Calgary Self-Managed Care Orientation Alberta Health Services Improvement Way (AIW) Project

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DEFINE OPPORTUNITY

BACKGROUND

- Self-Managed Care (SMC) enables Home Care clients to hire their own caregivers
- Mandatory IN-PERSON orientation

New Calgary area clients in 2016

PROBLEM

Week wait time to attend orientation

- Delays may affect client eligibility due to changing health status
- Patient and family stress due to delayed access

Wait time to 4 weeks

BUILD UNDERSTANDING



SMC pamphlet not available

No training for Home Care staff

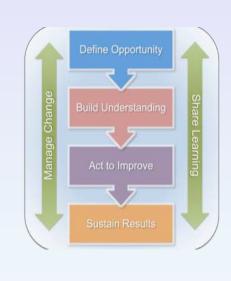
Root Cause **Analysis** **Underutilization of rooms**

No waitlist management

Referral process inadequate

Client eligibility not assessed

STRUCTURE - METHOD



Process Improvement AIW partnered with **Patient and Family Centered Care**



"We didn't "It was a very realize we stressful would get a process." new case

Improve SMC website

"We weren't given any information before orientation."

Improve staff education

Client & **Family Focus**

Group

"The SMC Orientation was an information dump."

manager." Improve client information flow

> "The paperwork was overwhelming."

Revise SMC Orientation content and delivery



SMC **Finance**

Self **Managed** Care



Client and

Family



IMPROVEMENTS

QUICK WINS

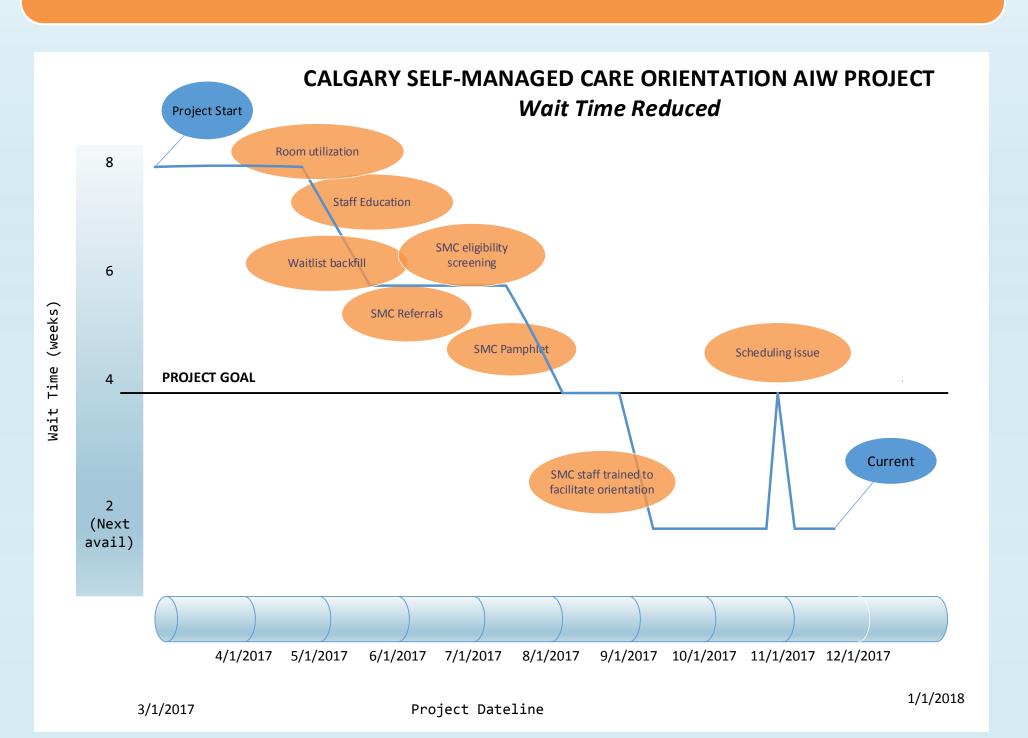
- Standardized telephone access to finance
- Improved room utilization
- Improved waitlist management

EDUCATION

- Staff education
- SMC Pamphlet
- Pre-Orientation Handout

REFERRAL PROCESS

- Streamlined referral process
- Client eligibility screening



OUTCOMES

22% Ineligible Clients **Attending Orientation** 175% Wait Time Successful From 8 to 2 weeks **Onboarding Improved Education**

NEXT STEPS



Thanks to a generous patient family donation, the recommended next steps are under development.

The electronic patient resources will benefit SMC clients across Alberta.