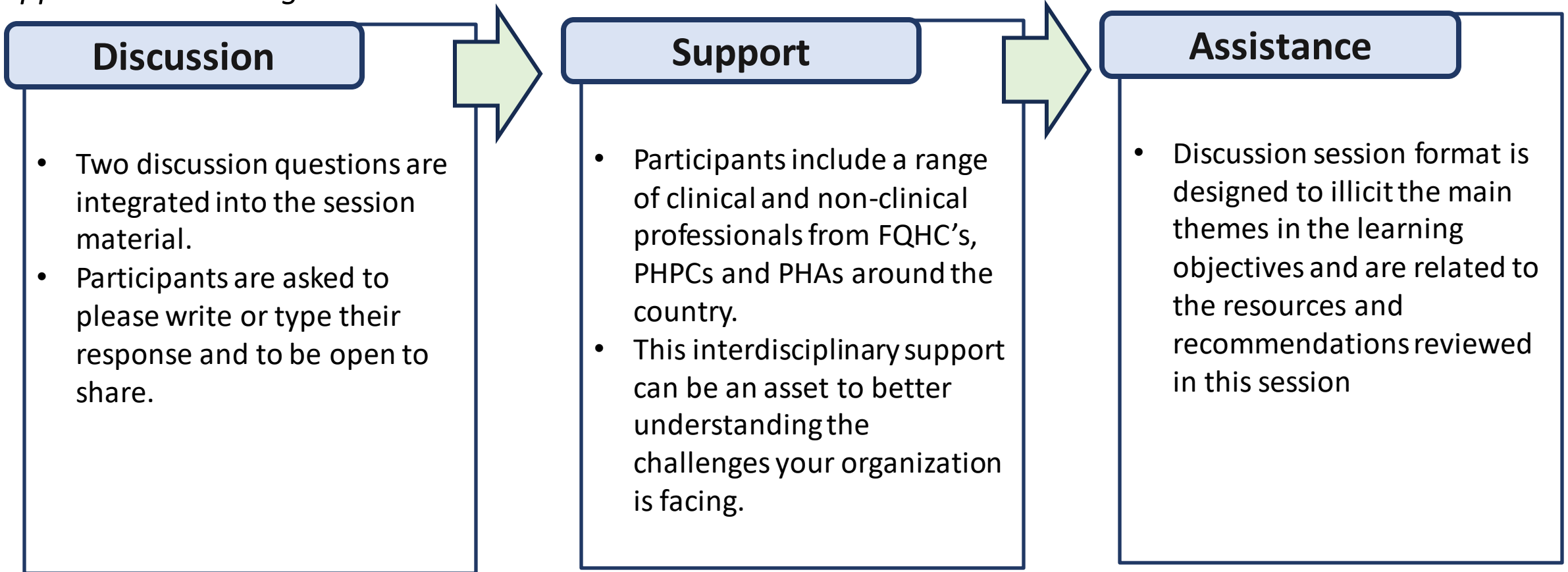
Understanding the perspective of individuals experiencing disability:

This session will include the following material (overview):

In our final session we will engage collectively with data, research and case studies which outline the clinical and non-clinical realities faced by individuals with different types of disability. This will include:

1. Case Study Review
2. Recent Data Overview
3. Review of recent publications and resources on the topic

This session is designed to illicit discussion, process sharing and support between colleagues. The session framework will reflect these priorities. The – Discussion – Support – Assistance model describes NCHPHs approach to Training and Technical Assistance



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Research and Clinical Resources

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Guidance and Recommendations

- Recommendations are based on NCHPH internal research or validated external research.
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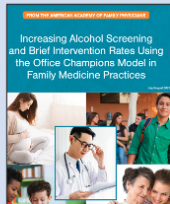


Support and Consultation Resources

- NCHPH staff members and SMEs are available to FQHCs, PHPCs, PHAs and partner organization for consulting and advising services.

Improving Screening for Alcohol Use Disorder

Practice Recommendations



Resource Download: [Increasing Alcohol Screening](#)

Practice Recommendations



- Organizations can improve screening utilizing the “office champions” model.
- The model can be easily integrated into health center workflow.
- Integrates into existing workflow models already utilized by health centers.




HRSA Health Center Program Practice Recommendations: HRSA Patient Survey

Question MEN1E_r (recode)
 “During the past 30 days how often did you feel that everything was an effort all or most of the time?”

Percent of patients reporting any of these feelings in the past 30 days:

 All FQHC* patients 9.4% <small>CI: 7.2-12.1</small>	 All HUD-Assisted* patients 17.2% <small>CI: 4.8-17.5</small>
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Link to Resource: [2022 Health Center Patient Survey](#)




Long-COVID: Mental Health and Systemic Sequelae

Review
Symptoms, complications and management of long COVID: a review

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Abstract
 Globally, there are now over 160 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 and more than 3 million deaths. While the majority of infected individuals recover, a significant proportion continue to experience symptoms and complications after their acute illness. Patients with “long COVID” experience a wide range of physical and mental/psychological symptoms. Prevalence data showed the 10 most prevalent reported symptoms were fatigue, shortness of breath, muscle pain, joint pain, headache, cough, chest pain, altered smell, altered taste and diarrhoea. Other common symptoms were cognitive impairment, memory loss, anxiety and sleep disorders. Beyond symptoms and complications, people with long COVID often reported impaired quality of life, mental health and employment issues. These individuals may require multidisciplinary care involving the long-term monitoring of symptoms, to identify potential complications, physical rehabilitation, mental health and social services support. Resilient healthcare systems are needed to ensure efficient and effective responses to future health challenges.

Resource download: [Symptoms, complications and management of long COVID: a review](#)



Link to Resource: [NCHPH](#)



Learning Collaborative Session 3

Please take a moment to type your response to the following:

Where are you joining us from?

What is your role at your organization?

Improving Primary Care Access for Patients with Disability

36% of individuals of individuals with disabilities have delayed or missed needed health care in the last year and almost half have yet to schedule missed primary or preventive health care

Facilitating a strong relationship between patients with disabilities and their primary care physicians is among the most effective and well studied ways of improving outcomes

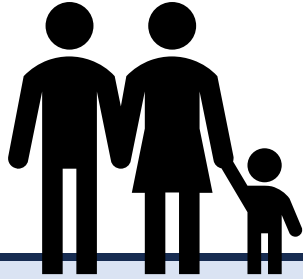
40.7% of physicians were very confident about their ability to provide the same quality of care to patients with disabilities, and

56.5% of physicians strongly agreed that they welcomed patients with disability into their practices.



Home Visitation Services Utilized by Health Centers

Health Centers Utilize Home utilize a variety of practices to improve access to primary care amongst patients with disabilities



Many Health Centers have had success using [Home Visits](#) utilizing CHWs and social services personnel.

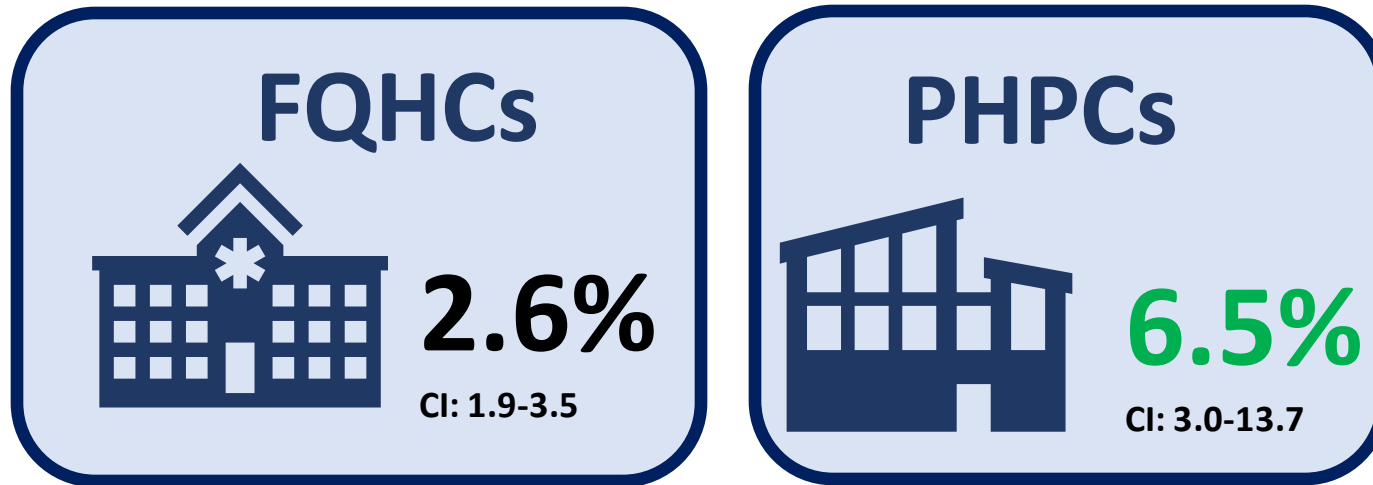


Many patients with disabilities struggle with [access to transportation](#). Health centers can improve access to primary care.



[Home safety checks](#) are utilized by health centers to lower fall risk for patients older adults who were recently discharged from the hospital

What the data tells us:



Patients of PHPCs are **2.5 times as likely** to have received a home visit by their Health Center than those from other FQHCs.

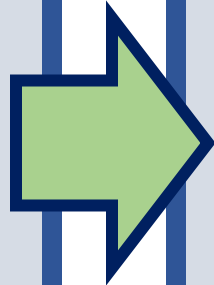
Program interventions:

The interventions are presented in two stacked light green boxes. The top box features icons of a nurse and a house with a heart, with the text: 'Residents of Public Housing are more reliant on home visit than other demographics'. The bottom box features icons of a house and an IV drip, with the text: 'For PHPCs home visits offer unique opportunities to reach patients'. A large green arrow points from the data section to these intervention boxes.

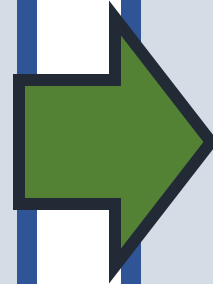
Marketing Preventative Services



**Emphasize
Convenience**



**Reduce
Stigma**



**Increase
Access to
Care**

Case Study: Supporting Patients with Housing Instability

Mr. Tsu is a 67 year-old man who presents for a wellness exam. He has a past medical history of spinal chord injury with paraplegia, T2DM and hypertension. The patient has a behavioral health history of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD), and Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD). Mr. Tsu utilizes a wheelchair for mobility. He has not seen his primary care physician since 2018 and does not have medical insurance.

The patient undergoes a standard intake, including vitals and an SDOH screener. The results are as follows:

BP: 188/98

HR: 98

RR: 18

A review of Mr. Tsu's medical records indicates the following:

Vitals (2018):

BP: 130/98

HR: 60

RR: 18

HbA1c: 7.0

Prescribed Medications: Metformin, Chlorothiazide, Citalopram (Celexa)

The results of Mr. Tsu's SDOH screener reveal the following:

Appendix

WellRx Questionnaire

DOB _____ Male ___ Female _____

WellRx Questions

1. In the past 2 months, did you or others you live with eat smaller meals or skip meals because you didn't have money for food?

Yes

_____ No

2. Are you homeless or worried that you might be in the future?

Yes

_____ No

3. Do you have trouble paying for your utilities (gas, electricity, phone)?

Yes

_____ No

4. Do you have trouble finding or paying for a ride?

Yes

_____ No

5. Do you need daycare, or better daycare, for your kids?

_____ Yes

No

[Link: To Resource](#)

_____ Yes

_____ No

6. Are you unemployed or without regular income?

Yes

_____ No

7. Do you need help finding a better job?

Yes

_____ No

8. Do you need help getting more education?

_____ Yes

No

9. Are you concerned about someone in your home using drugs or alcohol?

_____ Yes

No

10. Do you feel unsafe in your daily life?

Yes

_____ No

11. Is anyone in your home threatening or abusing you?

_____ Yes

No

The WellRx Toolkit was developed by Janet Page-Reeves, PhD, and Molly Bleecker, MA, at the Office for Community Health at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Copyright © 2014 University of New Mexico.

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Case Study: Supporting Patients with Housing Instability

Mr. Tsu is treated by his provider. Upon physical examination Mr. Tsu is noted to be withdrawn and to exhibit closed body language. His responses are terse, and he seems depressed. His physical examination is positive for 1+ pitting edema and darkened skin around his neck and groin area. New results are positive for an HbA1c of 8.2. His depression screen is positive.

When Questioned Regarding the Results of His SDOH Screener and exam Mr. Tsu Reveals the following:

1. Mr. Tsu was the victim of a car accident in 2004 that resulted in a severe lumbar spinal injury
2. Mr. Tsu previously had a remote job as a cybersecurity analyst. He was laid off 8 months ago.
3. Mr. Tsu was previously receiving unemployment, which ran out 60 days ago.
4. Mr. Tsu lives in HUD-supported housing and is currently 90 days late on his rent.
5. Mr. Tsu cannot drive and consistently struggles to gain access to transportation.
6. He previously utilized an electric automated mobility device, which has since broken. He now uses a self-propelled wheelchair.
7. Mr. Tsu is single and does not have any family in the area.
8. Mr. Tsu has been taking a half dose of his prescription medications because he can no longer afford the medication.

Mr. Tsu is asked if he is interested in assistance for his SDOH issues (including housing instability) but notes that he does not like doctors. When questioned **he notes that he prefers to deal with his private life by himself. When asked why he notes that in the past he has had difficulty connecting with his providers and that he felt judged.**

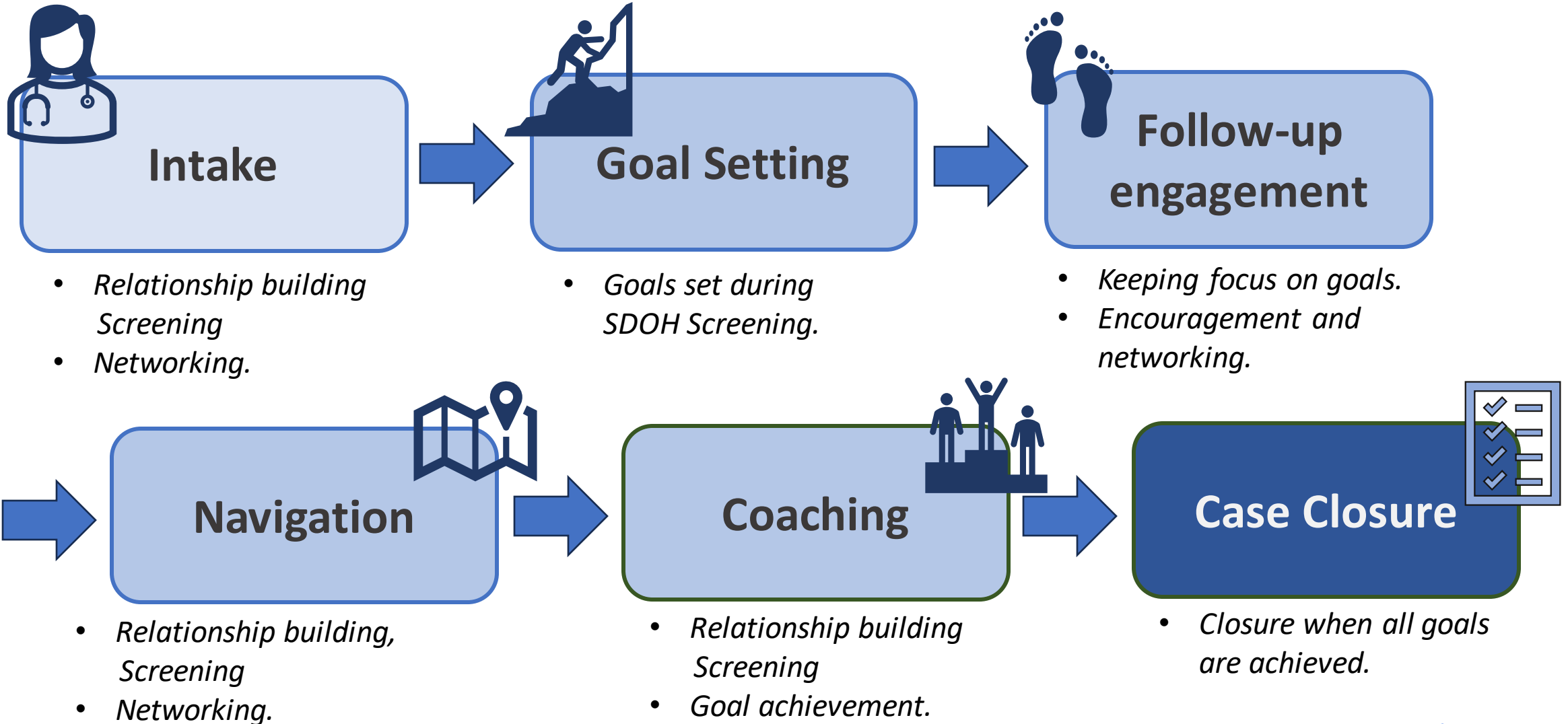
Learning Collaborative Session 4

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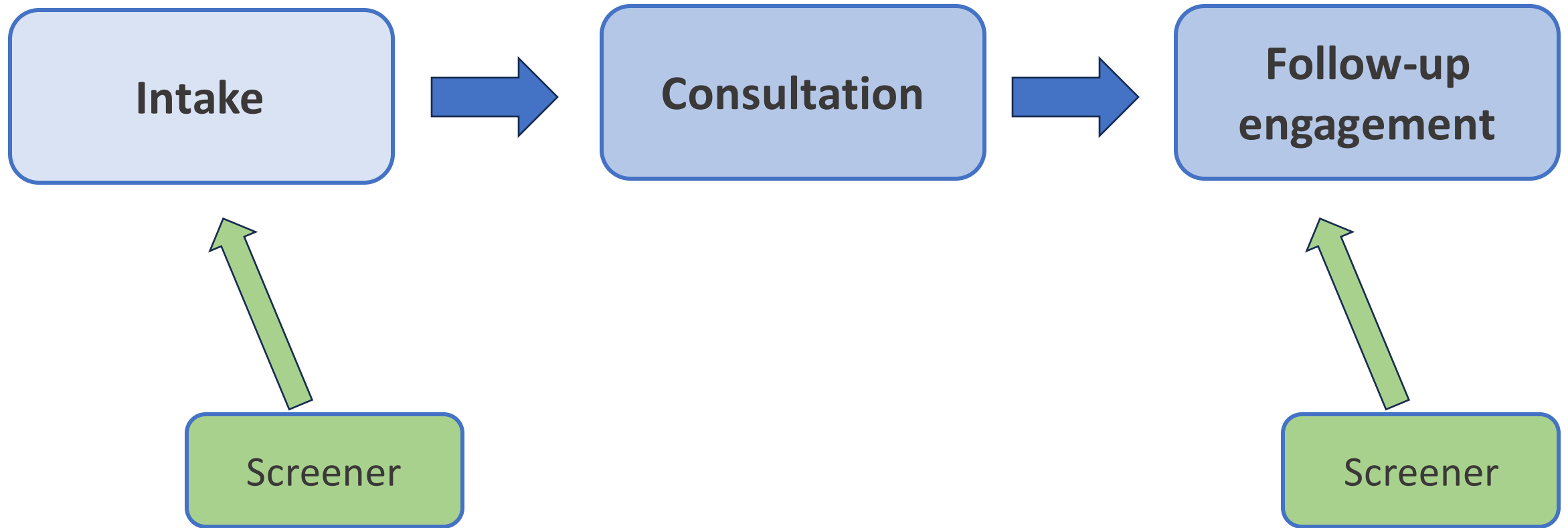
What SDOH issues provide the greatest barrier to primary care for Mr. Tsu?

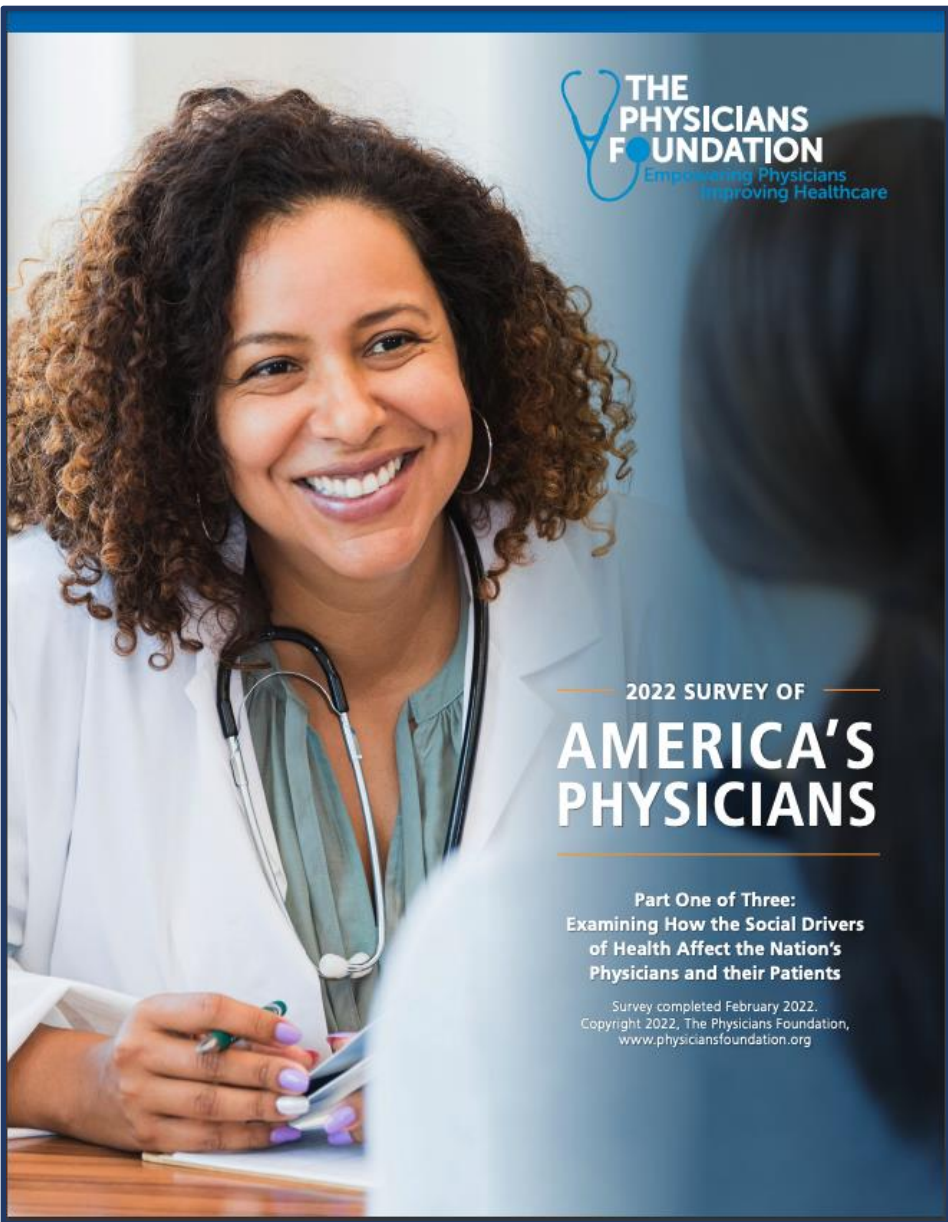
How can we ensure that Mr. Tsu can build a relationship with his primary care provider and Health Center?

Case Study: Continuity of Care to Support Patients with Disabilities



The use of SDOH Screening tools: Application





Takeaways:

- 6 in 10 physicians have little to no time to address the SDOH in the exam room.
- 89% indicated lack of staff to address the SDOH.
- 8 in 10 physicians believe not integrating SDOH into care contributes to burnout.
- 6 in 10 report burnout when addressing SDOH.

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How 6 Organizations Developed Tools and Processes for Social Determinants of Health Screening in Primary Care

An Overview

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Abstract

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Little is known about how health care organizations are developing tools for identifying/addressing patients' social determinants of health (SDH). We describe the processes recently used by 6 organizations to develop SDH screening tools for ambulatory care and the barriers they faced during those efforts. Common processes included reviewing literature and consulting primary care staff. The organizations prioritized avoiding redundant data collection, integrating SDH screening into existing workflows, and addressing diverse clinic needs. This article provides suggestions for others hoping to develop similar tools/strategies for identifying patients' SDH needs in ambulatory care settings, with recommendations for further research.

Keywords: ambulatory care, community health centers, data collection, electronic health records, patient-reported outcome measures, primary care, screening, social determinants of health

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Takeaways:

1. Institutions have wide breadth to improve on existing tools.
2. Customizability of tools to local SDOH concerns is key to program strength.
3. Organizational culture is a key component of promoting SDOH policies.

Screening for Social Determinants of Health in Populations with Complex Needs: Implementation Considerations

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IN BRIEF

With the recognition that social determinants of health (SDOH) can account for up to 40 percent of individual health outcomes,¹ particularly among low-income populations, their providers are increasingly focused on strategies to address patients' unmet social needs (e.g., food insecurity, housing, transportation, etc.). This brief examines how organizations participating in *Transforming Complex Care (TCC)*, a multi-site national initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, are assessing and addressing SDOH for populations with complex needs. It reviews key considerations for organizations seeking to use SDOH data to improve patient care, including: (1) selecting and implementing SDOH assessment tools; (2) collecting patient-level information related to SDOH; (3) creating workflows to track and address patient needs; and (4) identifying social service resources and tracking referrals.

Compared to other industrialized nations, the United States spends much less on social services, and much more on health care.² This is true despite evidence that social determinants of health (SDOH) — including income, educational attainment, employment status, and access to food and housing — affect an array of health outcomes,³ particularly among low-income populations.⁴ Individuals with unmet social needs are more likely to be frequent emergency department (ED) users, have repeat 'no-shows' to medical appointments, and have poorer glycemic and cholesterol control than those able to meet their needs.⁵

Takeaways:

Screening tools should be adapted to meet the following:

- Capacity to address specific SDOH needs.
- Availability of local resources and referral networks.
- Ease of use within clinical setting (workflow).
- Ability of tool to capture needs the organization can realistically address.

Capacity to Address Social Needs Affects Primary Care Clinician Burnout

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE Primary care clinicians disproportionately report symptoms of burnout, threatening workforce sustainability and quality of care. Recent surveys report that these symptoms are greater when clinicians perceive fewer clinic resources to address patients' social needs. We undertook this study to better understand the relationship between burnout and clinic capacity to address social needs.

METHODS We completed semistructured, in-person interviews and brief surveys with 29 primary care clinicians serving low-income populations. Interview and survey topics included burnout and clinic capacity to address social needs. We analyzed interviews using a modified grounded theory approach to qualitative research and used survey responses to contextualize our qualitative findings.

RESULTS Four key themes emerged from the interview analyses: (1) burnout can affect how clinicians evaluate their clinic's resources to address social needs, with clinicians reporting high emotional exhaustion perceiving low efficacy even in when such resources are available; (2) unmet social needs affect practice by influencing clinic flow, treatment planning, and clinician emotional wellness; (3) social services embedded in primary care clinics buffer against burnout by increasing efficiency, restoring clinicians' medical roles, and improving morale; and (4) clinicians view clinic-level interventions to address patients' social needs as a necessary but insufficient strategy to address burnout.

CONCLUSIONS Primary care clinicians described multiple pathways whereby increased clinic capacity to address patients' social needs mitigates burnout symptoms. These findings may inform burnout prevention strategies that strengthen the capacity to address patients' social needs in primary care clinical settings.

Takeaways:

- SDOH burnout impacts clinicians' ability to meet patient needs.
- SDOH burnout has a severe impact on clinician emotional health and wellbeing.
- Social services in PCP clinics are protective against SDOH burnout.
- Clinicians see in-clinic social services as effective, but insufficient to meet patient needs.

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PRAPARE®: Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patient Assets, Risks, and Experiences
Paper Version of PRAPARE® for Implementation as of September 2, 2016

Personal Characteristics			
1. Are you Hispanic or Latino?			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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2. Which race(s) are you? Check all that apply			
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black/African American
<input type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian/Alaskan Native
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please write):		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I choose not to answer this question		
3. At any point in the past 2 years, has season or migrant farm work been your or your family's main source of income?			
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4. Have you been discharged from the armed forces of the United States?			
8. Are you worried about losing your housing?			
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9. What address do you live at?			
Street: _____			
City, State, Zip code: _____			
Money & Resources			
10. What is the highest level of school that you have finished?			
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11. What is your current work situation?			
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<input type="checkbox"/>			Full-time work

Additional considerations for community use of PRAPARE:

1. Housing details related to health and safety.
2. Access to transportation.
3. Location data.
4. Community-specific trauma-informed care.
5. Eviction and debt collection risk.

When altering a screener, be sure to consult your data steward.

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Discussion Section

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Q&A Session



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Session 4 (03/18/2024): Conclusion and case studies engagements



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