2023 ACHC Patient's Experience of Care Survey

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Why do we do this Medical Provider survey?

It's imperative that we know what our patients think about their care at Asher Community Health Center (ACHC) to identify areas where we can improve. To truly serve our constituents, we must know and understand their perspective, and this must be our overarching goal. We encourage the public's feedback with our website's online comment forms, which allow for rapid comment submission, and a swift ACHC response. We also have a patient advisory council (PAC) that meets once or twice yearly and brings comments, ideas, and concerns regarding any aspect of the patient-clinic interaction and experience. Additionally, I'd like to revive the 'lobby' comment form in each clinic location.

ACHC is a recognized member of "Patient-Centered Primary Care Home" (PCPCH) and being part of this program requires that certain benchmarks are met—this "Patient Experience of Care" survey helps to fulfill some of the tier requirements. ACHC is currently a PCPCH Tier 4 primary care home member.

The overall goal is to gather feedback, make the best choices for improvement, and to offer high quality and responsive care to our patients and our region. We cannot correct, what we do not know.

Dental Survey

Along with the Medical survey, we also conducted a very similar survey of dental patients. This survey was handed out to patients during the month of November 2023 as they had their dental visits. The patients who turned in completed dental surveys were also entered into the prize drawing. The 2023 Dental Survey will be a separate report – this report concerns the medical provider survey only.

How do we choose the Medical Clinic/Provider survey process?

We use the PCPCH endorsed survey template and version: CAHPS® Clinician & Group Survey (CG-CAHPS) Version 3.0. We analyze our data with the CAHPS Guidelines CAHPS Ver. 3.0 Analytics. With the CAHPS template, survey questions are assembled into "domains" or categories of patient care versions.

Using the CAHPS template allows for meaningful comparisons to our previous years' surveys and allows us to compare with industry standards. As we strive to meet the highest PCPCH benchmarks and standards, we compare our survey results against their "top box 6.C.3. 75th percentile" numbers. Typically, PCPCH raises the bar for benchmarks each year – for 2023, they were the same as 2021.

Our 2023 ACHC Patient Experience of Care survey contains 33 total questions and is slightly customized to fit the particulars of our clinic. **Exhibit A** shows how the survey questions are grouped into domains.

Who were the patients surveyed in 2023? When/ How did we conduct this survey?

Patients who were eligible to be surveyed were those with a medical provider visit within the last six months^{vi} and over 18 years old. To have enough eligible patients to survey, we expanded our 'visit-window' to 14-months, which is allowed with the CAHPS guidelines. Not more than one survey per household/ per address was recommended per provider; a guideline we followed.

PCPCH requires we have a minimum of 3% completed surveys returned for each provider's "patient panel" population total. To determine each provider's patient panel or population, we ran a focused OCHIN report and took note of their percentages, calculating how many surveys to send out for each provider, and how many we needed to have completed and returned.

The providers we included in the survey were FNP Monique Moya, FNP Lanesha Bracy, and Physical Therapist Brian Schaudt. It may seem odd to request a survey response for the two providers who are not working for ACHC anymore, but CAHPS guidelines require we conduct the survey on the providers we had seeing patients during the look-back period (*Sept 2022 through Oct 2023*).

Next, names of eligible patients^{viii} were alphabetized and assembled into the patient panel for each provider. Patients were then <u>randomly selected</u> to receive a mailed survey by using a repeating numerical marker (i.e., every 3rd or 5th patient on the list). In this case for this survey, we sent a survey to 'every other' patient, or roughly 50% of the provider's patient panel.

The survey was also promoted as available in Spanish to those requesting it; we did not receive any requests.

Survey distribution began early in November 2023, with a return deadline of November 22, 2023. (There were surveys that arrived just after the deadline; those results were included in the final data tally.

As you can see below, we met the PCPCH 3% requirement for each provider.

Providers surveyed:	PP# (patient panel number):	# of surveys needed to meet the 3% minimum:	We mailed out:	Surveys returned usable	% Received, in comparison to 3% minimum	Surveys returned but NOT usable
Moya	249	8	120	27	22.5 %	1
Bracy	187	6	94	20	21.28 %	1
Schaudt	68	3	34	13	38.24 %	0

Note: 11 surveys were returned to ACHC by USPS as "unable to forward". One survey was mailed back to us but was noted by the patient as: "No, that they haven't seen a provider here within the last 12 months."

Prize Drawing Process ~ **Nine incentive Prizes:** Prize tickets were affixed to each survey (both medical and dental), and the drawing was held on Nov 29th for all completed surveys. Winning numbers were posted at our ACHC website and Joan also contacted them by phone (for privacy, the names are not published). Prizes were all kitchen/ food preparation items. Confidentiality is carefully guarded.

- Before distributing surveys, a spreadsheet was created to capture name and corresponding prize ticket number (to allow for precise identification of winning tickets when they are drawn)
- As completed surveys were received, the tickets were immediately separated from the surveys to maintain confidentiality (and tickets were collected in "prize-drawing envelope")

Patient Survey response

In total, we distributed 248 surveys to patients who fit the required parameters. We received 60 surveys back that were valid to analyze (meaning that enough questions were completed).^x

We met the required PCPCH Benchmark of 3% return-rate requirement for each provider.

On the suggested (not required) CAHPS goal of a "return/ response rate of greater than 40%" xi – for 2023 ours was 24.19 % (in 2021 we met this CAHPS goal with 40.96%). The lower return/response rate may be due to the fact that at the time this survey was generated and distributed, two of the three providers we were required to use were in the process of leaving the clinic's staff.

What did we learn from our results in the Domains?

We have some work to do. Domains 1, 3 and 4 are very provider-focused, and these are areas we have already been concentrating on improving, for a variety of reasons. Domain 5 speaks to 'operations', where we clearly need to look at workflows, as well as public perception. Although we exceeded the benchmark this time on Domain 2, we should never underestimate this critical front-line interaction with our patients and the public. All of this is designed to *learn the patient's perception* of our care and clinic.

Exhibit B – note the 2023 Benchmark percentage yellow-highlighted near the center of the page, compared to the red-text percentage just to its left. There we find our results in each domain alongside the PCPCH benchmarks, plus a glance back at three previous year's results. (Note: Exhibit B—Domain 3 includes all three providers data in one number. For separate Provider's Rating, see Exhibit C, Domain 3.)

The Domain Benchmarks that are used by PCPCH <u>only</u> look at the 'top box' (or 'always') rating given by the patients.^{xii} In Exhibit B we can see that,

In 2017, we exceeded the 'top box' benchmark in 2 of 5 domains (we fell below in 3).

In 2019, we exceeded the 'top box' benchmark in 3 of 5 domains (we fell below in 2).

In 2021, we fell below on all 5 'top box' domain benchmarks.

In 2023, we exceeded the 'top box' benchmark in 1 of 5 domains (we fell below on 4).

Exhibit C – the 2023 info is the left-most column. Exhibit C is really just for our own information. Because there seems to be a tendency for people to be unwilling to give that highest mark, the "Always" mark – so last year I started making a comparison chart. It calculates the percentage we *would have had* if PCPCH was looking at "Always" <u>plus</u> "Usually". It's just for our own information but I think it can be useful. In this case (using both Always + Usually) we would have *exceeded* Domains 1, 2 and 5. We still would have been below on Domain 3 and 4.

Exhibit D provides some demographics of the survey respondents. From 2021 to 2023, there was a shift in 'how long being seen by Provider', from the 2021 majority of 3-years or more, to the 2023 majority of less than 1-year (this is to be expected, based on the different providers). Also a slight upward shift in education-level, and a slight shift toward less female/more male.

Exhibit E provides the respondents' added comments, with their names removed (staff names intact).

Survey parameters

(From the CAHPS guide to calculating results^{xiii})

- "Case-mix or survey-mode": No adjustments were made for case-mix (i.e. how they answered by demographics) or survey-mode (i.e. adjusting for survey method used, such as paper-copy versus online).
- "Frequencies": We ARE excluding 'missing values' from the percentages calculated. This means that we are <u>not</u> including "Appropriately not answered" or "Missing" numbers from the total when percentages are calculated. However, when entering the answers: if the patient should have skipped one or more questions (due to the survey instructions, i.e. "...if #11 is 'no', go to #13"...) if they DID answer #12 for example, I did count it even though the instructions said they should have skipped.
- "Item Suppression": Not used. If fewer than 5 valid responses are submitted for any single item, CAHPS says the item's results can be suppressed we did not use this adjustment.

Additionally:

One survey was provided per person; we did not discriminate against employees (or anyone affiliated with the clinic, such as board members) or family members of employees, etc.

- A Prize Drawing incentive was offered to the patients for returning a completed survey
- As received, each survey was checked for completeness, then separated from drawing ticket and sorted according to provider
- Data was assembled using CAHPS guidelines, Excel charts, and also with SurveyMonkey analytics
- Results were hand-entered into SurveyMonkey database; each survey was check-marked when completely entered into database
- All valid data received was included in ACHC Report and accounted for in PCPCH analysis
- Patient's handwritten notes and respondent names on the survey: The comments are included for the Board as **Exhibit E**. For patient privacy, the respondent names are not included

¹ PCPCH TA Guide, Standard 6.C, pg 131. https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/dsi-pcpch/Documents/2020-PCPCH-TA-Guide.pdf (current TA Guide is May 2023, Version 5)

[&]quot; CAHPS stands for Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems, and is part of the federal-level agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

iii https://www.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/cahps/surveys-guidance/helpful-resources/analysis/preparing-data-for-analysis.pdf

iv Patient Experience Measures from the CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey, Document No. 2309, Pg 2, 5-6

^v AHRQ CAHPS Aggregated Data Clinician & Group, 2019 Adult 6-month (or 12-month) survey 3.0 with/without PCMH items Percentiles

vi We are permitted to expand the 6-month period to allow for a proper survey, so the actual timeframe for a patient's visit was between September 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023.

vii The number of patients that the Provider is actively managing or currently working with in their health care.

riom the appropriate Provider Patient Panel list, only one patient per household, patients over 18 years old, and any other pertinent criteria from CAHPS.

ix CAHPS's rule of 'one per household/one patient per household, per each provider' caused a few names to be skipped in order to adhere to the guidelines.

^x Fielding the CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey, Document No. 2033, Appendix B (Pg 23)

xi Fielding the CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey, Document No. 2033, Pg 2, 18

xii PCPCH-TA-Guide, page 136 – Specifications for 6.C.3, and also CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey Database, "How Results Are Calculated", Pg 1-5. -- (percentage calculated with: Numerator= number of top box answers. Denominator= number of survey responses to that question)

xiii CAHPS Clinician & Group Survey Database, "How Results Are Calculated", Pg 1-5

EXHIBIT A Questions grouped by DOMAIN

(These are the questions for 2023 survey)

Domain 1	Provider Communication
11	In the last 12 months, how often did this provider explain things in a way that was easy to
	understand?
12	In the last 12 months, how often did this provider listen carefully to you?
14	In the last 12 months, how often did this provider show respect for what you had to say?
15	In the last 12 months, how often did this provider spend enough time with you?

Domain 2	Helpful, Courteous and Respectful Staff
21	In the last 12 months, how often were clerks and receptionists at this provider's office as
	helpful as you thought they should be?
22	In the last 12 months, how often did clerks and receptionists at this provider's office treat
	you with courtesy and respect?

Domain 3	0 to 10 - Provider Rating
18	Using any number from 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst provider possible and 10 is the best
	provider possible, what number would you use to rate this healthcare provider?

Domain 4	Provider's use of information to coordinate the Pt care
13	In the last 12 months, how often did this provider seem to know the important information
	about your medical history?
17	In the last 12 months, when this provider ordered a blood test, x-ray, or other test for you,
	how often did someone from this provider's office follow up to give you those results?
20	In the last 12 months, how often did you and someone from this provider's office talk about
	all the prescription medicines you were taking?

Domain 5	Timely appts, timely care, timely information
6	In the last 12 months, when you contacted this provider's office to get an appointment for
	care you needed right away, how often did you get an appointment as soon as you needed?
8	In the last 12 months, when you made an appointment for a check-up or routine care with
	this provider, how often did you get an appointment as soon as you needed?
10	In the last 12 months, when you contacted this provider's office during regular office hours,
	how often did you get an answer to your medical question that same day?

) questions were about demographics, such as age, gender, ethnicity, etc.
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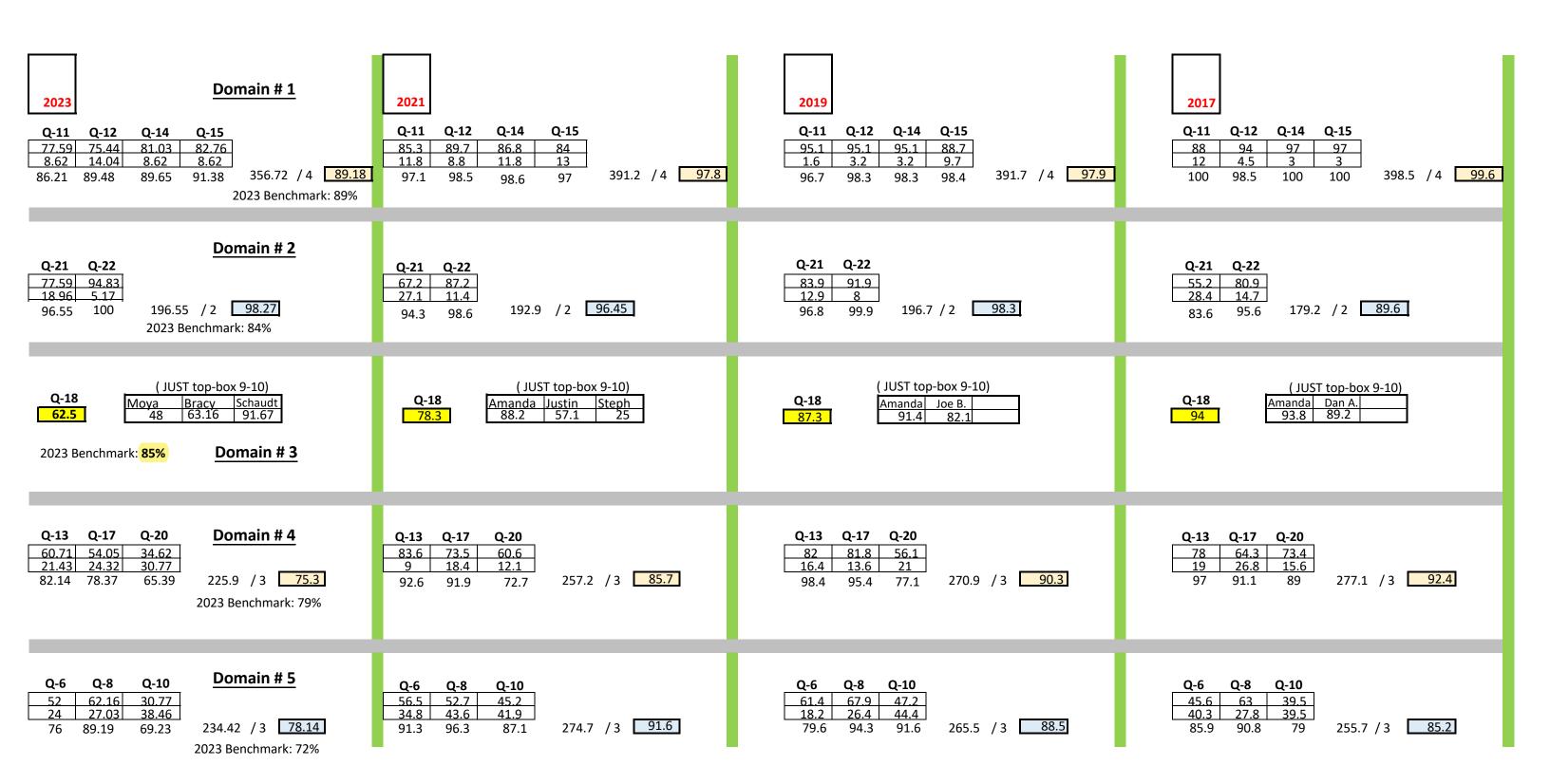
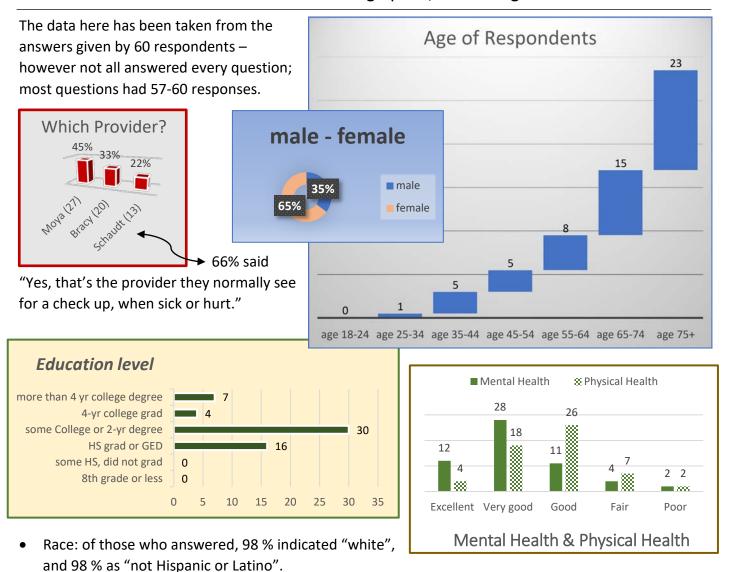
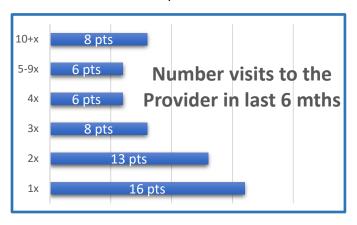


Exhibit D - 2023 Demographics, and Sliding Fee Scale



- One person had assistance with completing the survey; help was by writing down the Pt's answers.
- 91% of respondents (53 people) felt the Medical Siding Fee Scale nominal fee of \$25 was affordable.
- Many of the respondents added their name to the bottom of the survey, even if they didn't have any other comments.
- Four respondents requested CHW contact and provided their contact information contact was made, and resources were provided.



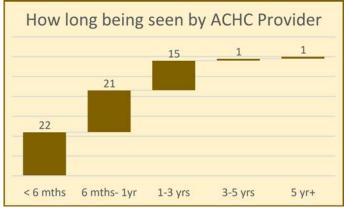


Exhibit E (without respondent names)

Handwritten comments on the 2023 Surveys

These are in no particular order.

Assembled by Joan Field, CHW

	The Comments handwritten on survey pages:	
	Number of pts who signed name: 25	
	Total number of pts who gave a comment: 19	
		Pos or Neg?
1	name provided. Comments: "Lanesha was a delight Feel like the clinic is moving away from emergency medical care. Seem to send people out by ambulance or air life for every little thing. Then the people have to find a ride home. There appears to be a lot of staff doing programs, etc."	P+N
2	name provided. Comment: "Lanesha was so sweet and caring to me every time I saw her. I hate to see her go. I always felt she had my best interest (health) as her top priority. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give her well-deserved praise! I also want to put in a good word for Dan and Kimberly. Both always do their job very well and efficiently. Both are so kind and helpful. Asher Clinic, as a whole, does their job fairly well."	Р
3	name provided. Comment: "staff in Mitchell great to work with. Mai is especially easy to talk to, very good at her job. I see her on most visits, which are normally shots, blood draws. Video visit with Lanesha went very well."	Р
4	Comment: "Thanks for the opportunity to participate."	Р
5	name provided	
6	name & contact info provided. <i>Transportation needs and was connected to resources.</i> Comment: "Need to get a provider that is going to stay full time."	_
7	ACHC NOTE: Pt specified what he would like extra help with, and gave his contact information. He has since been connected with support services.	
8	name provided	
9	name provided. Comment: "I have been pleased with everyone at the clinic. But Monique has made me feel like a friend! She is awesome!" ~~~ Q# 12: "She is wonderful"	Р
10	name provided	
11	name provided	
12	Name given. Comment: "Always kind, courteous. professional treatment. Would appreciate some support. Spouse dying in nursing care facility. I don't drive any longer. (unknown word) cut my budget in half, no pay towards spouse's care. Have a reverse mortgage and don't know how I can manage upkeep of home, as is mandatory, plus tax (up) \$4,000 and maintenance etc Would prefer a 'seasoned' person (not a young one!) *** ACHC Note: this person & their daughter were contacted.	Р
13	name provided. Comment: "When I was working I worked at Mult. Co. hospital and as surgery assistant for Dr Malcom in Portland, and I have found Fossil Clinic to be one of the best clinics I have been seen at."	Р
14	Comment: "On question 13, Provider had very little opportunity to learn my medical history. My answer is not meant as a criticism of this provider."	_

15	Comment: "The clinic should have 1 doctor and 3 PA's. 4 in Fossil, 5 days in Fossil, 3 days in	
	Mitchell, 3 days in Spray." Q# 18 also commented: "No doctor on site, PA is overworked."	N
	Comment: "Not enough Doctors or PA's to see people. Wait to see someone is weeks not days.	
16	Unless it's an emergency you're waiting weeks to see someone." Q# 18: also commented, "Not	N
	enough PA's to see people, way too busy"	
17	Comment: "Would like to see you get a good provider and one that stays. In my opinion once you	
1/	lost Amanda Roy, care & communication went down."	N
18	Name and contact information provided. Requested help navigating Marketplace (and this was followed up	
10	on/ completed.)	
19	name provided	
20	name provided	
21	name provided	
22	name provided	
23	name provided	
24	name provided	
	Name provided. Comment: "I was dealing with getting treatment for hip and back, a set up	
	exercise program with your staff. It was excellent and I use it daily I do however question the	
25	full page ad running for quite a few weeks now. These monies could be better used elsewhere at	P+N
	the facility." **** ACHC note: Due to this comment, I added an informational piece at the bottom of the adverts	
	letting people know it was paid for by a grant and that those funds were designated for advertising ONLY. ****	
	Name provided. Comment: "I have seen Brian Schaudt for PT on both of my knees this year. He is	
26	hands down the best physical therapist I've ever been to. He is hands on, thinks outside the box,	Р
	and gets results. The support staff has always been very friendly, courteous, and helpful."	
27	comment on Q 17: A lot were "lost".	N
	(Name was given) "I was very impressed with Brian Schaudt. He was very knowledgeable and	
20	helpful with my after knee surgery therapy. I would definitely use him for any physical therapy I	Р
28	need and would recommend him to anyone. He was great. The staff was also very nice and	
	helpful. Thank you, [name}"	
	I really enjoyed receiving Physical Therapy from Brain. He is very knowledgeable and is flexible in	
	his approach. He helped me make incremental progress by listening carefully to me about the	
	progress I had made. He made constant adjustments to my PT plan to fit my current needs and	
29	future goals. I am VERY satisfied with the care I received. Brian is kind and listens well. He asks a	Р
	lot of questions to determine the best plan moving forward. I credit him with having helped me	
	get back to doing all the physical tasks I had hoped to be able to do. GREAT JOB BRIAN. (signed his	
	name)	
30	name provided	
31	name provided	
	GENERALLY and OVERALL – 11 comments were positive; 6 were negative; 3 were neutral (-)	
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