



Public Health Impact Task Force

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Today's Conversation

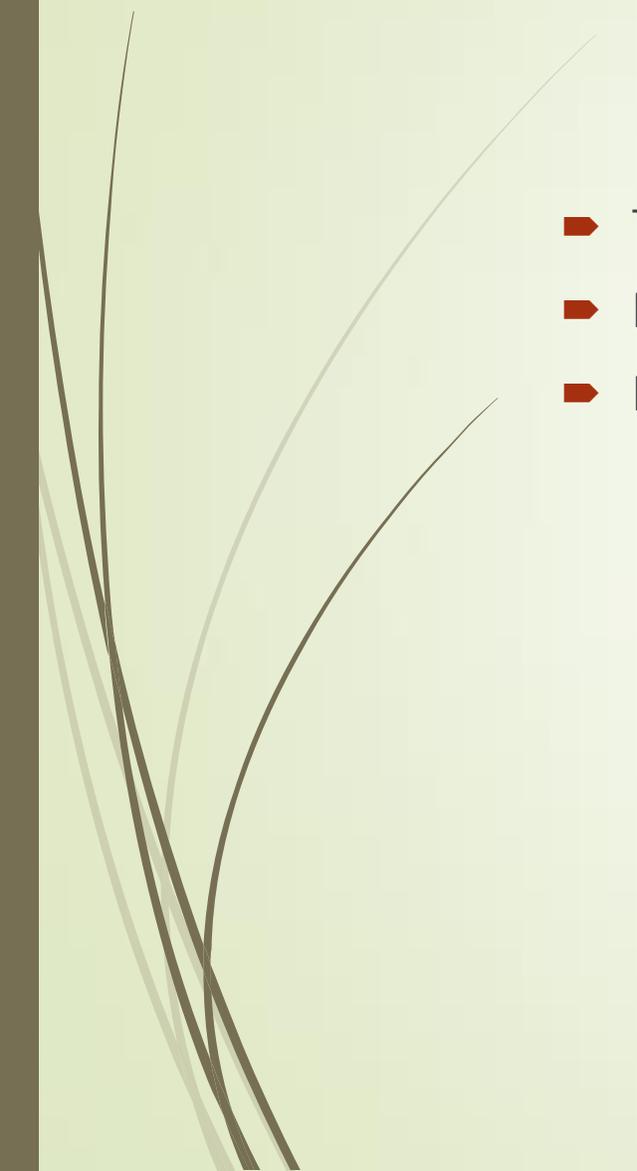
- ▶ For the past 10-15 years have focused on working in chronic disease
 - ▶ Implementing standards of care-best practices
 - ▶ Using appropriate technology
 - ▶ Several years ago starting trying to link with local health and community services
 - ▶ We will not win the battle with chronic disease without strengthening the ties between primary care and community prevention
 - ▶ Where do we want to go?
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Stakeholders are important



APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

- ▶ Technology is only as useful as the skills of user
 - ▶ Electronic Health Records-a tool or an obstacle
 - ▶ But data is very important
 - ▶ Helps us measure how we are doing
 - ▶ Can help with accountability
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Working with community health centers

- ▶ Focusing on improving care for patients with chronic diseases
 - ▶ Mostly Diabetes, HTN, and Asthma
 - ▶ Using EHRs to help providers do what they want to do
 - ▶ But EHRs are not often easy to work with
 - ▶ We generally need to extract data from EHRs so we have more power to analyze the data



So what can we do to help providers

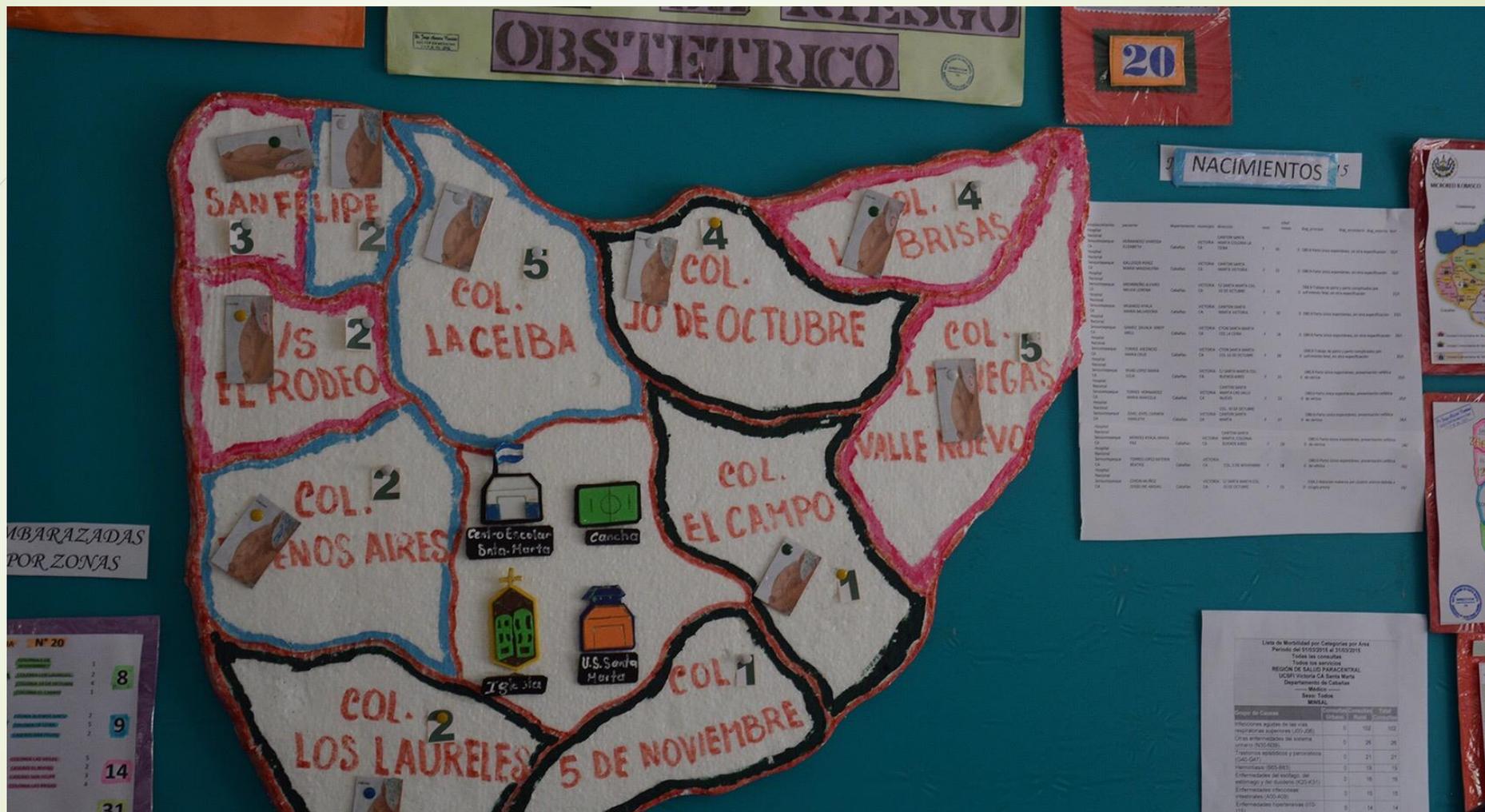
- ▶ First we ask what they would like to do
- ▶ Some examples
 - ▶ We helped a clinic identify patients that were using lots of resources
 - ▶ They now have weekly meets to reviews these patients cases
 - ▶ We helped another clinic identify patients with A1C's > 9
 - ▶ Patients with uncontrolled HTN
 - ▶ In other sites we identified patients at risk for diabetes or HTN
 - ▶ In partnership with LHD we established referral system for providers to refer these patients to community interventions
 - ▶ Primary care and LHD worked together to manage these patients



Where do we want to go or what would I like to see

- ▶ We've all seen our health indicators
 - ▶ Can we win this battle
 - ▶ Role for local health
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- ▶ "The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right"-Atul Gawande
 - ▶ "World's Apart: Poverty and Politics in Rural America"-Cynthia M. Ducan



Map of community with each pregnant woman listed



