# STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT: HARMONIZING TRAUMA PROGRAM PERFORMANCE WITH EXECUTIVE PRIORITIES IN HEALTHCARE

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#### 3 OBJECTIVES

- Understand the definition of strategy and strategic alignment
- Discuss how Strategy is created and its importance to the organization
- Understand strategic drivers
- Discuss how PI may be utilized to propel your strategic goals

#### 4 HAVEYOU EVER BEEN ASKED

- Do we really need…?
- Could we consolidate or share call?
- Do we need...in house or can they be on call?
- Are there other options to meet the criteria?
- Should we be a Level...trauma center?

#### 6 WHAT IS IT

- Business strategy is the strategic initiatives a company pursues to create value for the organization and its stakeholders and gain a competitive advantage in the market.
  - This strategy is crucial to a company's success and is needed before any goods or services are produced or delivered.
- Competitive strategy is about being different. It means deliberately choosing a different set of activities to deliver a unique mix of value.

7 STRATEGY DRIVERS

Healthcare Environment

Mission

Governing Board

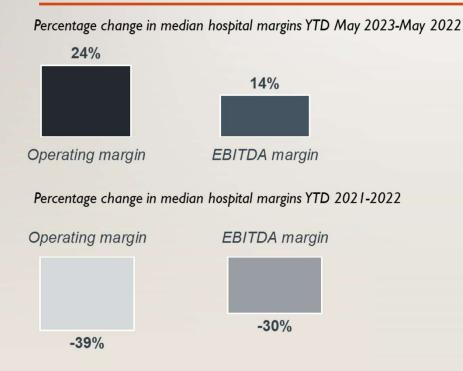
**Executive Team** 

Operational and Clinical Leaders

#### 8 STRATEGIC PLANS AND PRIORITIES

- Determines what services you will provide
- Who are the customers you want to reach
- Capital equipment purchases
- Investment in technology

#### 9 FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT

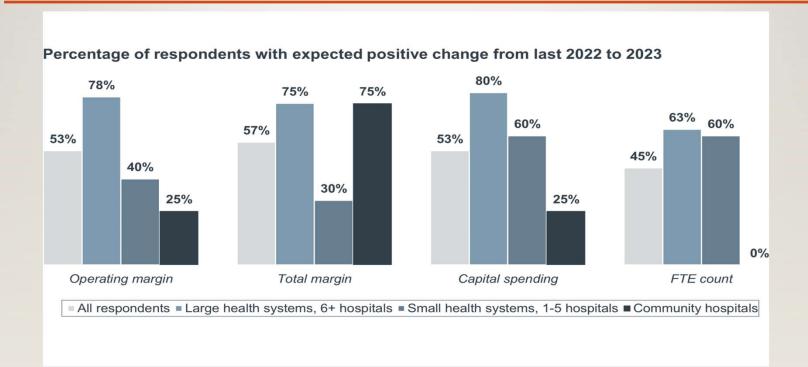


#### Financial performance in FY 2022

System	Net Income	Operating Income
Ascension	(\$1.8 B)	(\$0.9 B)
Cleveland Clinic	(\$1.2 B)	(\$0.2 B)
CommonSpirit	(\$1.9 B)	(\$1.3 B)
Kaiser	(\$4.5 B)	(\$1.3 B)
Mass General	(\$2.3 B)	(\$0.4 B)
Providence	(\$6.1 B)	(\$1.7 B)
Trinity	(\$1.4 B)	(\$0.2 B)
UPMC	(\$0.9 B)	\$0.2 B

Source: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals Report 2022 Financial Results | Kaiser Permanente; Cleveland Clinic's net losses land at \$1.2B for 2022 (fiercehealthcare.com); 20 health systems reporting losses in 2022 (beckershospitalreview.com); KaufmanHall National Hospital Flash Reports, www.kaufmanhall.com.

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#### 12 DEFINITION

- "Strategic Alignment is a process that senior leaders should implement and monitor throughout the planning lifecycle to link key operational systems and processes to the organization's mission and mission objectives."
- "what matters most to the organization and then create a road map to achieving the organization's purpose."
- Alignment means you know how trauma fits in your organization and that the program's activities help achieve its goals.

https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/human-capital-framework/strategic-planning-alignment/

#### 13 FOCUS AREAS OF CEO'S

- Workforce challenges
- Financial challenges
- Behavioral health/addiction issues
- Access to care
- Governmental mandates and payments

- Patient safety and quality
- Patient satisfaction
- Technology
- Physician-hospital relations
- Population health management

#### **14** KEY METRICS

- Length of Stay
  - LOS and GMLOS Geometric Mean (GM) is more accurate than the Average Length of Stay (LOS) metric used in the Prospective Payment System for Medicare reimbursement
- Case Mix Index
  - CMI = A hospital's CMI represents the average diagnosis-related group (DRG) relative weight for that hospital. It is a measure of patient complexity.
- Contribution Margin
  - this metric tells us how an organization's costs compare to their revenues and is one, but not the only, indicator of a hospital or health system's financial health.

## 15 WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE

- Understand how you fit
  - Halo effect
  - Financial impact
  - Community reach



#### 17 DATA – THE ULTIMATE TOOL

- Make sure you understand and trust your data sources
- Are you presenting data in way that reflects focus area of your executive team?
- Partner with your quality and finance team members.



#### **18 CREATING ALIGNMENT**

- Meet with your finance staff and get help.
  - Best utilization of limited resources to maximize or minimize
- Care variation reduction
- Translate your activities to the Exec team
  - Time to OR is a LOS initiative
  - CDI is a CMI initiative Our patients are sicker...
  - Our quality and patient safety initiatives can improve CM



#### 19 UTILIZING PI STRATEGICALLY

- Align with hospital priorities (CEO focus areas)
- Consider alignment in your PI plan
- Care variation reduction
- Partner with organizational initiatives
- Utilization of new technology and AI to mine data.
- Apply resources to support organizational goals when possible.

#### **20 CLINICAL VARIATION REDUCTION**

- VTE as an example (I know everyone's favorite)
  - What is the % compliance with guideline
  - What is the event rate or % with the noncompliance population
  - Determine costs among the guideline compliance and noncompliance population -
    - LOS opportunity,
    - Impact on reimbursement (CMI and DRG)
    - Change in Contribution Margin

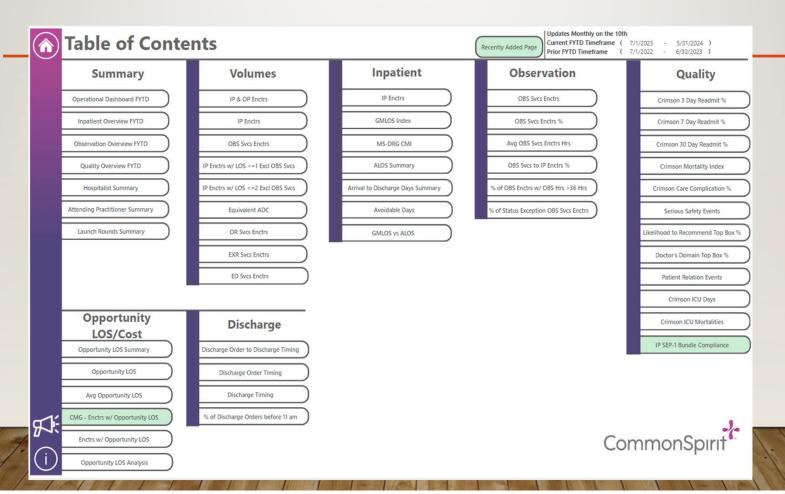
#### 21 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Capacity
  - Right patient to the right resource (transfers, and admissions)
  - Education and staff training (are your staff aligned with trauma goals)
- Quality
  - Public reporting alignment (AHRQ, CMS, Leapfrog)
  - Hospital Event/Complication reduction
- Operational
  - Equipment
  - automation

#### 22 WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Partnering with our Finance/Decision Support staff to better be able to tell our story.
- We can determine CM for all pts and by certain categories.
- We can identify CMI and GMLOS for our trauma population.
- Next up, is to better get a handle on OR and ICU utilization and what impact does that have on our centers.

#### 23 METRICS AND MORE METRICS



### **THANK YOU**

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