

# Improving Patient Experience in Virginia Hospitals and Health Systems



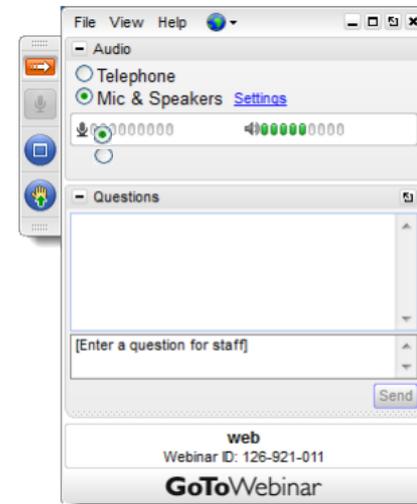
***Thursday, October 22, 2020  
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.***



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# Today's Agenda

## 1) VHHA Year of Patient Experience Overview and Webinar Objectives

- *Abraham Segres, VHHA*

## 2) Sentara Healthcare Customer Experience: Because We Care

- *Genemarie McGee, Corporate Vice President & Chief Nursing Officer*
- *Cherika Britt, System Director, Patient Experience*

## 3) Polling, Discussion and Questions

*-Carrie Brady, VHHA Partner*

## 4) Adjourn



***Vision***

To make Virginia the healthiest state in the nation.

***Mission***

Collaborating with our members and other stakeholders, VHHA works to ensure the sustainability of Virginia's health care system, transform the delivery of care to lower costs and promote higher value across the continuum of care, and improve the health of all Virginians.

# VHHA Member Hospitals and Health Systems

- Augusta Health
- Ballad Health
- Bath Community Hospital
- Bon Secours Mercy Health
- Buchanan General Hospital
- Carilion Clinic
- Centra Health
- Chesapeake Regional Healthcare
- Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters
- Children's National Medical Center
- Encompass Health
- HCA Virginia Health System
- Inova Health System
- Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital
- LifePoint Health
- Mary Washington Healthcare
- Novant Health UVA Health System
- Riverside Health System
- Sentara Healthcare
- Sheltering Arms
- Universal Health Services
- University of Virginia Health System
- Valley Health
- VCU Health System
- Vibra Hospital
- Virginia Hospital Center



## Goals:

- 1) **Identify:** Identify, highlight and celebrate efforts by Virginia hospitals and health systems to improve the patient experience of care.
- 2) **Integrate:** Continue to link and integrate patient experience improvement efforts with broader quality and patient safety improvement efforts.
- 3) **Connect:** Facilitate connections between Virginia hospitals and health systems and other stakeholders for the purpose of shared learning.
- 4) **Improve:** Support efforts to improve Virginia hospitals' individual and aggregate performance on national patient experience measures.



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2020 VHHA Year of Patient Experience Webinar Series

# Sentara Healthcare Customer Experience

# Because We Care

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# Objectives

1. Hear how Sentara Healthcare designed a customer experience program based on the four foundations of patient-centered care developed by VHHA (patient and family, member of the team engagement, leadership and effective use of data).
2. Describe improvement strategies and tactics deployed to support the four foundations.
3. Discuss the impact of the strategies and tactics and how they work together to enrich the experience of care.

# Sentara Healthcare Mission, Vision and Values

## Our Mission

- We improve health every day

## Our Vision

- To be the healthcare choice of the community we serve

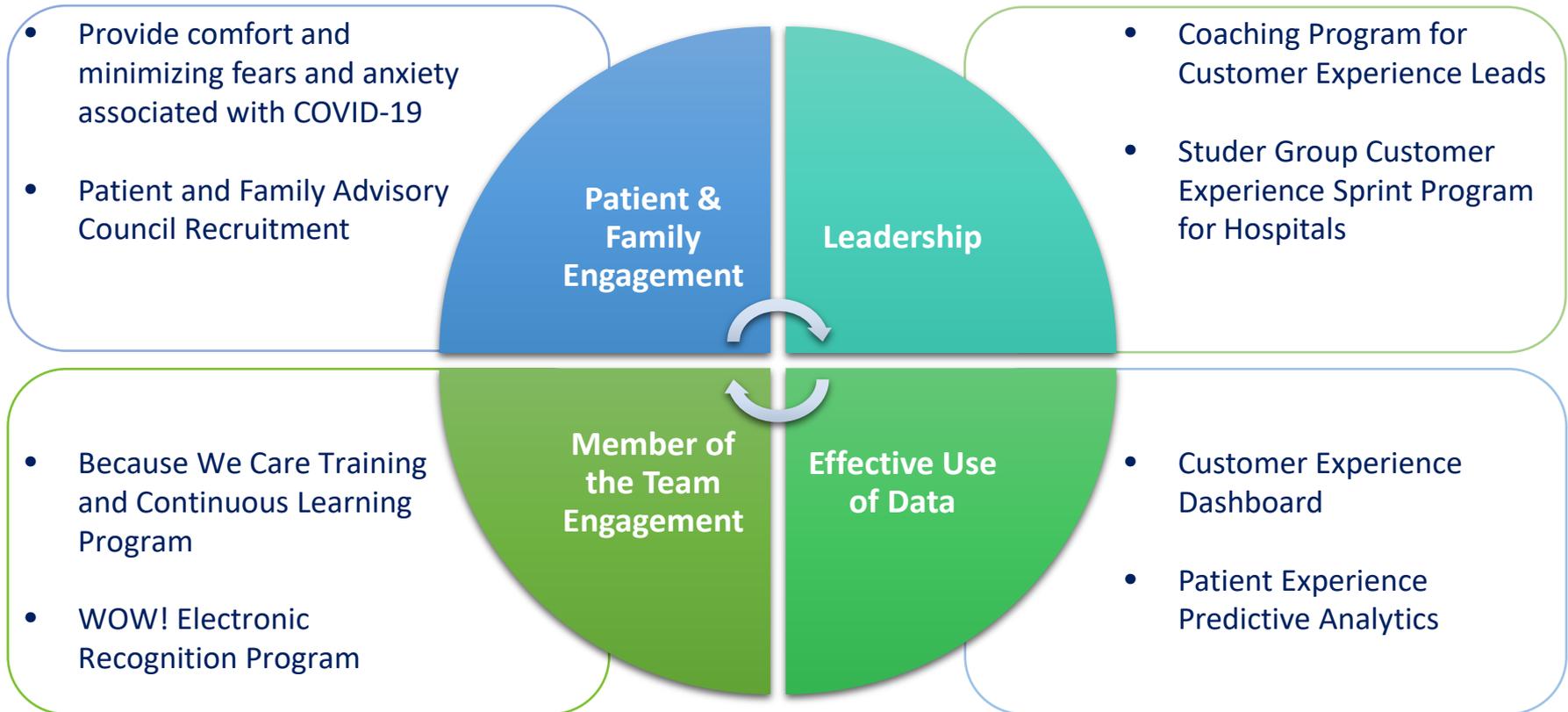
## Our Values

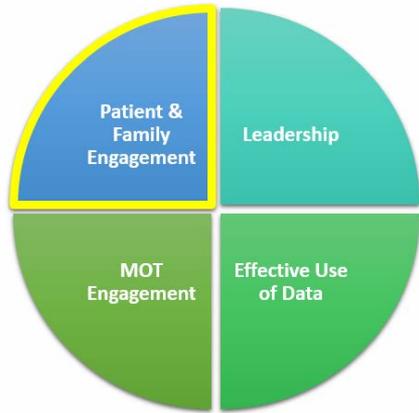
- People, Quality, Patient Safety, Service and Integrity

## Sentara Commitments

- ***At Sentara, we are committed to:***
  - ALWAYS keep you safe
  - ALWAYS treat you with dignity, respect, and compassion
  - ALWAYS listen and respond to you
  - ALWAYS keep you informed and involved
  - ALWAYS work together as a team to provide you quality healthcare

# Sentara Healthcare: Customer Experience Areas of Focus





# Patient and Family Engagement

- **COVID-19 Senior Leaders Video Message to Patients**
  - Purpose: Provide comfort, reassurance, encouragement and minimize fears and anxiety with inpatient stay during this challenging time. [COVID-19 Video Message to Patients](#)
- **Patient and Family Advisory Councils Recruitment- *Envisioning the Future***

**THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Sentara is proud to provide volunteer opportunities and support across our system through our Patient & Family Advisory Councils. Members of these councils commit their time, efforts and talents to serve as a voice of our community on a variety of healthcare programs and projects. Working together we support our mission "to improve health every day."

## PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCILS









**SENTARA PATIENT AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCILS**

**OUR VALUES**

Sentara values people, quality, safety, service and integrity. The Sentara patient-centered care philosophy recognizes the perspectives of patients and their families as a valuable resource to fulfilling our mission, values and vision.

Our Patient & Family Advisory Councils (PFACs) represents a community partnership, built by developing and nurturing an ongoing relationship. Sentara encourages the involvement of patients and families in shaping our healthcare services and invite you to join us!

We are always recruiting for new members.

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**WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD PFAC MEMBER?**

Someone who can

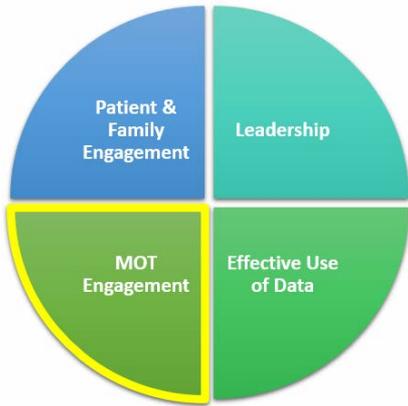
- be a good listener
- respect others' perspectives
- be interested in more than one component of healthcare
- see beyond his or her own experiences
- show genuine compassion and concern for the well-being of others
- interact well with a variety of people with diverse backgrounds
- be a good partner
- have realistic expectations

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## Member of the Team Engagement: Because We Care Program

Sentara Healthcare’s Safety (Patient and Employee) and Customer Experience teams partnered to create a comprehensive and robust learning program to enrich our culture of high reliability, safety and service excellence.

The program objective is for all Sentara team members to understand how their role impacts the customer experience and the skills needed to be most effective.

### Train-the-Trainer Approach

- Experts across the system identified to form a design and reaction panel to provide input on a safety and service excellence culture refresh. Voice of the Customer (VOC) feedback collected through various sources to identify trends, themes and commonalities.
- Collaboration with internal and external groups on best practices to identify opportunities for improvement.
- Senior system and division leadership identified facilitators who are passionate about safety and service excellence, can articulate the vision, and capable of presenting positively and with energy.
- Multiple sessions conducted where system patient experience and safety leaders trained up divisional training leads who in turn selected and trained up division level trainers.

### Program Impact

- Over **400 trainers** delivered the training and identified as Patient Experience Champions.
- Over **23,000 team members across the system completed** the interactive and experiential learning opportunity.
- Over **6,200 class evaluations** submitted with the following results:
  - **95% knowledgeable/very knowledgeable about the key objectives** after attending the sessions (as opposed to 84% before the session).
  - **95% likely/very likely to use the skills/behaviors** taught in the training session on their job.
  - Highlights of open-ended feedback:
    - Great, emotional, useful, and very relevant.
    - Well prepared, inspiring me to really show how much I care.
    - This was an excellent offering which was a big shot in the arm to help everyone recommit themselves to deliver world class patient care. Loved it.
    - I appreciate having everyone stop to remember our focus.



# Member of the Team Engagement: Because We Care Program- Service Excellence Videos and Materials

## Because We Care Empathy Video

Allows us to see the experience of care through the eyes of the patient and family.



## Because We Care Testimonials Video

Showcases Members of the Team sharing their insights and stories on what “Because We Care” means to them and why it is important.



## Because We Care Always Behaviors

Safety Habits and Service Excellence behaviors that each Member of the Team expected to apply every day.

### Our Commitment to Improving Health Every Day



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We commit to:



**Always Keep You Safe**  
• By applying our Safety Habits to our every day work

1. Pay attention to detail.
2. Communicate clearly.
3. Have a questioning attitude.
4. Hand off effectively.
5. Never leave your wingman.



**Always Treat You with Dignity, Respect and Compassion**  
• By making you our focus

1. Greet with a smile. Remember 5-10 rule 10 feet – head nod, smile; 5 feet – “Hello, how are you?”
2. Protect the privacy of the patient. Knock on the door before entering.
3. Introduce yourself and your role.
4. Make a connection.
5. Say, “Because I Care”; everything you do.
6. Ask, “Is there anything I can do for you today?”



**Always Listen and Respond to You**  
• By being attentive and taking action

1. Be in the moment, completely focused, giving undivided attention.
  - Be observant and alert; walk with your head up.
  - Pause, take a deep breath and count to 5 (in your mind) before each customer interaction.
  - Make eye contact and communication at customer's eye level. Sit to interact, when able.
  - Seek opportunities to help. Example - Take customers to their destination versus telling them where to go.
2. Listen for facts, as well as emotions. Lean in. Strive to identify the customer's emotions and anticipate their needs.
3. Acknowledge a customer's emotions or circumstances with a heartfelt statement.
4. Be empowered to ACT (Service Recovery).
  - **Acknowledge** - offer a blameless apology and thank for bringing concerns forward.
  - **Correct** - own the concern and be empowered to find a solution now.
  - **Take it forward** - escalate if concern cannot be immediately resolved.



**Always Keep You Informed**  
• By partnering, understanding and communicating

1. Care out loud - narrate language as it happens
2. Validate understanding
3. Encourage customers
4. Partner with customer and let them affect them.



**Always Work To Provide You Quality Care**  
• By embracing our values

1. Speak highly of and refer to others.
2. Make your communication visible to all.
3. Take responsibility and keep each other safe. Use our Sentara Commitments using Peer Checking, Peer Coaching and ARCC.

## Because We Care Commitment Card

Obtained commitment from each Member of the Team to adhering to the Safety and Service Excellence Always Behaviors



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Sentara Healthcare  
Because We Care Commitment Card

Because I care, my words and actions will improve health every day.

I am a vital part of the customer experience.

I have the power to make a customer feel safe, special, important, and cared for by how I interact with them.

My warm welcome, greeting, and smile set the tone for the customer's entire encounter.

Making eye contact with a customer conveys that I value them.

My connection, explanations, and conversation with a customer can ease fears, provide information, and offer understanding.

My words and actions are powerful.

I am up to the challenge of being Exceptional for every customer, every day!

Because I care, I will:

I promise to demonstrate these skills and encourage others to do the same.



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# Member of the Team Engagement: Because We Care- Continuous Learning

- Monthly resources with safety and service excellence focus using Learn – Apply – Share model
- Digital hub for MOT to access resources, ask questions and keep up with program updates
- Because We Care Champions to peer coach and promote continuous learning

## Model for Continuous Learning How to use the Learn, Apply, Share Model



*Because We Care, our words and actions will improve health every day.*

## Examples of Learning Materials

**Because We Care Continuous Learning**  
Pay Attention to Detail – A Sentara Safety Habit

Share a Story: Describe an experience or example where Paying Attention to Detail was not used. What were the contributing factors?

**Why do we practice Paying Attention to Detail?**

- ✓ To avoid skill-based errors – unintended slips or lapses
- ✓ To reduce the chance that we'll make an error when we're under time pressure or stress

**When do we practice this Safety Habit:**

- ✓ When we are distracted, rushing, fatigued, or multi-tasking
- ✓ Before we act, speak, and document

**Everyone should use STAR to help Pay Attention to Detail**

**Share Experiences in your next group setting**

- ◆ When and how did you use STAR?
- ◆ When can you use STAR to keep yourself safe?
- ◆ Share stories about Paying Attention to Detail and the use of STAR:
  - What moment or memory stands out?
  - What was most surprising to you?
  - How has this changed your practice?
  - What is your best piece of advice for others?
  - What makes it difficult to use STAR?

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**Because We Care Service Excellence Continuous Learning**  
Being in the Moment

Share a Story: Describe an experience where you did not feel heard. What were the contributing factors?

- Why Being in the Moment Matters
  - Strengthens presence, empathy and active listening skills.
  - Allows you to listen more deeply and from a curiosity perspective.
  - Others feel heard, understood, and acknowledged.
  - Leads to feeling safe and secure in their partnership with you and increases trust.
- Pause, take deep breaths and count to 5 (in your mind) before each interaction.
- Maintain eye contact with others and say "You have my 100% attention."
- Listen for facts, as well as emotions, to anticipate and address needs.
- Share Experiences in Next Group Setting in applying the skill in your interactions:
  - What moment or memory stands out?
  - What was most surprising to you?
  - What are you most proud of?
  - How has this changed your practice?
  - What advice do you have for others?

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## Member of the Team Engagement: System-wide Electronic Employee Recognition Program

Launched in 2018- Provides a simple and meaningful way where Members of the Team across the System to recognize colleagues within their division or from entity to entity, for heartfelt and compassionate care for the customers we serve, as well as the kindness we show for each other.

### Benefits

- Replaces existing paper processes
- Immediate positive feedback to the recipient and their direct manager
- Encourages interaction across divisions
- All WOW! recognition is visible to everyone on *our Employee Portal*

### Impact

- Over 90,000 entries across the System recognizing Members of the Team
- 2019 employee engagement survey shows performance above the national defined peer group in:
  - Satisfaction with recognition
  - Work is meaningful
  - Work makes a real difference



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# Member of the Team Engagement: System-wide Electronic Employee Recognition Program

## Step 1

Click to send a WOW! Moment from WaveNet Employee Portal

## Step 2

Complete the WOW! Moments Form and Submit

## Recognition

Email with WOW! Notification/Certificate Sent to Recipient and their direct supervisor!

You've been recognized for a WOW Moment!

wavenetsupport@sentara.com  
 Sent: Fri 12/8/2017 10:44 AM  
 To: CHERIKA P BRITT  
 Cc: GENEMARIE W MCGEE; RICK GOODMAN  
 Retention Policy: Cleanup Inbox 97 Days (6 months) Expires: 3/15/2018

# WOW! Congratulations!

## CHERIKA P BRITT

You have been recognized for a WOW Moment!

**RICK GOODMAN**, TECHNICAL MANAGER, Digital Solutions, wrote:  
 "I really appreciate your kindness and thoroughness in explaining to the patient what to expect and patience with answering all of the questions the patient and family member asked. The patient and family member expressed to me how much it meant to them."

Thank you for exemplifying the Sentara Commitments to Always treat you with dignity, respect and compassion, Always listen and respond to you, Always keep you informed and involved



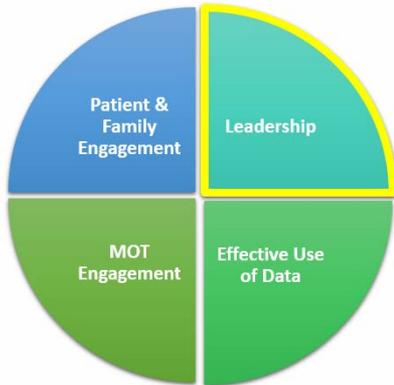
The way you deliver kindness and compassion is your personal signature.

On behalf of the System Customer Experience Team - Thank You!



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# Leadership: Partnership with The Studer Group

- Customer Experience Sprint Program for Hospitals**
  - Expert coaching with an evidence based skills approach for all leaders, who gain the same skill development together – providing the opportunity for consistency of approach.
  - Validation of coaching as quality control with focus on quality and consistency of leadership skills implementation.
- Coaching Program for Customer Experience Leads**
  - Ensure “system-ness” with Studer principles and alignment with Sentara initiatives
  - Based on a “Coach the Coach” model with competency validation

## Support Coach Support Competency Checklist

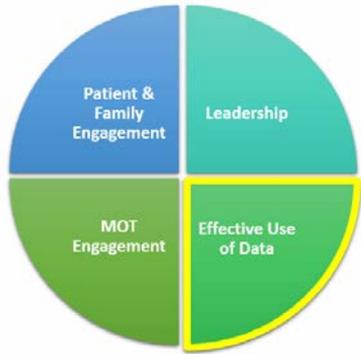
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CARING BEHAVIORS	STRENGTH ✓	NEEDS WORK ✓	PRIORITY LEVEL*
Non-multi-tasking			2
Eye contact			1
Energy, voice tone, and speaking speed (match needs of patient/customer)			1
Appropriate use of touch			2
Appropriate use of humor/emotion			2
Effective physical positioning			1
Responds with appropriate action to convey empathy			1
Leader prepares staff for observation and informs about the why			1
Leader is positioned to be an observer/auditor			2
Leader uses the prioritized competency checklist			1
Leader accurately assesses at least three strengths and one opportunity to improve			1
Leader aligns feedback with staff performance			2
<b>SUPPORT – COACH – SUPPORT</b>			
1) Support			
After observation.			2
<input type="checkbox"/> Asks for staff member's self-assessment			
<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledges at least THREE positive aspects of staff member's performance based on the information listed on the prioritized competency checklist			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Explains why those behaviors and the staff member are valued			1
2) Coach			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gives ONE specific opportunity to improve based on the highest priority from the prioritized competency checklist			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Explains the why for the request and gives an example of 'what right looks like.'			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Collaboratively discusses solutions from staff member vs. tells the staff member what to do			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Invites staff member to articulate the plan and the commitment to change			1
3) Support			
<input type="checkbox"/> Asks how he or she can assist staff member			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Gives copy of completed checklist with date for next validation and 'one opportunity' circled			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Reaffirms staff member's strengths and value to team			1
<input type="checkbox"/> Thanks staff member for participation and commitment			2
<b>SAFETY BEHAVIORS</b>			
Safety behaviors (washes or foams hands, etc.)			3
<b>EVALUATION SUMMARY</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice (no experience)	Three strengths		
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced beginner (requires prompting during feedback)	1)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Competent (hits top priorities)	2)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Proficient (hits all priorities)	3)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expert (able to teach others)	Highest priority to improve:		
	Date of next validation:		

Priority levels: 1 = first coaching priority; 2 = second coaching priority; 3 = third coaching priority

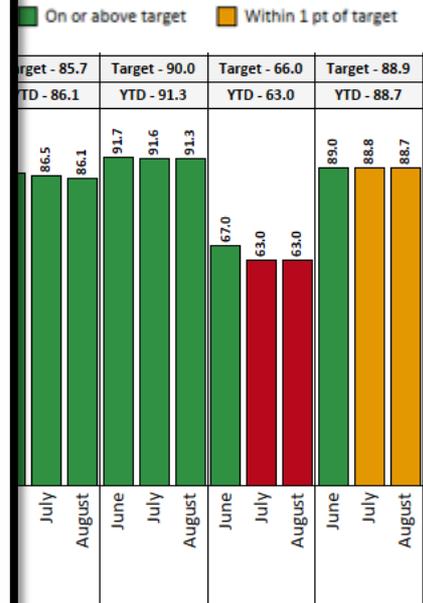
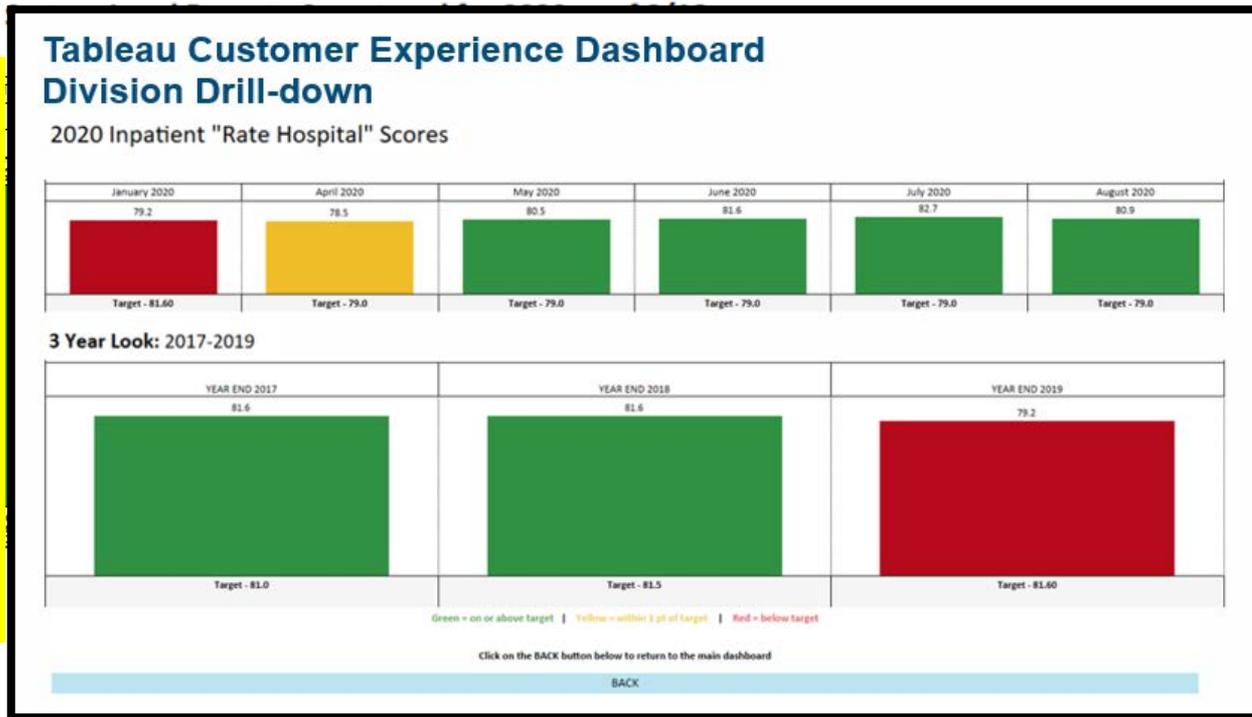
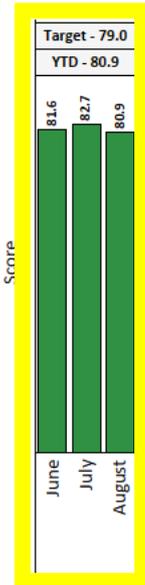
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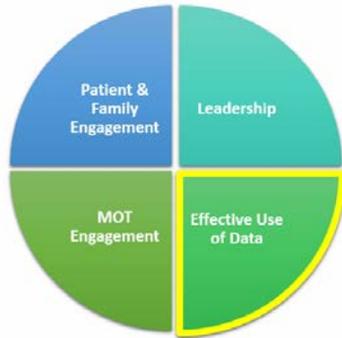
# Effective Use of Data: Tableau Customer Experience Dashboard System Overview

## Monthly



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## Effective Use of Data: Patient Experience Predictive Analytics

- **Aim**

- Explore significant predictors for patients reporting a 9 or 10 on HCAHPS Overall Rating of Hospital
- Arrive at focused best practices to implement

- **Result**

- Nurses play a more prominent role in patient perception of care

- **Next Steps**

- Explore the influence of hospital and patient characteristics

# Healthgrades 2020 Outstanding Patient Experience Award Recipients

Hospitals in the top 15% with the highest overall patient experience scores.

<https://www.healthgrades.com/quality/outstanding-patient-experience-award-2020-recipients>

**Three Sentara Hospitals received this prestigious award!**

**Sentara Leigh Hospital**



**Sentara Princess Anne Hospital**



**Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital**



**Congratulations!**



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# Polling Questions and Discussion



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# 2020 Year of Patient Experience



Leadership



Patient and  
Family  
Engagement



Staff  
Engagement



Effective Use of  
Data

**Grounded in Four Essential Foundations for Success**

# Polling Question #1: Foundation

- How many of the four foundations of patient experience are solidly and sustainably in place in your organization? (Leadership, Staff Engagement, Patient/Family Engagement, Effective Use of Data)
  - Four
  - Three
  - Two
  - One

# Polling Question #2: Priority Support

- Which foundation would benefit the most from VHHA support at this time?
  - Leadership
  - Staff Engagement
  - Patient and Family Engagement
  - Effective Use of Data

# Alignment

- 2020 challenges present unique opportunities for hospitals to strengthen foundations and improve alignment
- Alignment is a key to sustainability and must be reinforced at all levels
- Always start with why





## *November/December Webinar*

Date/Time:

**December 3**  
12:00 noon

Featured Presenter:

**Shawn Smith**  
Assistant Vice President, Clinical Enterprise,  
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***Thank you!!***

