

Taking a New Approach to Opioid Stewardship: Implementation of an Opioid Stewardship Pharmacist and an Interdisciplinary Oversight Committee

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INTRODUCTION

- With more than one hundred overdose deaths each day from opioids and more than two million people suffering from opioid use disorder, our country continues to struggle with the opioid crisis.¹
- Opioid stewardship has emerged as a response to provide safe and comprehensive pain management while incorporating opioid risk mitigation strategies.²
- Implementation of an opioid stewardship program co-led by a pharmacist can advance clinical practice, improve performance data, and establish accountability while supporting collaboration.

OBJECTIVE

- Eskenazi Health introduced a new pharmacist role focused on implementing an opioid stewardship program across inpatient and outpatient services.

BACKGROUND

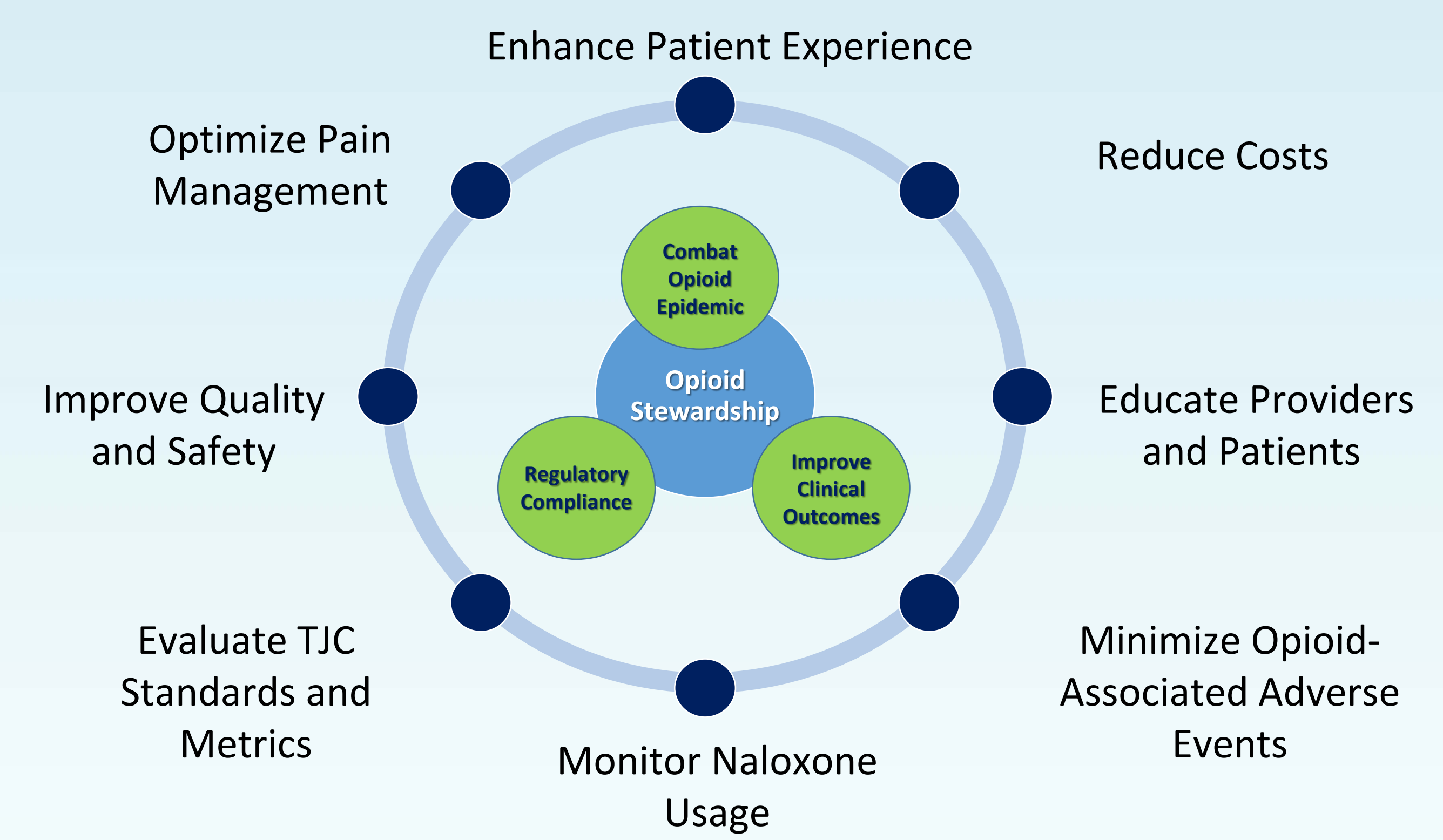
- The Joint Commission (TJC) updated pain management standards effective July 1, 2019. These standards focus on making pain management an organizational priority, involving staff in performance improvement initiatives, collecting and analyzing data related to opioids and pain management, and minimizing risks associated with the treatment of pain.³
- The National Quality Forum (NQF) released a playbook to provide strategies for organizations committed to effective pain management and opioid stewardship.²



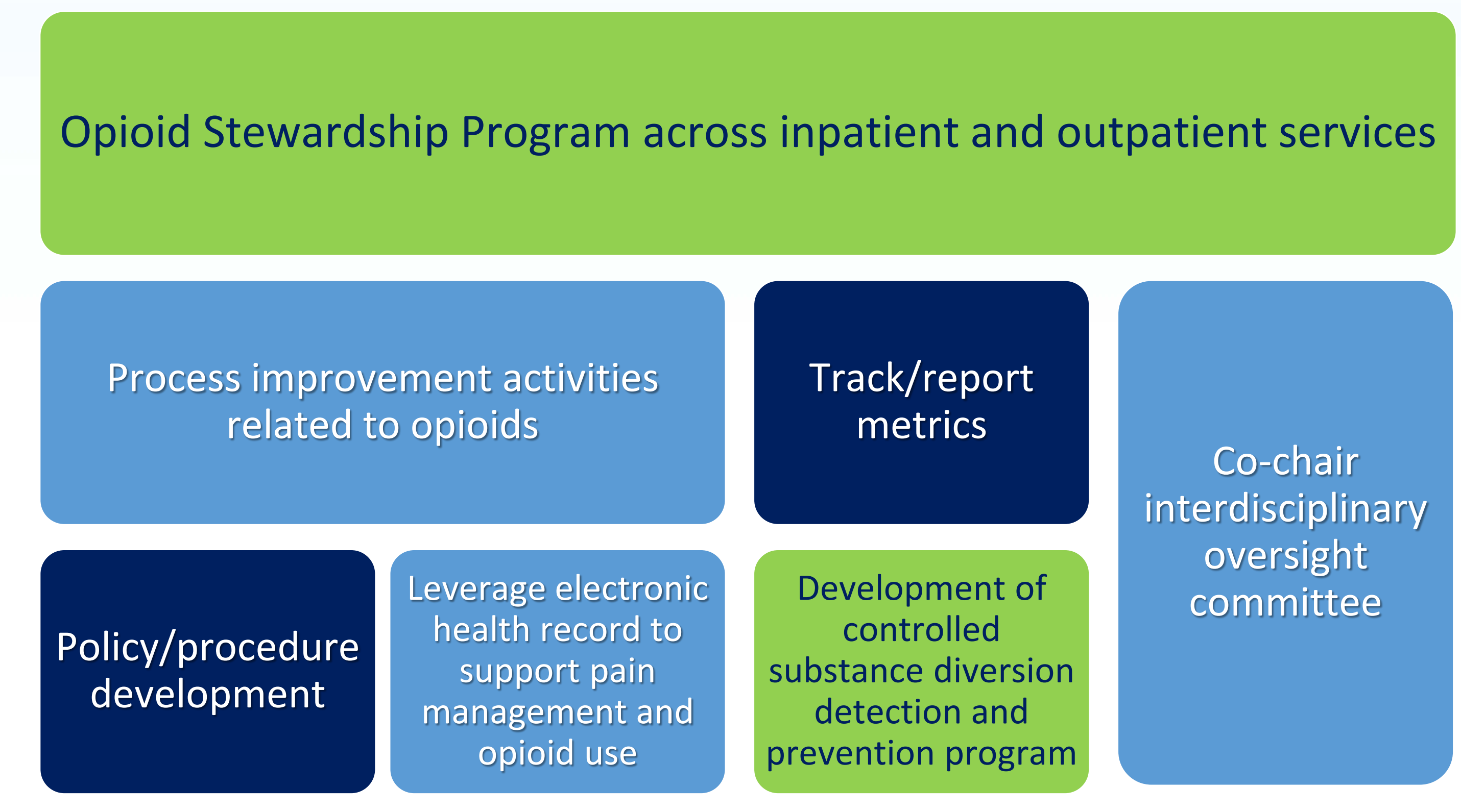
- Eskenazi Health responded to TJC standards by creating the role of an opioid stewardship pharmacist to lead an opioid stewardship program as well as interdisciplinary oversight committee.

OPIOID STEWARDSHIP PHARMACIST

- Eskenazi Health's opioid stewardship program goals are to:



- Job responsibilities of the opioid stewardship pharmacist include:

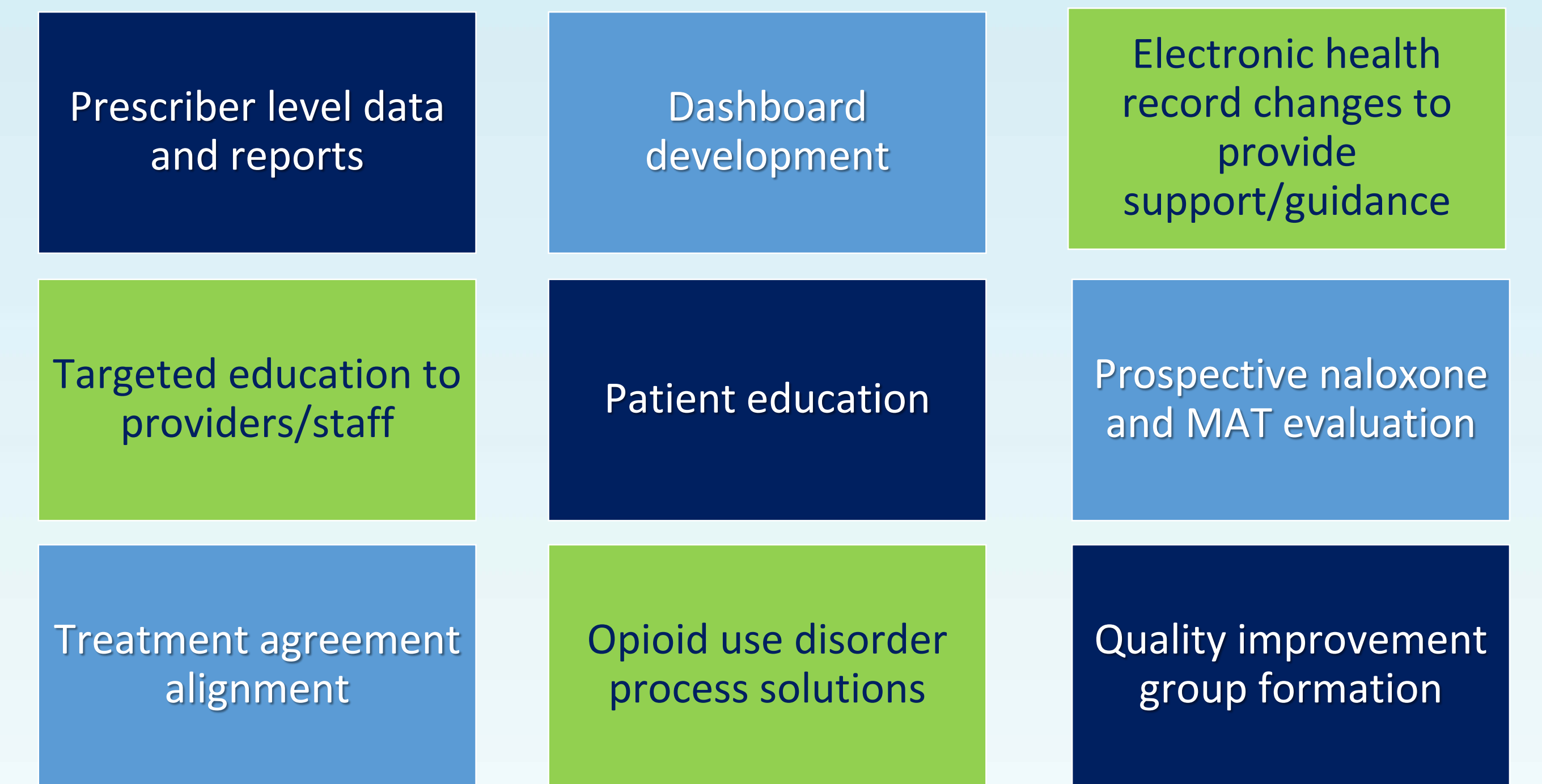


INTERDISCIPLINARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

- The Opioid and Pain Management Oversight Committee (OPOC) is an interdisciplinary, physician-level committee that: 1) oversees all initiatives, policies, procedures, and education related to pain management and opioids, 2) ensures organizational efforts are in line with regulatory standards, laws, and evidence-based practices for pain management, and 3) collaborate with the Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety to participate in city-wide initiatives related to pain management and opioids.

INTERDISCIPLINARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (cont.)

- Examples of committee initiatives and collaborations:



- Membership for the oversight committee includes:



CONCLUSIONS

- An opioid stewardship pharmacist and pain oversight committee encourages collaboration, allows for prioritization of projects, and aims to overcome barriers.

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