



# The Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

*"The award that bears his name reflects the virtues that he brought to public service and how he lived in his private life, a commitment to excellence, shrewd judgment and sound judgment, principled leadership, integrity, and a sense of responsibility."*

George W. Bush



*"I was proud as a U.S. Senator to vote in favor of the Baldrige Act..." this award has helped us re-focus on the future, on quality, on performance, and most importantly maybe, on innovation."*

Joe Biden

*"In just a few years, the National Quality Award has literally become the standard of business excellence. And the renewed spirit of excellence in business, of making quality an integral part of America's corporate strategy, has truly, I believe, made us more competitive in the international arena."*

George H.W. Bush

*"The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which highlights customer satisfaction, workforce empowerment, and increased productivity, has come to symbolize America's commitment to excellence."*

Bill Clinton

*"I always prized the quality of Mac's vision. He had the capacity to look up from the dust of the plains to see the distant mountains."*

Ronald Reagan

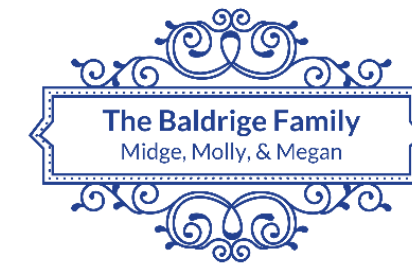




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**Presents:**

**ABOUT Healthcare: *Connecting those in need with those who heal, faster.***

**December 16, 2021**

## Opening Remarks/Agenda

**Introduction**

**Al Faber, President & CEO, Baldrige Foundation**

**Guest Presenters**

**Angie Franks  
CEO, ABOUT Healthcare**

**Ben Sawyer, MBA, PT, OCS, LBB  
VP Market Development, ABOUT Healthcare**

**Questions**

**Moderator**

**Baldrige Performance  
Excellence Program Update**

**Bob Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Program, NIST**

**Alliance for Performance  
Excellence Update**

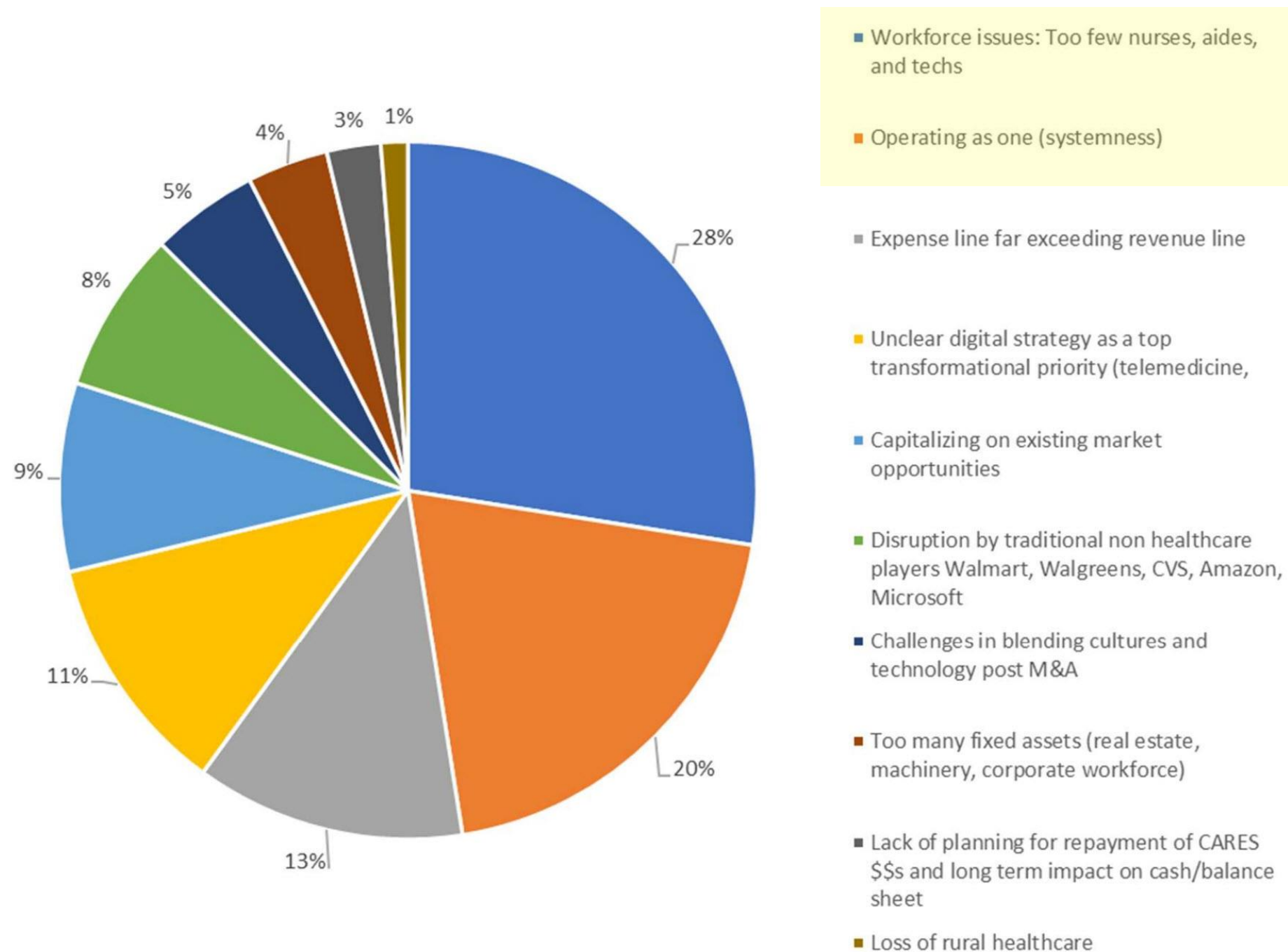
**Brian Lassiter, Chair, Alliance for Performance Excellence Board of Directors**

**Closing Remarks**

**Al Faber**

# Webinar Overview

Key Challenges



1. Hospitals and health systems have many barriers preventing them from operating as a system of care
2. The current pandemic proved to magnify organizational siloes
3. ABOUT empowers hospitals and health systems to operate as one connected network of care
4. We provide the necessary controls and insights for health systems to grow with resilience and improve patient outcomes
5. Today's discussion leans into these topics, unpacking:
  - A. **Why** this is important?
  - B. **How** does the process work?
  - C. **What** results can be expected?





## Why is This Important?

Staffing is in flux. People are stressed by poor operational systems and processes.

# How Does the Process Work?

## Confronts the Disconnects (OFI's)

- 1 Inefficient Transfers:** *Results in Patient Leakage*  
Manual processes and fragmented reporting
- 2 Highly variable discharge planning:** *Adds Excess Days*  
Reliance on staff for EDD & patient disposition information perpetuates patient care progression delays
- 3 Tedious to manage and resolve barriers:** *Stresses Workforce*  
Too many open orders to track, need to text/call to prioritize
- 4 Post-acute (PAC) access and transport impediments**  
*Chaos at end of acute stay: Overloads care team & resources*

**Stresses Staff & Compromises Results**

## Presents Optimal Flow Considerations

**Invest in deploying a seamless access and orchestration hub**

Integrated functions such as on-call provider coordination and CAD

**Initiate discharge planning upon admission**

Use EDD & disposition intelligence to drive MDR planning and action

**Prioritize barriers and orchestrate effort w/ ancillaries to resolve**

Explore ai and ml opportunities to identify rate-limiting steps, and prompt best next steps

**Ensure PAC provider options are clear and available to schedule early**

Find effective tools to manage PAC reservations and transport

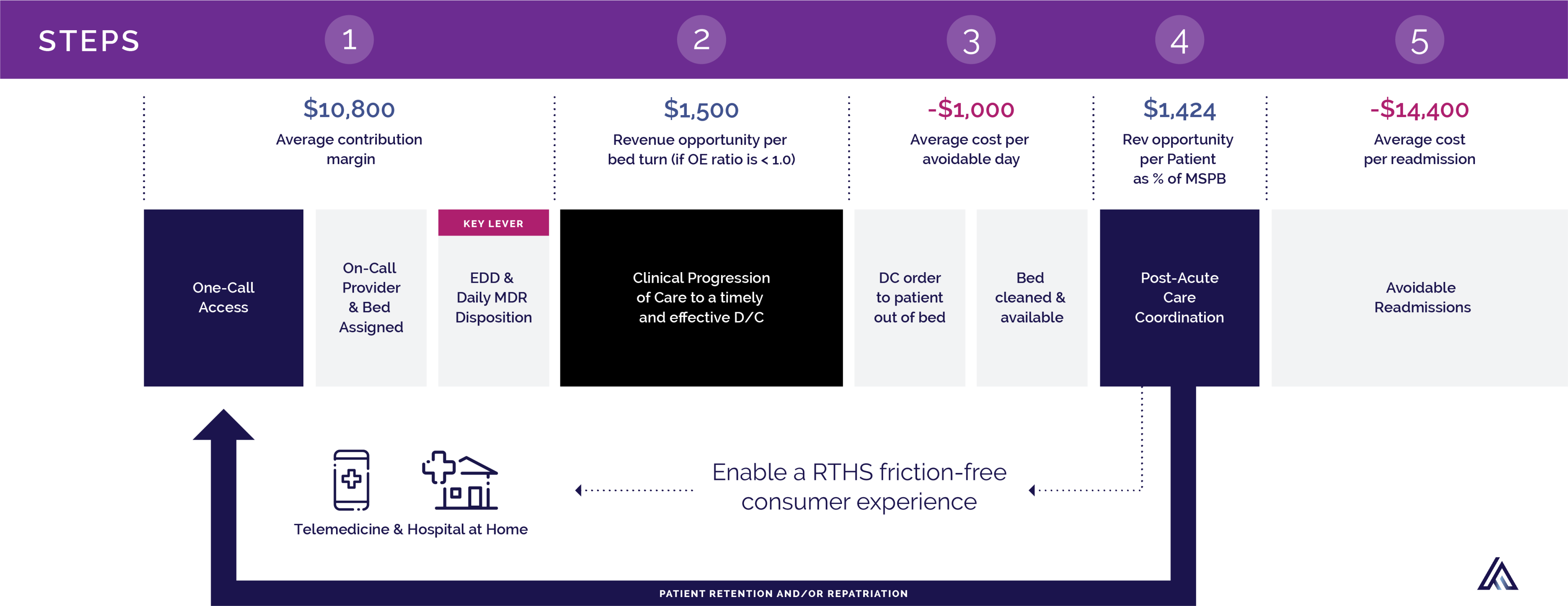
**Decompresses Staff & Drives Sustainable Results**

*The Real-Time Health System: Augments the electronic medical record (EMR) with composable solutions to effectively address performance gaps and maximize measureable results*

# What Results Can Be Expected?

## Mapped to 5 Common Health System ROI Priorities

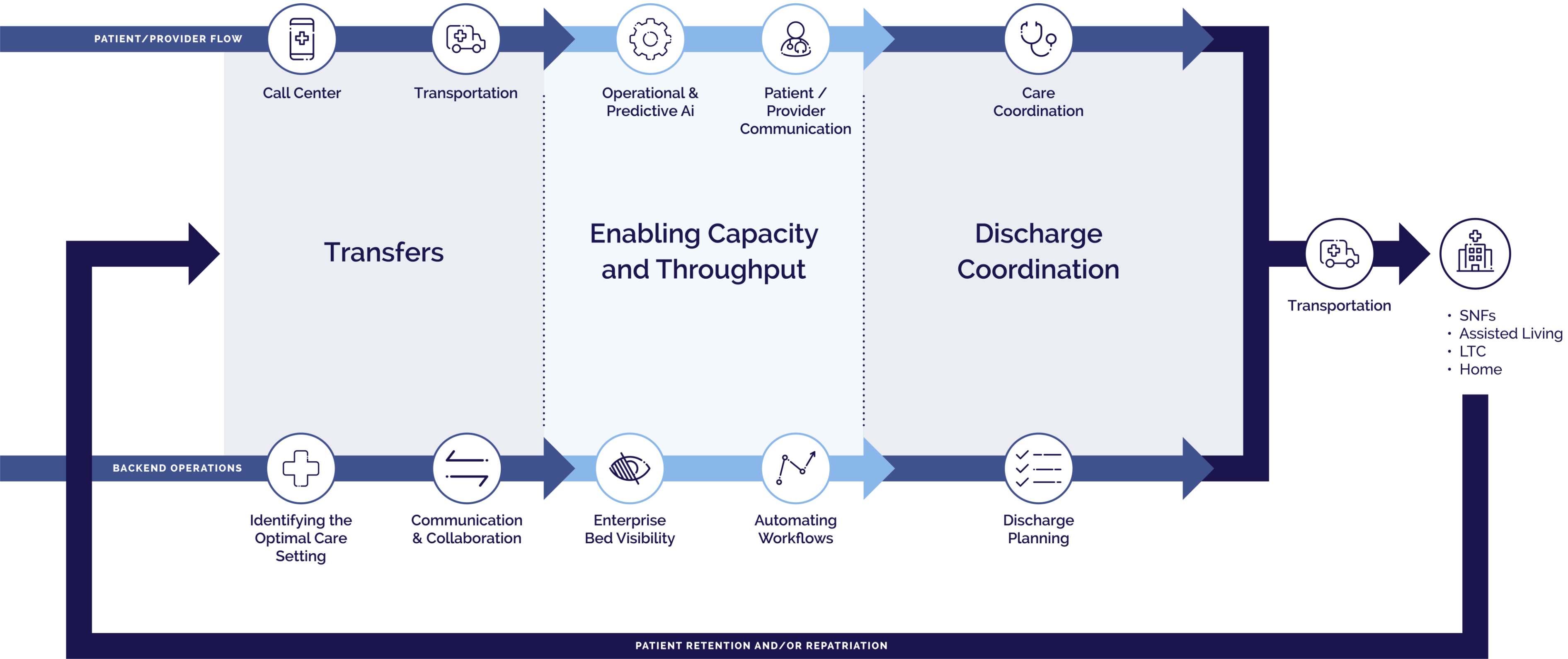
**GOAL:** Enable health systems to leverage a real-time health system (RTHS) platform to achieve a friction-free experience for patients and providers.



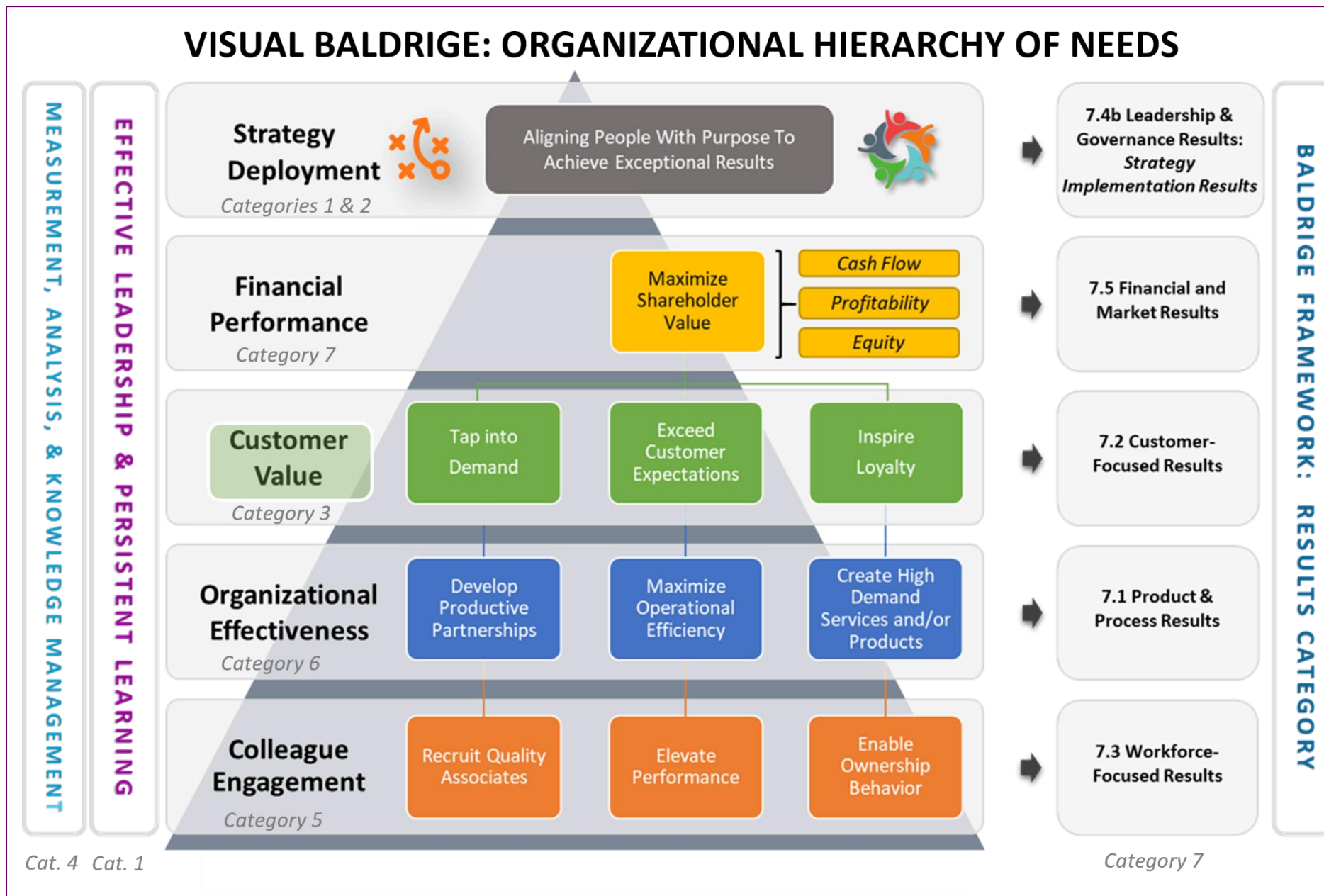


# Integrated System of Care

Access & Orchestration across the Care Continuum



# Nexus with the Organizational Hierarchy of Needs



Potential to impact all categories and help drive results

- Leadership:** Providing a compelling shared vision, and encouraging persistent learning;
- Strategy:** Preparing for the future, including the goals, objectives, and key initiatives to align people with purpose to achieve exceptional results;
- Customers:** Listening to, satisfying, and engaging patients and other consumers in accommodating changing demands;
- Measurement, Analysis, and Knowledge Management (MAKM):** Determining how to secure and use reliable data and information to make effective organizational decisions;
- Workforce:** Engaging all members of the workforce, to ensure roles and responsibilities are clear and that they are empowered and supported in the discharge of their duties to the benefit of the patient, consumer, and organization;
- Operations:** Designing, managing, improving, and innovating healthcare services and work processes to improve operational effectiveness to deliver value to patients, other customers, and to achieve ongoing organizational success.

# Real-Time Health System Performance

## Access & Orchestration

When every second matters, intelligent access and orchestration across networks of care help you save lives — and grow your health system — now and into the future.



### Orchestration

Every patient journey is different. But they all have something in common: a human being who needs to be connected to the right care in the right place — without delay.



### Navigation

Patients' needs and facility capacity can change in an instant. That's why our solutions are designed to work for you in real-time across your health system.



### Elevation

Make your health system the first choice for both emergency and scheduled referrals with automated transfers. The result is better health for patients, better days for providers, and more volume for your system.



### Healthcare everywhere is no longer in the distant future.

In this new era, you need a partner who understands the complexities of patient transfers, balances capacity, and coordinates care across the continuum like no one else. A partner that provides intelligent systems that keeps patients coming in — and moving through to the next optimal site of care. This is what we do.

## Expand your draw and extend your reach across networks of care



Accept referrals within minutes to bring more patients into your system.



Relieve your clinicians of the frustration of arranging transfers so they can focus on caring for people



Speed each patient to the next and best care setting without delay, shortening lengths of stay while reducing readmissions.

## Our Impact

500%

Minimum ROI

125

Average staff hours recaptured each month

20%

Average patient leakage reduction

29%

Average first-year transfer volume increase



# Practical Visual Representation

*Of Baldrige Foundation and ABOUT  
thought leadership collaboration*

## Leader Dialogue®

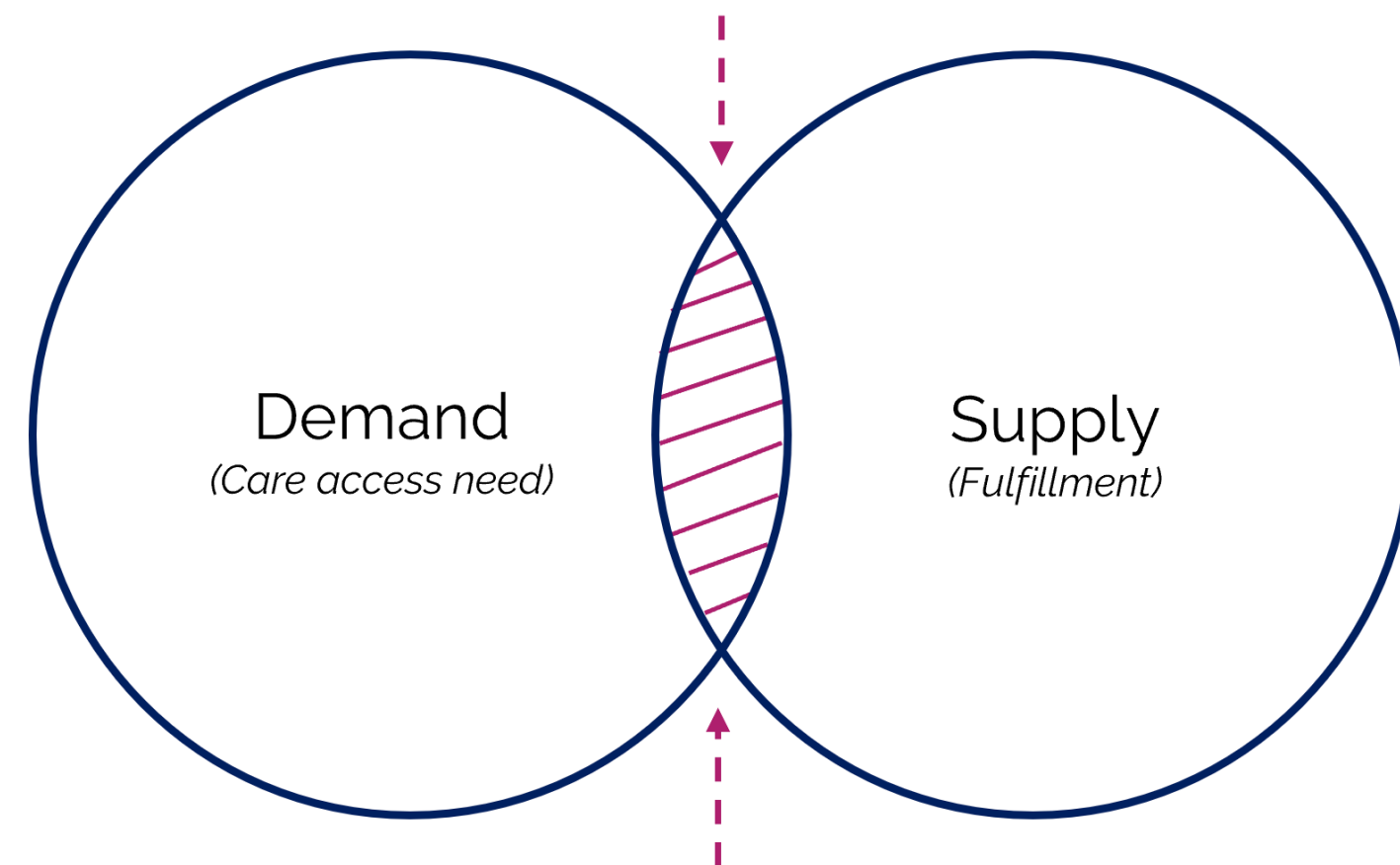
How can we best load **balance** our supply and demand?



*Focuses on  
practical topics  
such as:* >



Mission: Connecting those in need with those who heal, faster.



Are there **access and orchestration** best practices to consider?

# Join the Movement to Exceptional Access & Orchestration

137

Health System Clients

>940

Client Facilities

93%

Client Retention



Thank You



# Panelist Questions and Discussion



Angie Franks  
CEO, ABOUT



Ben Sawyer, MBA, PT, OCS, LBB  
VP, Market Development – ABOUT  
Co-host Leader Dialogue Program



Al Faber  
President & CEO  
Baldrige Foundation  
(Moderator)

# Baldrige Performance Excellence Program

Robert Fangmeyer, Director BPEP





# Baldrige Performance Excellence Program

- Award Process redesign roll-out
- Accepting Examiner Applications for 2022  
<https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/apply-become-baldrige-examiner>
- Examiner training will be 100% virtual in 2022
- Quest for Excellence, April 3-6, 2022, Gaylord National Harbor  
<https://www.nist.gov/baldrige/QE>
- Job Quality Framework – anticipated release: end of January



# Alliance Updates

- **The Alliance for Performance Excellence is the network of Baldrige-based programs and other supporting members throughout the United States**
- **Launched a Marketing Committee this summer in an effort to generate awareness of the value of Baldrige throughout the country**
- **Hosted a successful online Baldrige Fall Conference last October; the 2022 conference will be hosted in San Diego by the California Program & Communities of Excellence 2026**
- **To explore the value of getting started (or accelerating) your journey to excellence using Baldrige, contact your local Alliance member program at <http://baldrigealliance.org>**



# communities of excellence 2026



*“For America to sustain its vitality and promote its prosperity during its second 250 years of existence, we must improve the performance of communities and the people who lead and live in them.”*



**Stephanie Norling**  
**Executive Director**  
**Communities of Excellence 2026**

# The Communities of Excellence Framework

A BALDRIGE-ADAPTED RESOURCE FROM **communitiesofexcellence<sup>2026</sup>**

# communitiesofexcellence<sup>2026</sup> National Learning Collaborative

# Preparing for Your Community Excellence Journey

A VIRTUAL COURSE FROM **communitiesofexcellence<sup>2026</sup>**

# communitiesofexcellence<sup>2026</sup> Assessment & Recognition

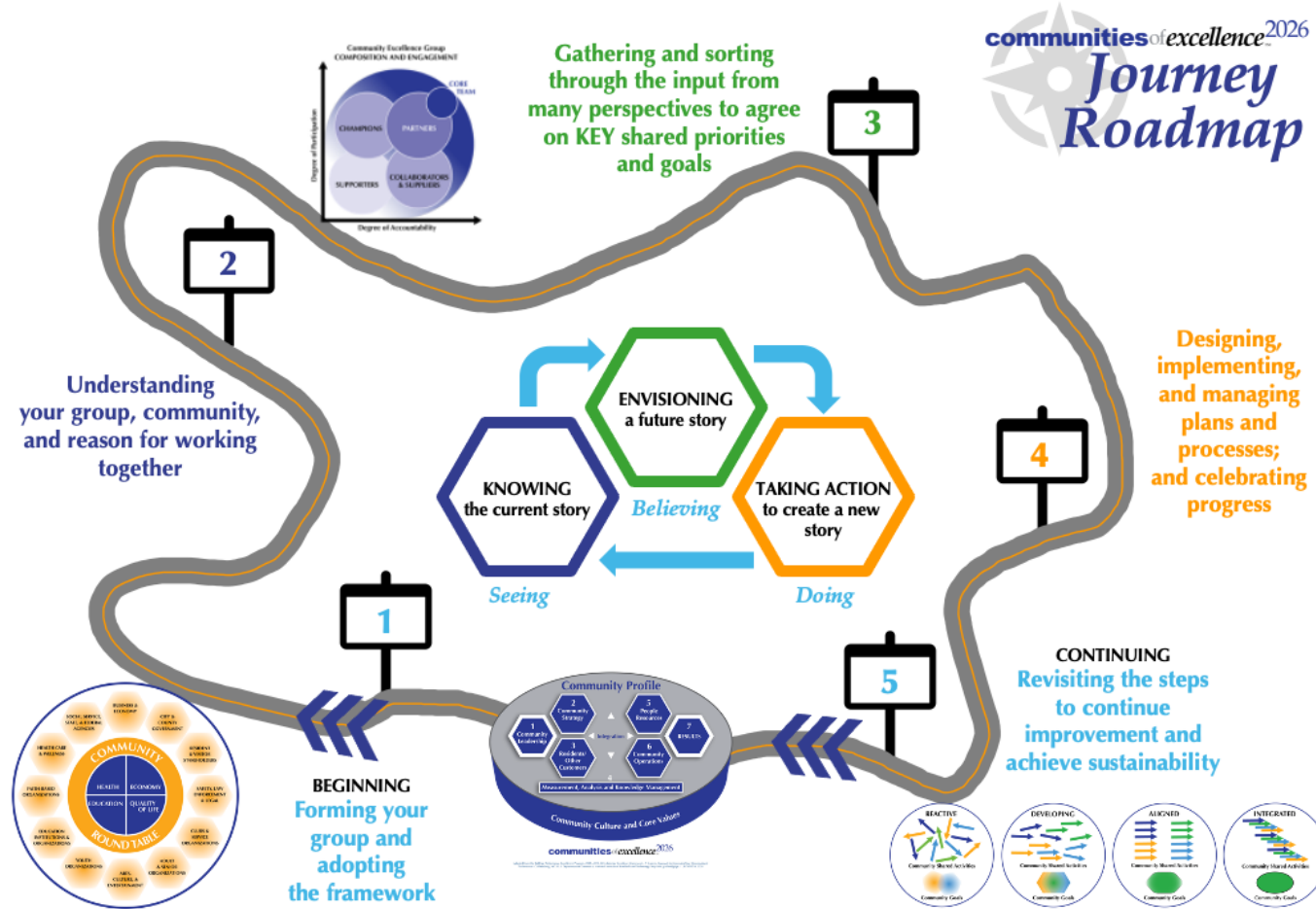


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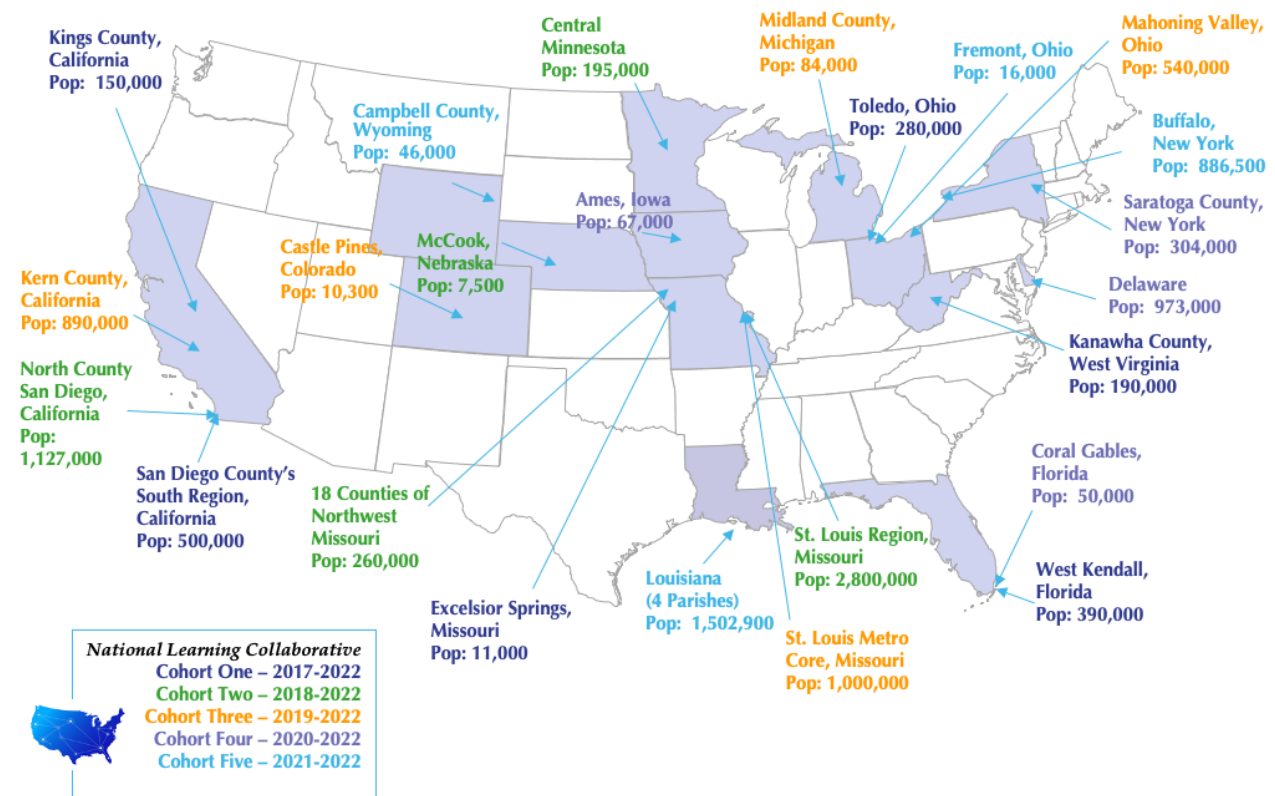
## Communities of Excellence 2026 Recognizes Fifteen Communities on their Journeys to Community Performance Excellence


November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 - Last month fifteen communities received formal recognition for their commitment to the health and wellbeing of residents and pursuit of community performance excellence. The communities were recognized across the three levels of the [Communities of Excellence Assessment and Recognition Program](#).

The highest level of recognition is the *Communities of Excellence* recognition. Communities complete a self-assessment of their collaboration efforts after participating three years in the National Learning Collaborative program by responding to the Communities of Excellence criteria in its entirety. In their responses applicants detail the approach used, the extent of deployment, evidence of learning, and integration among key community processes. They also report levels, trends, comparisons, and integration for all key results related to the wellbeing of their community. The recipients are Excelsior Springs, Missouri, McCook, Nebraska, Northwest Missouri, San Diego South Region, California, Toledo, Ohio, and West Kendall, Florida.



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## What People are Saying...



"I appreciated the opportunity to take the Yellow Belt Course online and at a pace that was appropriate for me given my full-time work and family."

**Melanie Powell**  
Director of Business Development and Marketing for Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center



"The case studies with actual healthcare examples helped me relate the content to real world scenarios that healthcare professionals face on a daily basis. The tools were organized in a way that helped me understand and build on my knowledge. I enjoyed the content and believe the course will make me more effective ..."

**Todd Jordan PA-C, MBA**  
Director, Vascular Center of Excellence  
CAMC Health Systems, Inc



The Baldrige Yellow Belt class is thought provoking, educational, relevant to the healthcare setting and a true investment in the future of healthcare."

**Roxanne M. Williams, MSN, RN, CHC, CPHQ**  
Director of Corporate Quality, Associate & Patient Safety at Blanchard Valley Health System

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