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## Examining the effects of resident- and programcharacteristics on resident outcomes at discharge from licensed recovery residences in Massachusetts

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#### BACKGROUND

#### **Recovery Oriented Systems of Care**

- Clinical and non-clinical recovery support services
- Build recovery capital (physical, human, social, cultural)

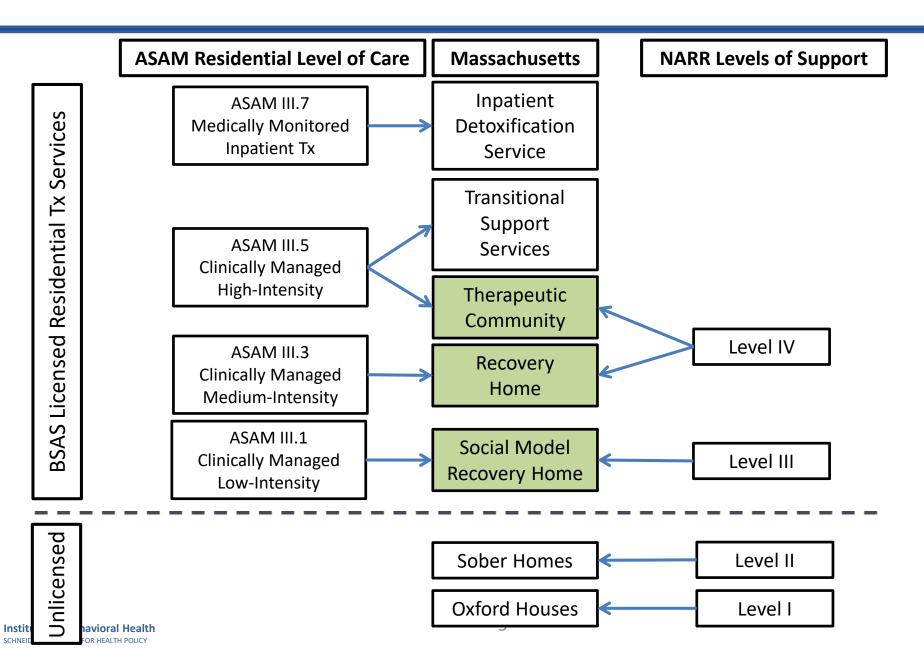
#### U.S. Surgeon General's Report (2016)

"a key research goal is to understand and evaluate the effectiveness of the emerging range of recovery support services"

#### **RECOVERY RESIDENCE EVIDENCE BASE**

- Studies adjusting for resident characteristics found:
  - Reduced substance use<sup>1-3,8</sup>
  - Reduced criminal justice involvement<sup>1,3,5</sup>
  - Improved mental health<sup>1,4</sup>
  - Increased employment<sup>1,3</sup>
  - Improved housing status<sup>4</sup>
  - Cost-effective<sup>6</sup>
- Recovery housing "secret sauce"
  - Emerging evidence that outcomes are better when<sup>7</sup>
    - Part of a larger/parent organization
    - Affiliated with treatment program
    - Abstinence requirement at intake (30 days)
- Gaps remain<sup>8</sup>
  - Survey tools
  - Rigorous study design
  - Data collection challenges

#### **RESEARCH SETTING: MASSACHUSETTS**

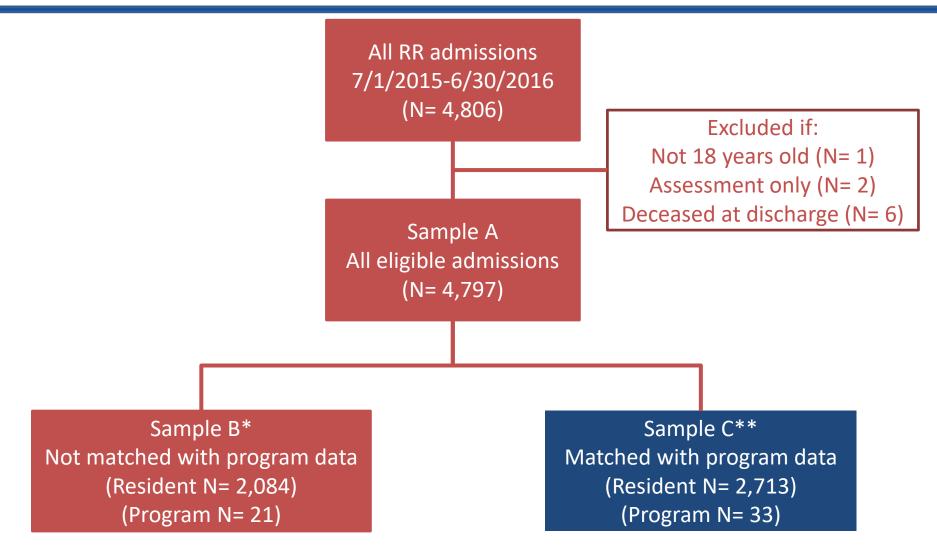


### **DATA SOURCES**

	BSAS Administrative Data (Residents)	Program Survey Data (Programs)
•	RR program random identifier	<ul> <li>RR program random identifier</li> </ul>
•	Admission forms – Service type – Demographic characteristics – Socioeconomic characteristics	<ul> <li>Addiction Treatment Inventory- Modified         <ul> <li>Program type, ownership, size, staffing services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
•	<ul> <li>Behavioral health disorder, tx history</li> <li>Discharge forms</li> <li>Services received during stay</li> <li>Discharge outcome measures</li> <li>Calculated by BSAS data analyst</li> <li>Length of stay (in days)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recovery House Processes Questionnaire         <ul> <li>House meetings, 12-step principles, amenities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Social Model Philosophy Scale         <ul> <li>Overall scale score, sub-domains (physical location, staffing, authority, addressing AOD disorders, governance)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

community orientation)

#### SAMPLE



\*Significant differences in AOD disorder severity between Sample B and Sample C; \*\*Final analytic sample Program Survey Response Rate: N= 36 (63%), 3 programs with no index admissions

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### **ANALYTIC APPROACH**

#### Univariate and bivariate analyses

- Description of residences, data reduction

#### • Regression analyses:

Outcome	Туре	Analytic Technique
Length of stay	Continuous	Multilevel linear regression
Completed	Dichotomous	Multilevel logistic regression
Employed at discharge	Dichotomous	Multilevel logistic regression
Stably housed at discharge	Dichotomous	Multilevel logistic regression

#### • Model fit

- All models adjusted for individual-level characteristics
- Organizational characteristics added in staged approach based on conceptual grouping, association in bivariate with outcome

### **DESCRIPTION OF RESIDENT SAMPLE**

#### Demographics

- Race/ethnicity:
  - 81% White
  - 8% Multi-racial
  - 5% Black
  - 5% Latino
- Age (Mean, SD) 35 (10.2)
- Gender
  - 68% Male
  - 32% Female

**Recovery Capital** 

- Physical
  - Housed: 60%
  - Employed: 2%
  - Has income: 31%
- Human
  - ≥HS Diploma: 78%
- Social
  - Married: 6%

#### AOD Severity & Treatment History

- Deck Severity Index (mean, SD)0.61 (0.15)
- Primary/secondary substance:
  - Opioids: 71%
  - Alcohol: 38%
  - Stimulants: 36%
  - Marijuana: 13%
- Prior residential treatment: 65%
- Prior mental health treatment: 73%
- Referral Source
  - AOD provider: 62%
  - CJ System: 28%

Average LOS in days (mean, SD) 102.5 (82.6)

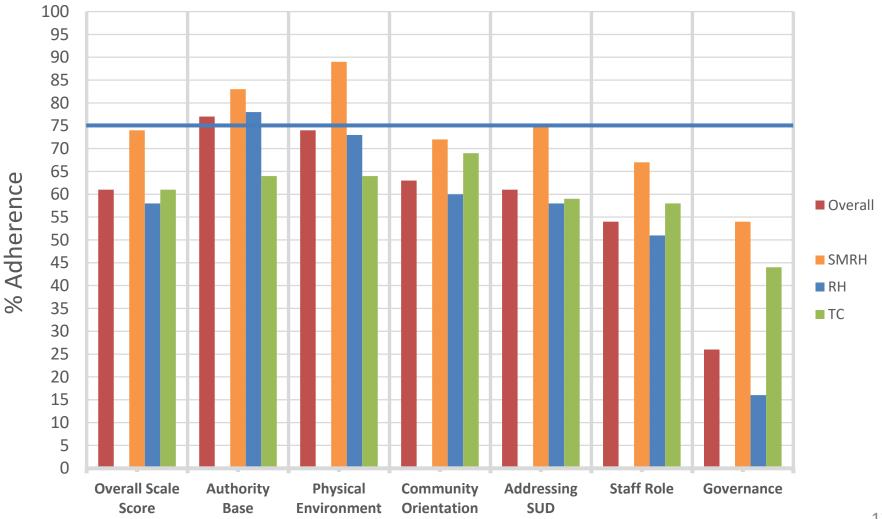
#### **PROGRAM ORGANIZATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

- Sample N = 33
- Program size: Average # of beds 28
- Parent organization: 61%
- Minimum abstinence requirement at intake:
  - Some requirement: 42%
  - No requirement: 58%
- Staffing
  - 2:1 ratio full-time to part-time staff
  - 1:2 ratio staff to clients
- Services
  - Average # of non-clinical services on-site: 10
  - Services offered on-site: 45%

#### **PROGRAM HOUSE PROCESSES**

- Addressing relapse
  - Revised treatment/recovery plan = 75%
  - Referral to higher level of care = 69%
  - Discharge = 61%
  - Extra chores = 8%
- Extent 12-step principles applied
  - Very much / quite a bit = 78%
  - A little / somewhat = 22%
- Frequency of house meetings
  - Less than once a week = 8%
  - Once a week = 50%
  - More than once a week = 42%
- Residents eat family style: 75%

#### **PROGRAM SOCIAL MODEL PHILOSOPHY SCALE SCORES**



Overall, by Program Type

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### RESULTS

		Length	Y	Completed				
	Coef	95%	CI	P-value	aOR	95%	CI	P-value
Organizational Features								
Number of beds	0.4	-0.8	1.6	ns	1.0	1.0	1.1	ns
Part of parent organization					1.0	0.6	1.9	ns
Minimum abstinence requirement					0.8	0.4	1.4	ns
Number of non-clinical services on-site (e.g., employment, family, social)	-0.6	-2.4	1.3	ns	0.9	0.9	1.0	ns
% of services offered on-site (vs. referral)	-0.5	-1.4	0.5	ns	1.0	1.0	1.0	ns
Ratio of full-time to part-time staff								
Staff:Client ratio					1.1	0.2	6.2	ns
House Processes								
12-step principles applied very much/quite a bit	-25.0	-51.1	1.1	ns				
House meetings held (Ref: Once/week)								
< once/week	21.9	-16.5	60.3	ns	1.6	0.7	4.0	ns
> once/week	18.5	-4.1	41.1	ns	0.5	0.3	0.8	**
Residents eat family style					0.4	0.2	0.7	**
Social Model Philosophy								
Overall Scale Score					1.0	1.0	1.0	ns
Residents can leave without permission					2.8	1.3	5.7	**
Staff eat with residents	-2.0	-24.1	20.1	ns	0.9	0.4	1.8	ns
% of staff in recovery								
Rules made and enforced by residents	30.3	8.6	51.9	**				

Notes: All models adjusted for resident characteristics (demographics, socioeconomic, primary substance, tx history, severity); \*p< 0.05, \*\*p<0.01

### RESULTS

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	aOR	95%	CI	P-value	aOR	95%	CI	P-value
Organizational Features								
Number of beds	1.0	0.9	1.0	ns				
Part of parent organization	0.8	0.3	2.3	ns	1.9	1.2	3.2	*
Minimum abstinence requirement	1.8	0.7	5.2	ns	1.1	0.7	1.7	ns
Number of non-clinical services on-site (e.g., employment, family, social)	1.0	0.9	1.1	ns				
% of services offered on-site (vs. referral)	1.0	1.0	1.0	ns	1.0	1.0	1.0	ns
Ratio of full-time to part-time staff					1.1	0.9	1.2	ns
Staff:Client ratio								
House Processes								
12-step principles applied very much/quite a bit	0.9	0.3	2.3	ns	0.8	0.5	1.5	ns
House meetings held (Ref: Once/week)								
< once/week	3.3	0.8	13.6	ns	0.4	0.2	0.8	*
> once/week	0.2	0.1	0.5	***	1.8	1.1	2.8	*
Residents eat family style	1.2	0.5	2.9	ns	1.3	0.8	2.1	ns
Social Model Philosophy								
Overall Scale Score								
Residents can leave without permission	1.8	0.6	5.2	ns	0.7	0.4	1.2	ns
Staff eat with residents	1.2	0.4	3.3	ns	1.5	0.8	2.8	ns
% of staff in recovery	11.1	1.5	82.4	*	0.5	0.2	1.6	ns
Rules made and enforced by residents	0.3	0.1	0.9	*	1.2	0.7	2.1	ns

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### **STRENGTHS AND LIMITATIONS**

Strengths

- Richness of resident-level data in MA
- Large sample of residents
- Program characteristics

Limitations

- Sample bias
- Lack of control/comparison group
- Massachusetts is a unique and changing system
- Are we measuring all the important program characteristics, in the right way?

### **DISCUSSION & POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- What happens in the house vs What the house looks like
  - Social dynamics between residents / peers
- Priority populations
  - Younger residents
  - Female residents
  - Residents with an OUD
- Medicaid reimbursement in Massachusetts could affect:
  - Resident length of stay
  - Shifting program orientation
- Increasing oversight by states and federal government
  - Census of recovery residences across type
  - Evidence-based best practices
  - Quality measures
  - Resident placement criteria

#### **THANK YOU!**

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES**

#### \*\*\*INCLUDE SLIDE WITH SMPS ALPHAS

### ANALYTIC APPROACH – AIM 3

Variable Name	Description	Method
Dependent variables	at discharge	
Length of stay (in days)	Continuous	Multilevel linear regression
Stably housed	Yes= House/apartment No= institution, homeless	Multilevel logistic regression
Employed	Yes= employed full-time or part-time No= not employed, not in labor force	Multilevel logistic regression
Completed	Yes= Completed No= Unplanned discharge (left AMA, administrative discharge, relapse)	Multilevel logistic regression
Dependent variables	post-discharge	
Any second enrollment	Yes= enrollment into any type of BSAS- licensed provider No= no subsequent enrollment in dataset	Logistic regression
Time (in days) to detox enrollment	Interval between index discharge, first detox enrollment; Origin point= index discharge, right censored at 365 days post-discharge	Survival analysis (Cox Proportional Hazards)

#### **RESULTS – AIM 2 Program Characteristics**

	Ove	rall			Ву	program	type		
Organizational Characteristics	(N=		SMI		R		TC		P-Value
	(10-	30,	(N=	6)	(N=	26)	(N=	/	rvalue
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	N	%	
Region <sup>a</sup>									*
Central	4	11	3	50.0	1	3.9	0	0.0	
Western	8	22	3	50.0	5	19.2	0	0.0	
Southeast	6	17	0	0.0	4	15.4	2	50.0	
Boston	10	28	0	0.0	9	34.6	1	25.0	
Metrowest	3	8	0	0.0	3	11.5	0	0.0	
Northeast	5	14	0	0.0	4	15.4	1	25.0	
Economically depressed <sup>a</sup>	12	33	1	8.3	10	83.3	1	8.3	ns
Gender served <sup>a</sup>									ns
Male only	19	53	4	66.7	14	53.9	1	25.0	
Female only	10	28	1	16.7	7	26.9	2	50.0	
Co-ed	7	19	1	16.7	5	19.2	1	25.0	
Average number of beds <sup>b</sup>	30.1	14.9	22.2	5.0	32.5	16.7	26.25	4.92	ns
Part of parent organization <sup>a</sup>									ns
Parent organization	22	61	5	83.3	16	61.5	1	25.0	
Independent/free standing	14	39	1	16.7	10	38.5	3	75.0	
Min. amount abstinence at intake <sup>a</sup>									ns
Some requirement	15	42	0	0.0	13	50.0	2	50.0	
No requirement	20	56	6	100.0	12	46.2	2	50.0	
Staffing	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
Ratio of full-time to part-time staff <sup>b</sup>	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.2	2.2	2.0	2.4	2.1	ns
Ratio of staff to residents <sup>b</sup>	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.1	ns
Services and Supports	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
% offered on-site <sup>b</sup>	45.5	12.7	41.6	13.2	45.2	13.4	52.7	3.6	ns
# non-clinical services/supports <sup>b</sup>	9.5	5.7	9.5	5.1	9.4	5.7	10	8.0	ns

Notes: <sup>a</sup>Fisher's exact tests run to address cell sizes <5; <sup>b</sup>ANOVA tests for difference in variances; ns= not significant; \*p< 0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

### RESULTS – AIM 2 Program Characteristics

	0				Ву	y progran	n typ	e	
House Processes		verall	S	MRH		RH		ТС	Dyaluc
		= 36)	(N= 6)		(N= 26)		(N= 4)		P-value
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	
There is a resident curfew <sup>a</sup>	36	100.0	6	100.0	26	100.0	4	100.0	ns
Are there rules for residents who stay out overnight? <sup>a</sup>									ns
Yes	32	88.9	5	83.3	24	92.3	3	75.0	
Νο	1	2.8	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	
N/A- not allowed	3	8.3	0	0.0	2	7.7	1	25.0	ns
Are there rules for residents who have overnight guests? <sup>a</sup>									ns
Yes	5	13.9	0	0.0	5	19.2	0	0.0	
N/A- not allowed	31	86.1	6	100.0	21	80.8	4	100.0	
Consequences of substance use during stay <sup>a,b</sup>									
Revised treatment/recovery plan	27	75.0	5	83.3	20	76.9	2	50.0	ns
Referral to higher level of care	25	69.4	5	83.3	17	65.4	3	75.0	ns
Discharge	22	61.1	3	50.0	15	57.7	4	100.0	ns
Extra chores	3	8.3	0	0.0	2	7.7	1	25.0	ns
Extent that 12-step principles applied <sup>a</sup>									ns
Quite a bit / Very much	28	77.8	4	66.67	21	80.8	3	75.0	
A little / Somewhat	7	19.4	2	33.33	4	15.4	1	25.0	
Frequency of house meetings? <sup>a</sup>									*
< Once a week	3	8.3	0	0.00	3	11.5	0	0.0	
Once a week	18	50.0	0	0.00	16	61.5	2	50.0	
> Once a week	15	41.7	6	100.0	7	26.9	2	50.0	
Residents eat family style <sup>a</sup>	27	75.0	4	66.7	21	80.8	2	50.0	ns

Notes: "Fisher's exact tests run to address cell sizes <5; "Respondents could select more than one option; ns= not significant; \*p< 0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

#### **RESULTS – AIM 2**

#### **Program Characteristics**

	Social Model Philosophy Scale			By Program Type							
Social Model Ph				SMRH (N= 6)		RH (N= 26)		TC (N= 4)		P-value	
			SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
Overall Scale Score (mean, SD) <sup>a</sup>			10.2	74.4	9.6	57.9	8.5	60.6	7.2	***	
Scale Domains	Example Individual Items	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Physical Setting	Residents can leave during the day without permission <sup>b</sup>	22	61.1	5	83.3	14	53.9	3	75.0	ns	
Staff Role	Staff eat with the residents <sup>b</sup>	24	66.7	5	83.3	17	65.4	2	50.0	ns	
Authority Base	% of staff in recovery (Mean, SD) <sup>a</sup>	68.5	23.2	76.0	21.0	69.0	23.0	53.0	24.0	ns	
Addressing SUDs	This is a recovery (vs. treatment) program <sup>b</sup>	16	44.4	5	83.3	10	38.5	1	25.0	ns	
Governance	There are rules made and enforced by residents <sup>b</sup>	15	41.7	6	100	7	26.9	2	50.0	**	
Community Orientation	Residents engage in community relations to promote goodwill <sup>b</sup>	29	80.6	6	100	19	73.1	4	100	ns	

Notes: <sup>a</sup>ANOVA tests for difference in variances; <sup>b</sup>Fisher's exact tests run to address cell sizes <5; ns= not significant; \*p< 0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

### RQ2: How do program characteristics affect outcomes?

			-		-	
	LOS	Housed	Employed	Completed	Any Second Enrollment	Days to Detox Enrollment
Area where located						
Region (Ref: Boston)						
Central		<u>↑</u> *				
Western	个 ***	<b>^</b> ***	↓ **			<u>↑</u> *
Southeast				<u>↑</u> *		
Metrowest						
Northeast	<u>↑</u> **					
Surrounding neighborhood economically						
depressed						
<b>Organizational Characteristics</b>						
Number of beds				<u>↑</u> +		
		<b>A V</b>				

Number of beds			个 +				
Part of parent organization	$\uparrow$	*					
Some requirement for minimum abstinence							
at admission							
Number of non-clinical services on-site (e.g.,						$\mathbf{\Lambda}$	Т
employment, family, social)						I	т
% of services offered directly on-site				$\checkmark$	**		
Ratio of full-time to part-time staff							
Staff to Client ratio							

Notes: +p< 0.10, \*p< 0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001; ↑ = higher/more; ↓ = lower/less

# RESULTS – AIM 2 – DESCRIPTIVE

#### **Resident Characteristics**

**Health Behaviors** 

#### **Use of Health Services**

	Ove	rall	By program type							
	(N= 2,713)		SMRH (N= 346)		RH (N= 2,112)		TC (N= 255)		P-value	
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD		
# of Services received during stay (range= 0 - 15) <sup>a,c</sup>	5.2	3.4	6.2	3.0	4.7	3.3	7.7	2.8	* * *	
Length of stay (in days) <sup>b,c</sup> (range= 1 - 641)	102.48	102.48 82.61		97.3	99.9	78.8	95.9	87.6	**	

Notes: <sup>a</sup>This variable <u>only used as a covariate</u>, types of services include legal aid, literacy, family planning, job placement, mental health services; <sup>b</sup>This variable <u>used as a dependent variable and as a covariate</u> in all other regression analyses; <sup>c</sup>ANOVA tests for difference in variances; \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

#### **RESULTS – AIM 2 Program Characteristics**

	Over	rall			Ву	program	type		
Organizational Characteristics	(N=		<mark>SMF</mark>	RH	R	H	_ <mark>TC</mark>		P-Value
		<b>50</b> /	(N=	<mark>6)</mark>	<mark>(N=</mark>	<mark>26)</mark>	(N=	<mark>4)</mark>	F-value
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	
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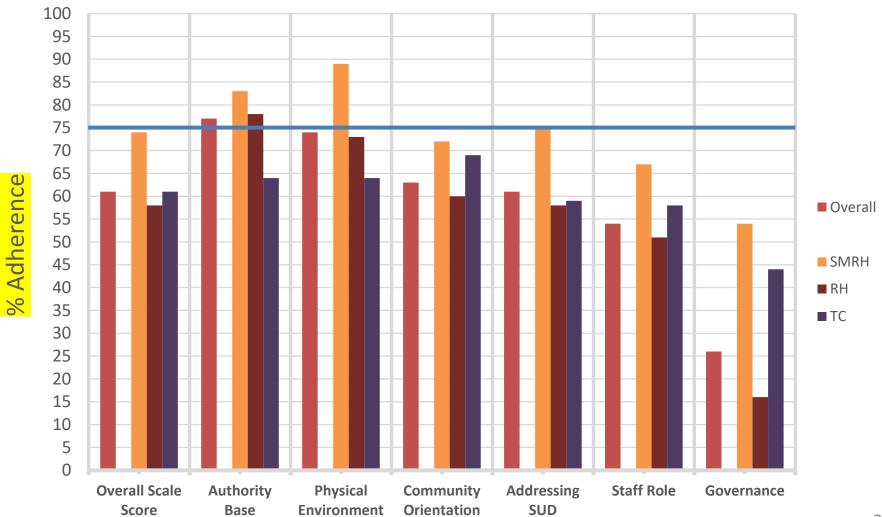
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### RESULTS – AIM 2 Program Characteristics

		By program type							
House Processes	Overall (N= 36)		<mark>SMRH</mark>		RH		TC		P-value
			<mark>(N= 6)</mark>		<mark>(N= 26)</mark>		<mark>(N= 4)</mark>		i value
	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	Ν	%	
There is a resident curfew <sup>a</sup>	36	100.0	6	100.0	26	100.0	4	100.0	ns
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> Once a week	15	41.7	6	100.0	7	26.9	2	50.0	
Residents eat family style <sup>a</sup>	27	75.0	4	66.7	21	80.8	2	50.0	ns

Notes: <sup>a</sup>Fisher's exact tests run to address cell sizes <5; <sup>b</sup>Respondents could select more than one option; ns= not significant;

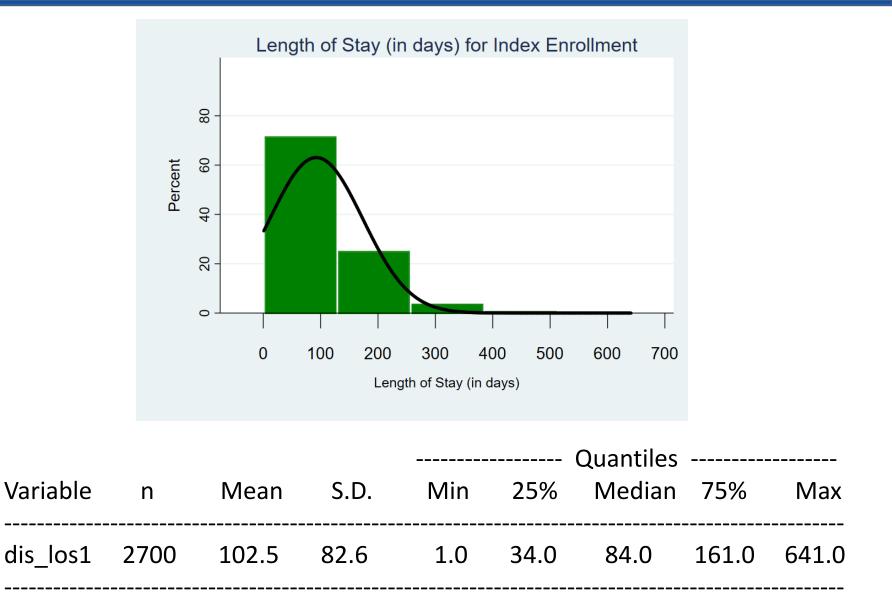
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