
ATLANTA HYPERTENSION INITIATIVE CONVENING

OCTOBER 8, 2024

11:00AM-1:00PM

WELCOME

- Welcome
- Rapid Introductions. In the chat:
 - Name
 - Organization
 - Sector
 - How are you addressing hypertension control at your organization?

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Why AHI?
- Overview of Year I
- Review of AHI Strategic Goals
- Breakout sessions
- Breakout group reflections and discussion
- Commitments and future collaboration
- Final thoughts
- Adjourn

THE ATLANTA HYPERTENSION INITIATIVE (AHI)



- A **collaborative group** (government, health care, community organizations, and professional associations)
- To **harness the power of collaboration**
- To identify and implement **solutions that advance equitable hypertension control** (grassroots activation and support to help health care organizations improve their effectiveness in controlling HTN).

Backbone Organizations

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- Atlanta Regional Collaborative for Health Improvement (ARCHI)
- American Heart Association (AHA)
- CDC Foundation

70+
+ **Metro Atlanta
Organizations...**
ALL OF YOU!



WHY AHI?

REV. ERIC THOMAS, AHI CAG MEMBER

Pastor, St. Peters Church
Executive Director, MAMA

OVERVIEW OF ATLANTA HYPERTENSION INITIATIVE YEAR I

AISHA WILLIAMS
Deputy Director
ARCHI

YEAR I (2023-2024) AHI MILESTONES



Held AHI Inaugural
convening

October 2023



Launched AHI Mini
Grant Program

February 2024



Hosted AHI Spring
Convening

February 2024



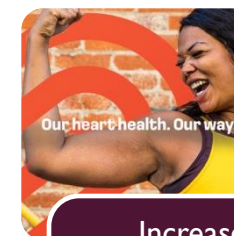
Built Capacity

- MAA Gala
- [Alicia's story](#)
- AHI Article



Developed AHI
Framework

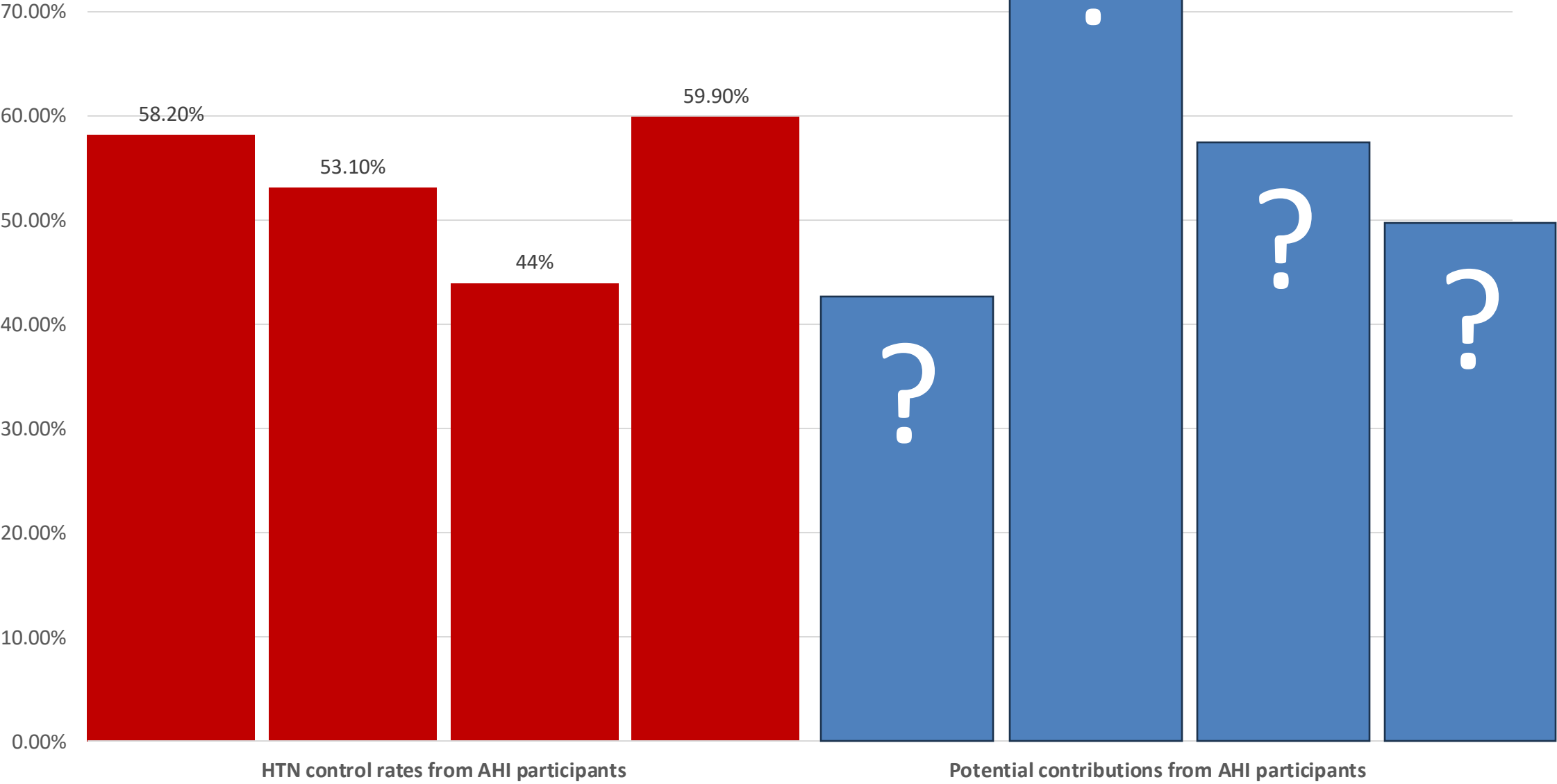
- Goals
- Logic Model
- AHI website
- Community
Advisory Group



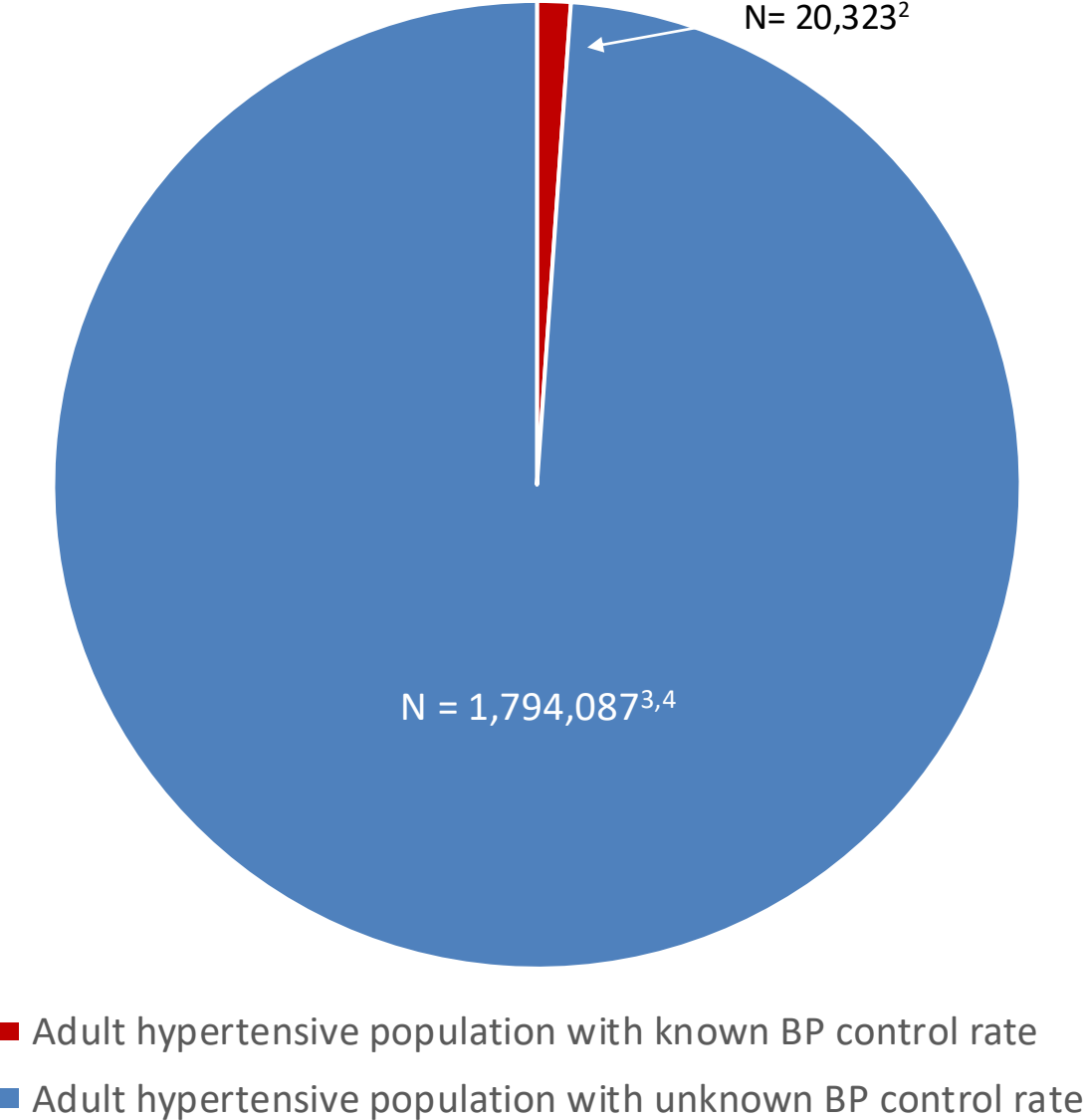
Increased
knowledge and
awareness

- 20 Atlanta-area
LTTB ambassadors
recruited
- Evaluation plan

AHI HYPERTENSION CONTROL DATA



ADULTS WITH HYPERTENSION IN ATLANTA (ARC 11 COUNTY AREA¹)



References

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- 2. UDS 2023
- 3. DHDSP Interactive Atlas, accessed July 18 2024
- 4. NHANES 2017-2020



UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

- MINI GRANTS
- WELLSTAR
- ARPA-H
- MAG
- MOREHOUSE



AHI MINI-GRANT UPDATES

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HIGHT HEALTH

TERRENCE HIGHT
CEO
Hight Health



Hight Health Hypertension Program

Presenter: Terrence Hight, Jr., Founder & CEO



90-day Program

3 in-person & 3 virtual events, Bi-weekly coaching, health resources

Location and Format

Cohort-style, held at the Hapeville Branch Library

7 Contract Jobs Created

Program team and specialty presenters

Our Success Thus Far



14 Enrollees

64% retention rate among enrollees.

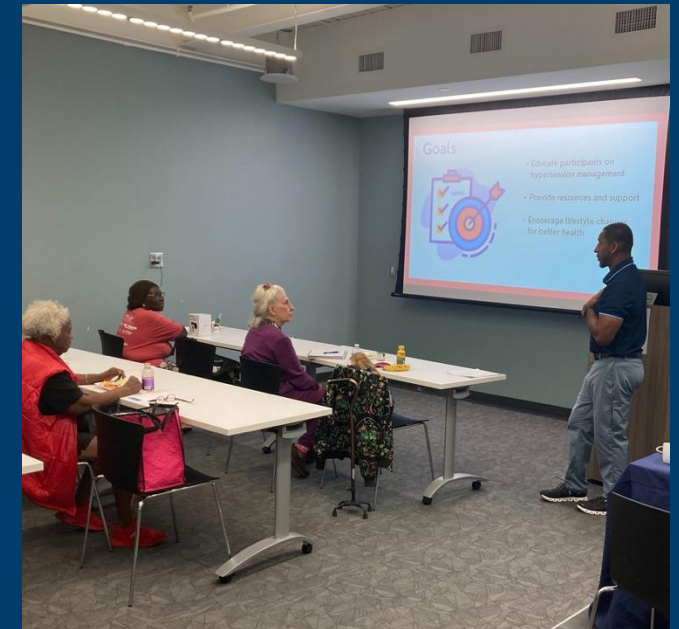


Lower BP Readings, Weight Loss, Community

Over 50% of the program enrollees have reported weight loss, decreased blood pressure, and a greater sense of community.

Equitable Empowerment

Community-based program that educates participants about hypertension and creates advocates.





LIVE TO THE BEAT. POWERED BY WELLSTAR.

NINA GILMORE

Nurse Manager, Community Resources
Wellstar

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With High Risk....



Comes High Reward!



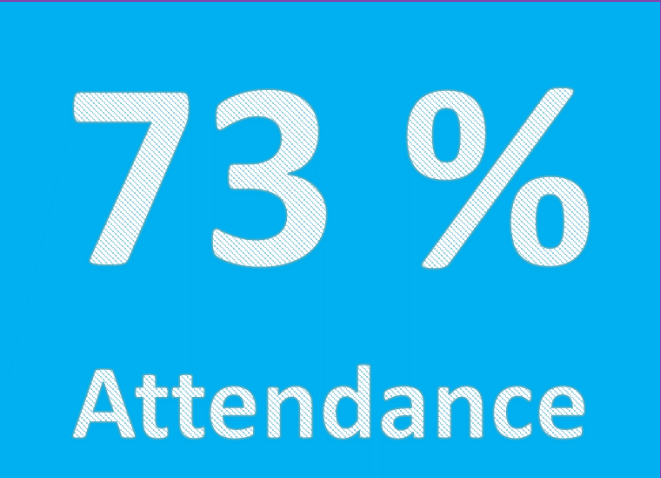
....A 12- Month Journey to Sustainable Heart Health

The Risk...

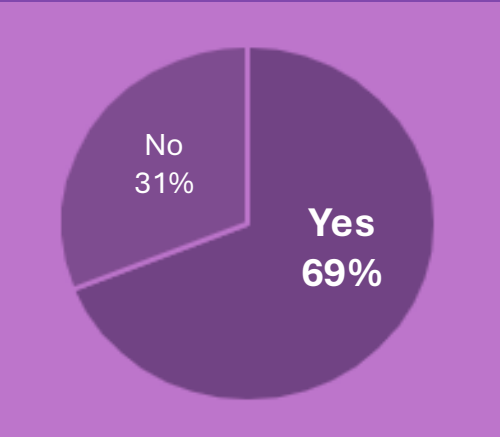


The Reward....

Engagement & Positive Behavior Change

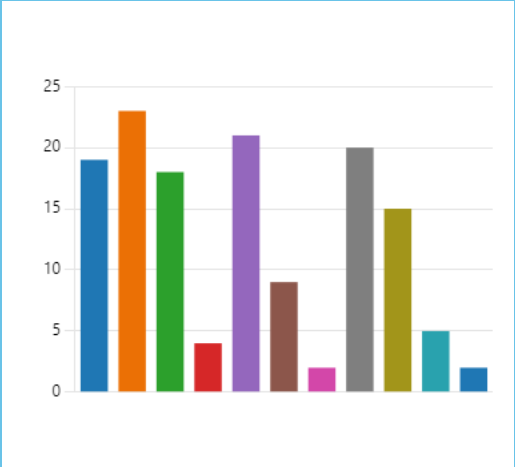


Over the last month, were you successful in achieving or making progress towards your goal?



Were there any other goals you chose to tackle last month that you were **also SUCCESSFUL**?

Get Active	19
Cut Back on Salt	23
Eat Balanced Meals	18
Limit Alcohol	4
Take My Medication	21
Decrease Stress	9
Smoke Less/ Reduce Tobacco Use	2
Monitor BP at Home	20
Sleep Well (7-9 hrs)	15
Improve Emotional Health	5
Other	2





ARPA-H

DR. MYAH GRIFFIN

Assistant Professor | Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Department Obstetrics/Gynecology
Medical Director | Center for Maternal Health Equity
Morehouse School of Medicine

ARPA-H HEROES Program

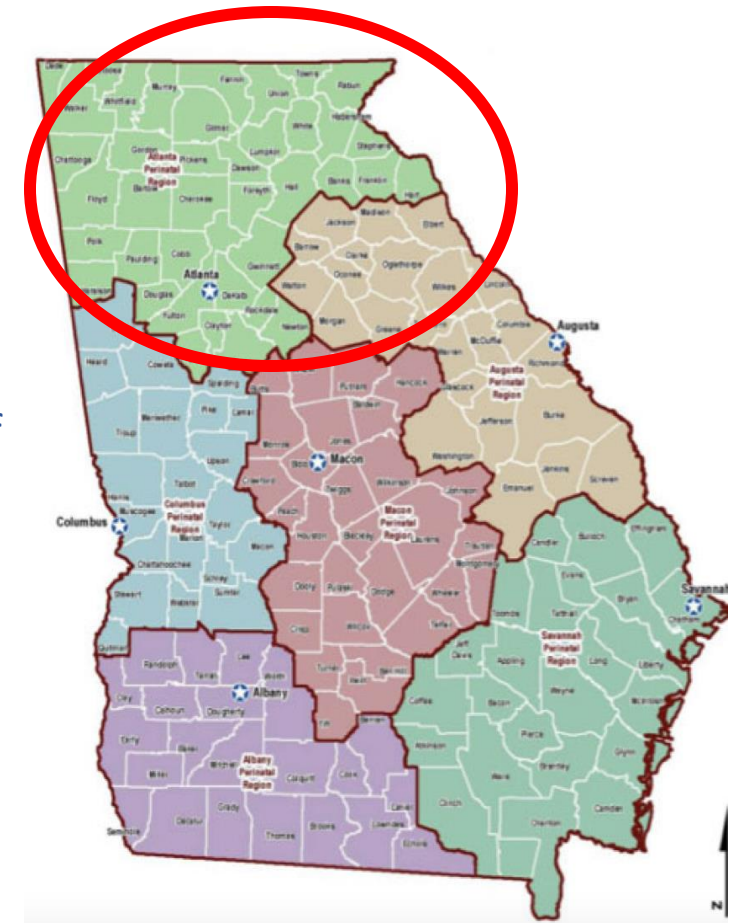
Aim: Reduce **severe obstetric complication rate*** by 30% in Georgia's Northeast (Atlanta) Perinatal Region over 36 months (April 2025 – March 2028)

*As calculated by ARPA-H: the rate of occurrence of the following during the delivery hospitalization or a re-admission within 60 days postpartum

- ✓ Severe maternal morbidity (SMM) plus
- ✓ Suicide attempt, self-harm, domestic violence, substance abuse, overdose, severe and persistent mental illness plus
- ✓ In-hospital death

among ALL deliveries in the region to mothers 12-55 years of age; exclusive of *abortive outcomes (ectopic, molar, spontaneous abortion, termination)*

Proposal Due Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 at 3pm EST

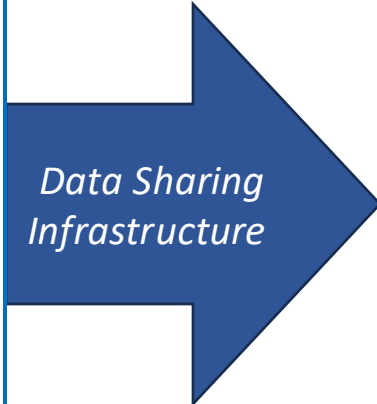


Integrated Maternal Health Services in the Atlanta Perinatal Region

We will assemble collaborative teams of social services and healthcare providers dedicated to sharing accountability and responsibility for the whole-person care of pregnant and postpartum individuals across the Atlanta Perinatal Region's 39 counties under mutually agreed upon care plans that incorporate:

Population-based Health

- mHealth education – service info, care schedule, “danger signs”
- Risk-stratification – systematic screening via mHealth and CHW to identify and provide health education/counseling for:
 - Chronic conditions (Hypertension, Diabetes Mellitus, etc.)
 - Obstetrical risk factors
 - Mental health disorders
 - Substance use
 - Unmet health-related social needs
- Care navigation and coordination based on:
 - Initial and stage-specific mHealth and CHW screenings
 - Embedded care escalation alerts



*Data Sharing
Infrastructure*

Risk-appropriate Care

- Home monitoring – blood pressure, glucose, and mental health symptoms with integrated mHealth and CHW
- Linkage to risk-appropriate services
 - Telehealth
 - Nurse case management
 - Subspecialty care (Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Cardiology, Endocrinology, etc.)
- Regional Perinatal Center, Perinatal Quality Collaborative coordination

Foundation: Equitable High-Quality Care During Pregnancy and Postpartum

Team member trainings, Institutional commitment to AIM & AIM Community Care Bundles, Perinatal Quality Collaborative Engagement

Pregnancy Navigator



Doula



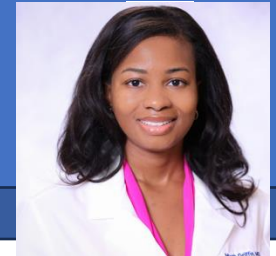
Case Management/Digital Platform



OB Provider –
OBGYN/CNM/FM, etc



Referrals- MFM,
Cardiology, Endocrine,
etc.



Nurse Case
Manager



Social Worker



CHWs





MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR SMBP DEVICES

JASMINE COER

Director, Marketing and Communications
Medical Association of Georgia

GEORGIA MEDICAID NOW COVERS SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE (SMBP) SERVICES AND DEVICES



Medical
Association
of Georgia



Medicaid now covers
home BP monitors.



Dr. Rani Reddy



Dr. Le Church

- MAG and AMA are working together to raise awareness about coverage for SMBP
- Website launched with guidance and resources for physicians and care teams





MOREHOUSE: REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING

DR. WALKITRIA SMITH

Associate Professor DOFM
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REVIEW OF AHI STRATEGIC GOALS

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Senior Advisor, Beh. Change Programs and Campaigns

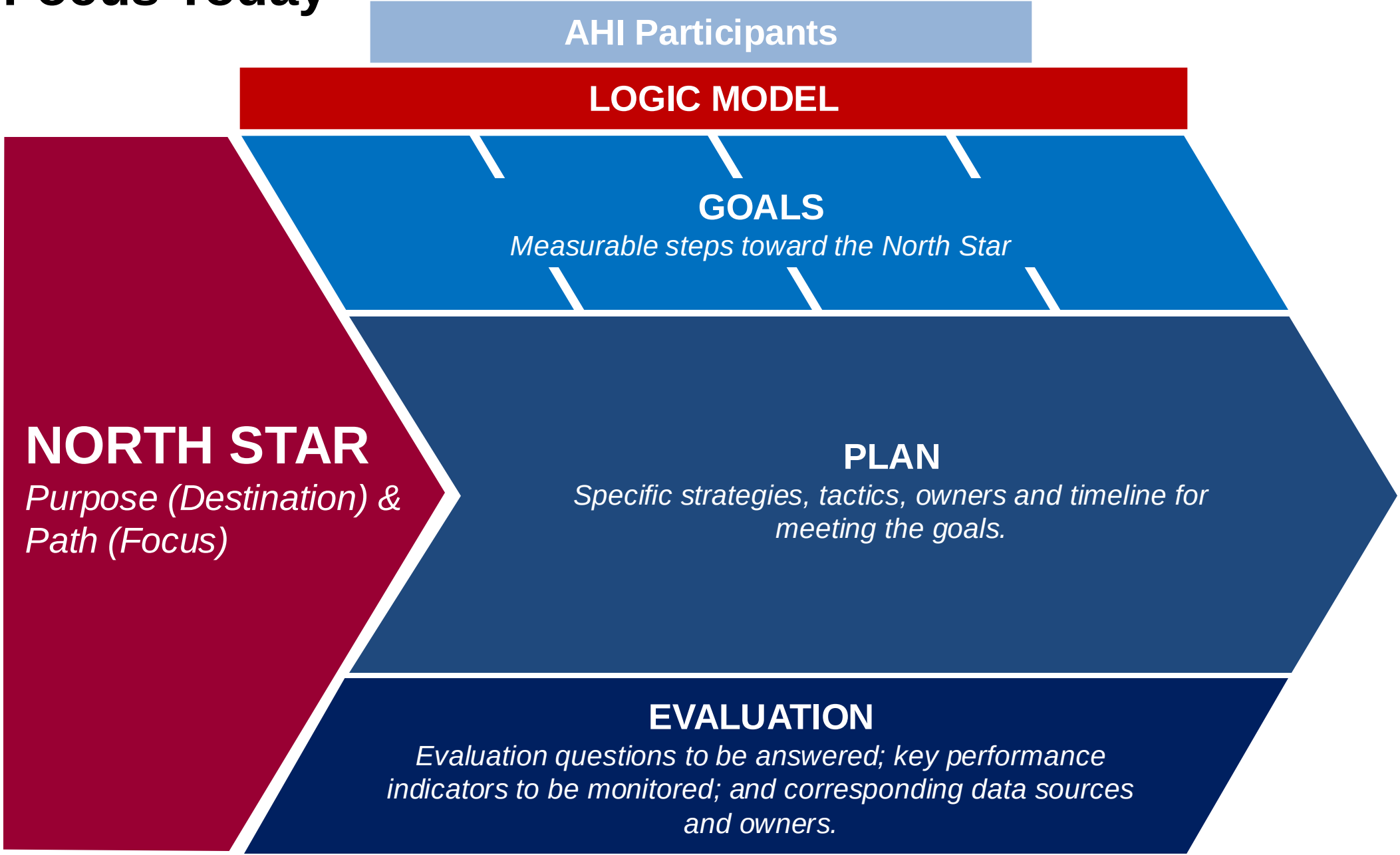
CDCF

BETH TAPPER

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Our Focus Today



Our North Star

NORTH STAR (5+Years):

Through the collective action of organizations in health care and community settings, the AHI will reduce heart attacks and strokes* in metro Atlanta by improving HTN control among more than half a million Black adults in our region.

Improving HTN Control = Preventing Heart Attacks & Strokes



HTN is a leading risk factor for heart attacks, strokes and cardiovascular events.

- In the U.S., nearly half of adults (120 million) have hypertension ($\geq 130/80$ mmHg).
- Among those 120 million people, only about 1 in 4 (23%) has their blood pressure (BP) under control.

HTN Disparities Persist in Black Adults



AHA says high blood pressure in Black Adults in the U.S. is among the highest in the world.

- HTN prevalence of 58% among non-Hispanic (NH) Black adults compared to 49% for NH White adults.
- Hypertension control rates are 17% for NH Black adults compared to 25% for NH White adults.

In Metro Atlanta: HTN Control + Black Adults = Opportunities for Impact

- There are more than 1 million Black adults (1,172,839) in metro Atlanta*.
- An estimated 58% of them have hypertension (680,247).
- Among them, potentially 564,605 (83%) do not have their HTN under control and are at risk for heart attack and stroke.

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1. HTN-Specific Learning and Collaboration
2. Referrals to Resources to Address SDOHs
3. Access to Technical Support for Patient Education, Screening, Self-Management & Referrals to Care

POTENTIAL METRICS (Community Linkages):

- Channel Reach: Email, Web, Social (#)
- Resource Distributions / Downloads (#)
- Screening Events & Participation (#)
- Patients Screened (#)
- Devices Distributed (#)
- SMBP Program Participation (#)

INCREASE KNOWLEDGE & AWARENESS:

4. Exposure to Messages About Impact & Preventability of HTN
5. Awareness of Threat of Uncontrolled HTN
6. Knowledge about HTN Control Steps

POTENTIAL METRICS (Community Outreach & Education):

- Media Impressions (#)
- Educational Materials Distributed (#)
- Website Traffic (#)
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- Knowledge of Prevention Steps (%)

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POTENTIAL METRICS (Clinical Support):

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- HTN Control Rate (%)

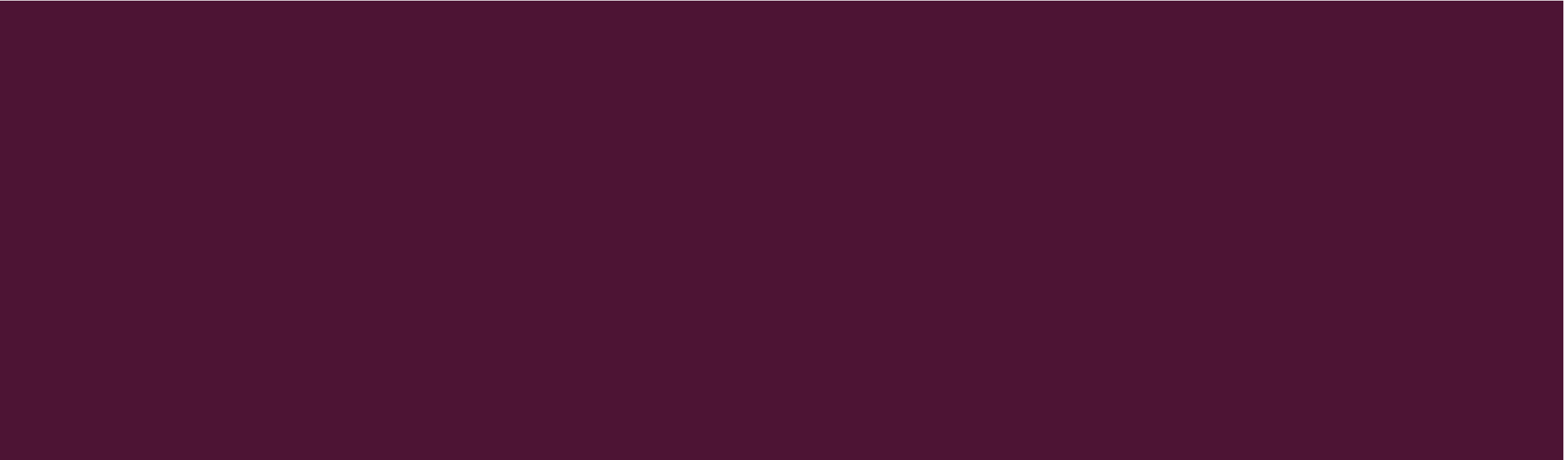


ZOOM POLL





BREAKOUT SESSION



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BREAKOUT SESSION REFLECTIONS

KEY TAKEAWAYS

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COMMITMENTS AND FUTURE COLLABORATION

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AHI COMMITMENTS: 6-MONTH CALENDAR

2024 Q4

2025 Q1

2025 Q2

AHI goals
finalized

Learning from
other large-scale
community HTN
initiatives

AHI stipend
application open

In market LTTB
messages

In-person
Convening

LinkedIn group
launched

Clinical QI
webinar for CME
launched

LTTB webinar
launched

Your contributions

CLOSING THOUGHTS

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Emory University School of Medicine, Division of Cardiology



THANK YOU!

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