

Reproductive Health Equity Act

Multnomah County Health Department

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- Proclaiming Support for Access to Safe, Affordable, and Comprehensive Reproductive Health Care Services
- Impact on clients and services
- Challenges and opportunities

RHEA Impact on Clinical Services

What is staying the same?

- Our Community Health Center will continue to provide family planning services to **all clients**, regardless of ability to pay or insurance status
- Continue to **help all clients** determine eligibility for insurance programs
- **Scope of services** remains the same

What is changing?

- **Reduced burden on providers and clinics** to match clients with different programs
- New **reimbursement mechanisms** increases financial stability of the Health Center
- **More discounts** available to clients for reproductive health services



RHEA Impact and Clinical Outcomes

- Implemented April 1, 2018 at all Community Health Center primary care sites (10 student health centers, 7 primary care clinics)
- Since April 1, 2018:
 - Total of 1,667 reproductive health visits
 - **619 visits (37%) were newly eligible for the RHEA program**



Challenges Ahead

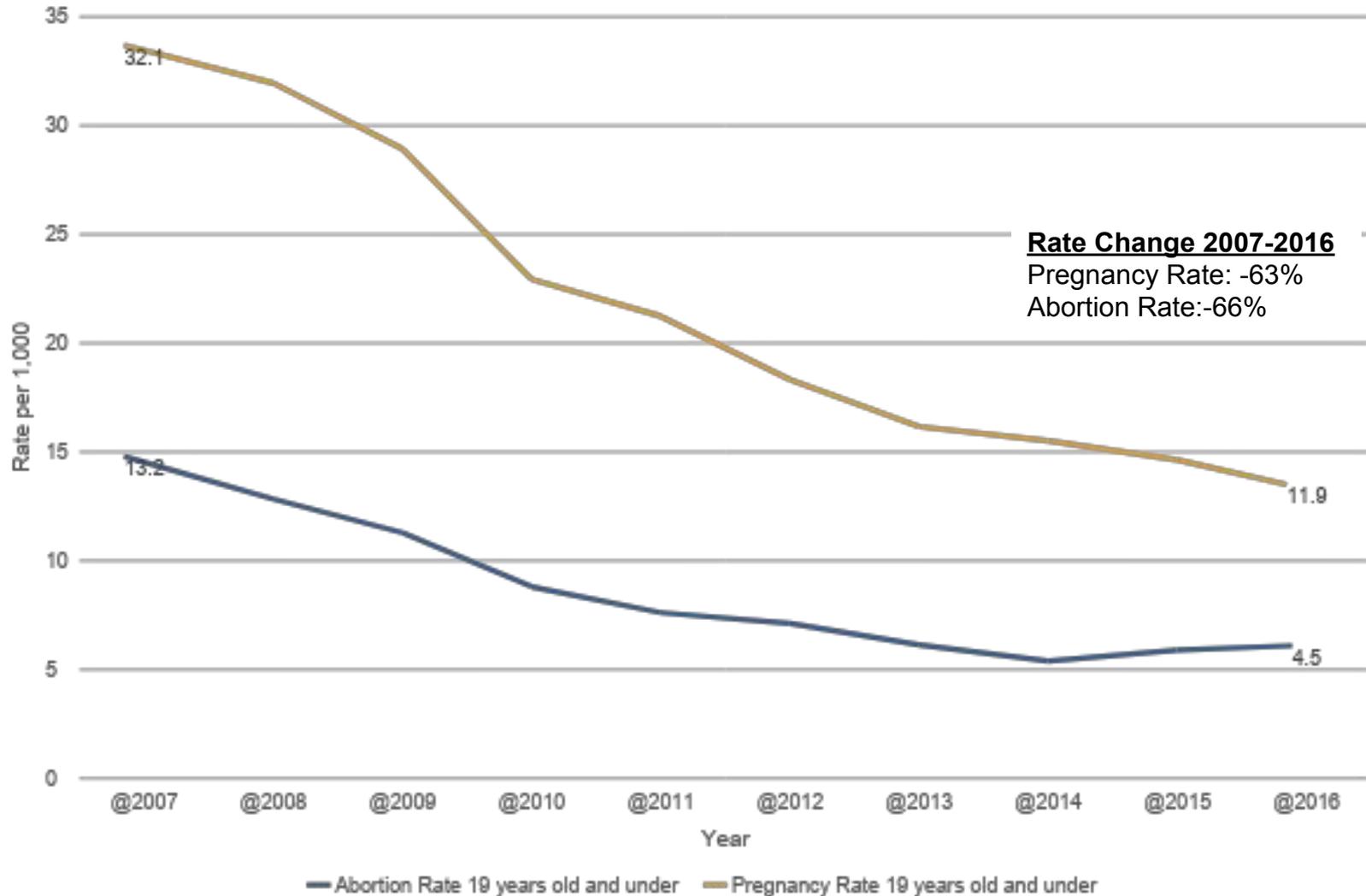
- New provisions around Title X funding
 - Strict guidelines around the scope of RH service delivery
 - No referrals to abortion providers, must refer for prenatal services or social services regardless of patient's intent.
 - “Domestic gag rule”
 - Stricter reporting requirements
- Gov Kate Brown has pledged to withdraw Oregon from the Title X program if these proposed measures pass.
 - Decrease in funding= potential decrease in RH services
 - Uncertainty around the current State Reproductive Health program



- Too early to measure the impact of the RHEA, but **current trends show a decrease in abortion and pregnancy rates over last 10 years**
- Abortion rates across all ages have **decreased by 36%**
- **Over 60% decrease** in the pregnancy & abortion rates among young women 19 years old and under
 - Associated with increased access to contraception and comprehensive sex education
- Trends will likely continue and may accelerate with RHEA



Pregnancy and Abortion Rates, Females 19 years old and under Multnomah County 2007-2016



Rates calculated using the Oregon Public Health Assessment Tool. Data Sources: 1) Induced Abortion Records: Center for Health Statistics, Center for Public Health Practice, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority. 2) Oregon Birth Certificates: Center for Health Statistics, Center for Public Health Practice, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority. 3) Census Bureau Population Estimates: U. S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin for Counties (Vintage 2012).



- **Next Data Steps:**

- Emphasize equity and examining differences by race/ethnicity and low-income status
 - Continue tracking pregnancy and abortion rates
 - Track access to post-partum care and post-partum visits
 - Work with CCOs and community partners



Thank You!



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