

# Triple Aim

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## What is Triple Aim?

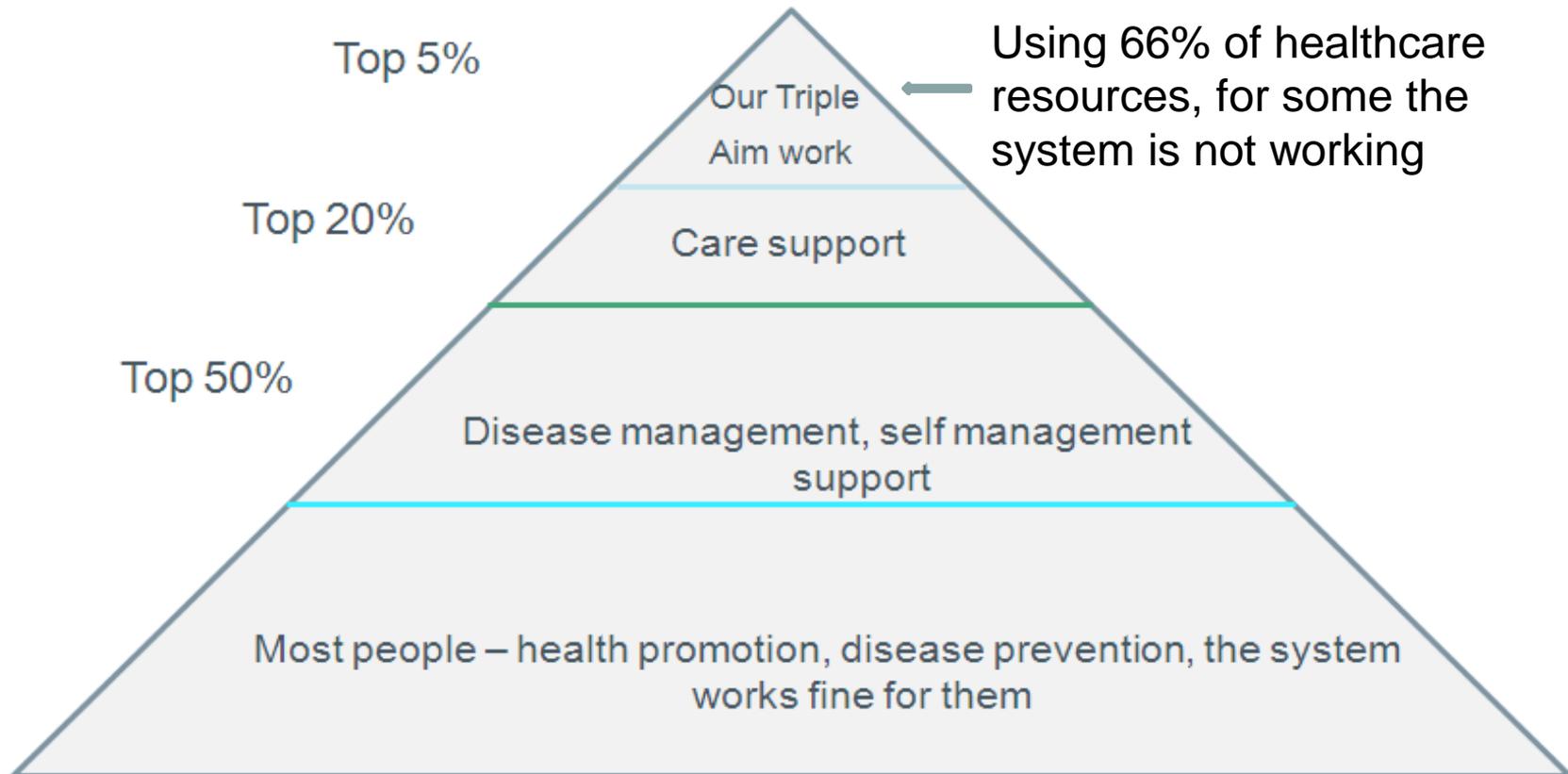
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A learning collaborative with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and about 40 sites in Canada, Denmark, Sweden and the United States, with three interdependent objectives:

- improve the health status of a population
- improve individuals' experience of care
- reduce per capita health care costs, (or reduce the rate of increase of costs)

 *“Act with the individual, learn for the population”* 

# Managing Health for a Population



● Adapted from Ann Lindsay, Stanford Coordinated Care

# Triple Aim Goals in Edmonton

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- Our healthcare system is not meeting the needs of people with multiple and complex needs
- Our aim is to:
  - understand the needs and challenges for the segment of patients in the top 5% of costs and
  - to design and provide care that meets their needs, improves outcomes and lowers overall costs.
- A focus on greater health equity for people who are homeless or have unstable housing and/or compromised determinants of health.

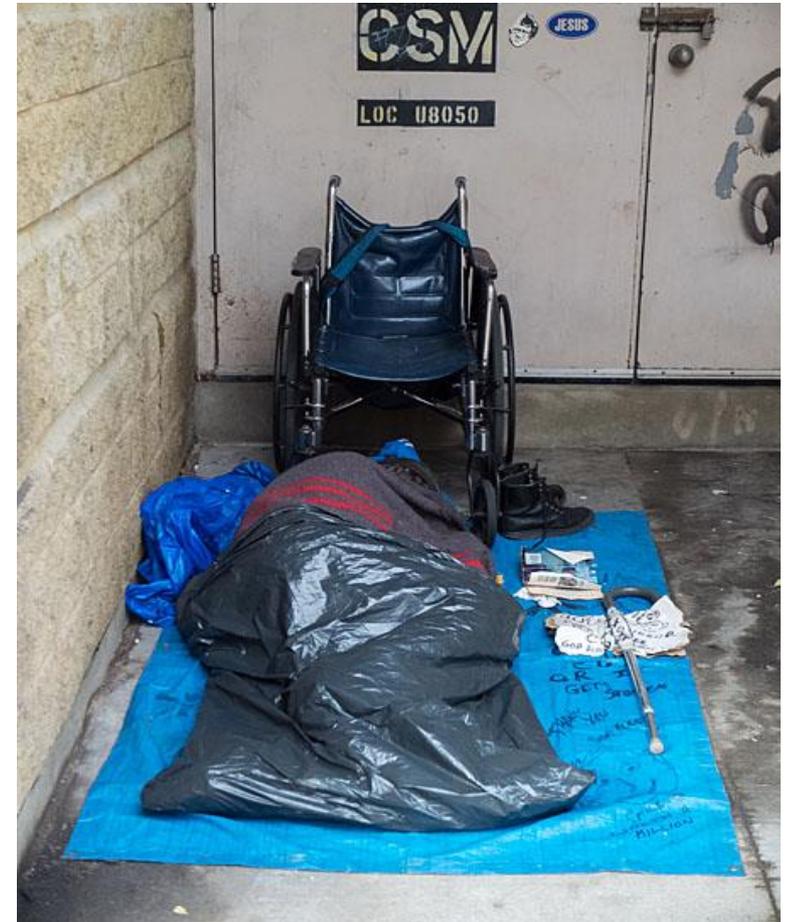
# Challenges with Transitions

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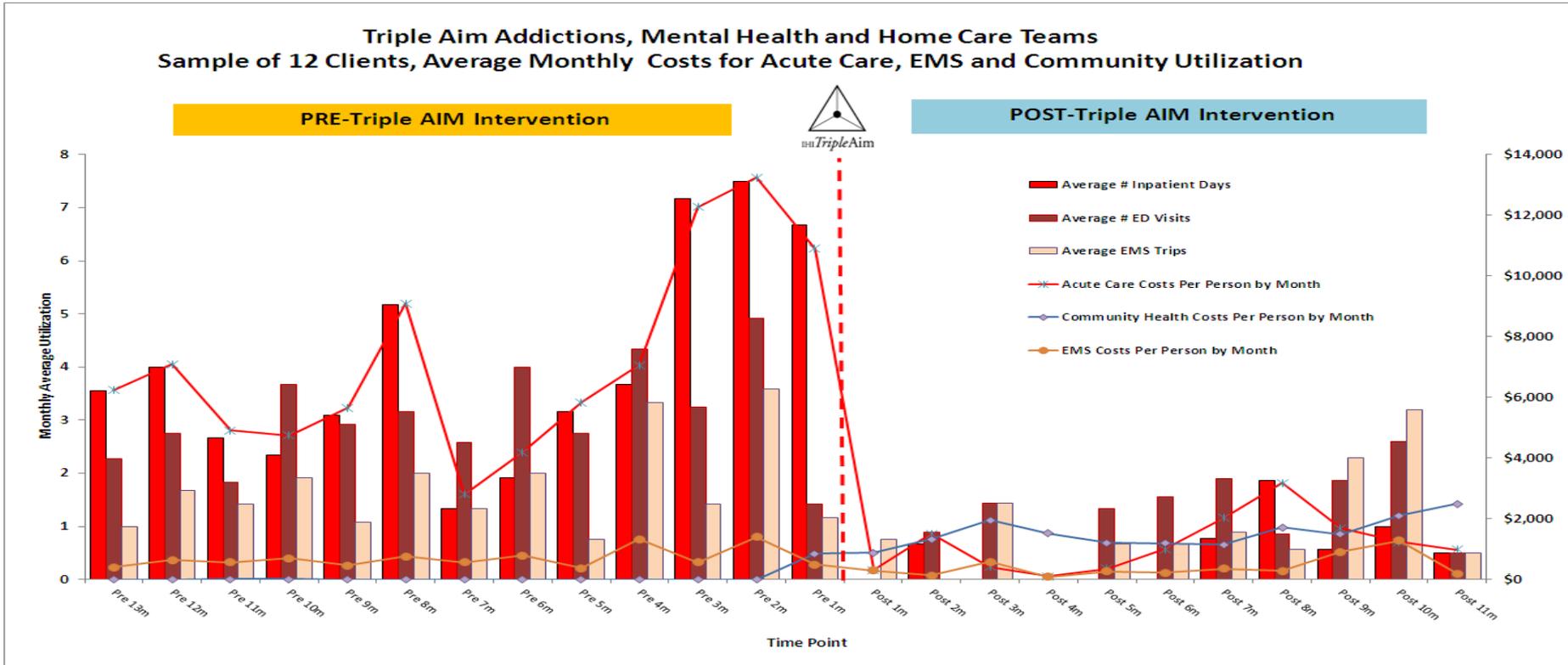
- Interruptions in communication among all care partners and on-going communication requires will at all levels
- Information systems that don't talk to each other or contain information needed for care
- Care providers in community are not able to correct or add to information in Netcare
- Constrained interpretations of the Health Information Act

## Client Case : Joe

- A. Inner City Support Team, Addiction & Mental Health: Assertive Engagement and Case Management
- B. Homecare Professional Services: Occupational Therapist and RN Case Manager
- C. Addiction & Mental Health Temporary Funding to Shelter Society to hire a personal support worker and provide tolerant residence.
- D. Homecare Contracted Services - Missing Link Agency: Health Care Aide to assist with Joe's personal care needs.
- E. Homecare Contracted Services - Missing Link Agency: Increase in hours of service.



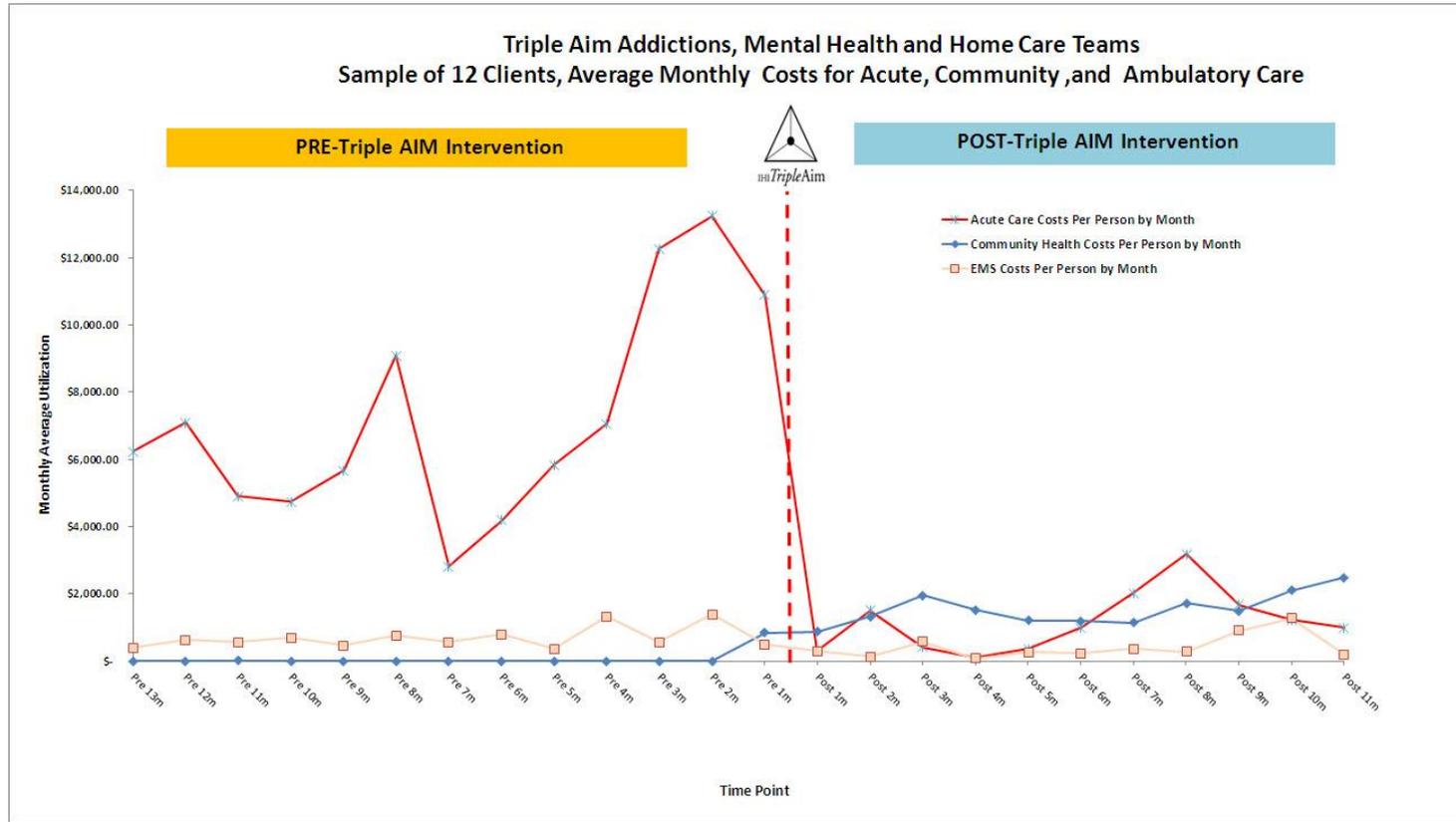
# Average Monthly Utilization and Costs



**Notes:**

Time point *Pre 13* reflects data 13 months prior to a client's involvement with the Triple Aim process.  
 Time point *Post 1* reflects data 1 month after a client's involvement with Triple Aim, etc.  
 Due to different start dates for each client, sample size differs over course of Triple Aim intervention (i.e., *Post 1* n=12; *Post 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7* n=9; *Post 8 & 9* n=7; *Post 10* n=5; *Post 11* n=4).  
 Averages were calculated based on the number of clients with data at each time point.

# Average Monthly Costs, by Type



## Key Learning from Year 2

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1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Beyond Housing
3. Complexity
4. The Process is Very Important
5. Integrating Mental Health & Addictions
6. Sharing Information
7. Coordinated Care in the Community Reduces Costs:
  - The sample we costed showed a reduction in cost of more than half with intense integrated community services vs. acute care

# Continuum of Collaboration

## COORDINATED

- Medical and behavioral clinicians have separate systems at separate sites
- Periodic communication about shared patients and is driven by specific issues.
- Have little sharing of responsibility and little understanding of each other's cultures.

## CO-LOCATED

- Medical and behavioral clinicians have separate systems but share the same facility.
- Communication is usually limited to referral and recommendations.
- Appreciate the importance of each other's roles, but do not share a common language or understanding of each other's worlds.

## INTEGRATED

- Medical and behavioral clinicians have shared systems and facilities (including shared charts).
- Engage in daily communication to jointly assess, prioritize, and respond to patients' care needs.
- A unified culture develops based on team work and operation as a single health system treating the whole person.

# How is what we have learned changing our work?

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## **Integrated Inner City Support Team, in the Eastwood area**

- Maintain intensive support to 1306 individuals currently engaged
- Step down care (including to primary care & NGO contracted support) for an estimated 500 engaged individuals per year
- Assertively & intensively support additional 991 clients per year
- Understand and effectively support 143 of the frail elderly group
- Reach scale up target of 3,568 individuals within 24 months.

# Questions?

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***“And, ...We will celebrate ourselves, because the patients whose lives we save cannot join us, because their names can never be known. Our contribution will be what did not happen to them....”*** Don Berwick, IHI, 100,000 Lives Campaign