

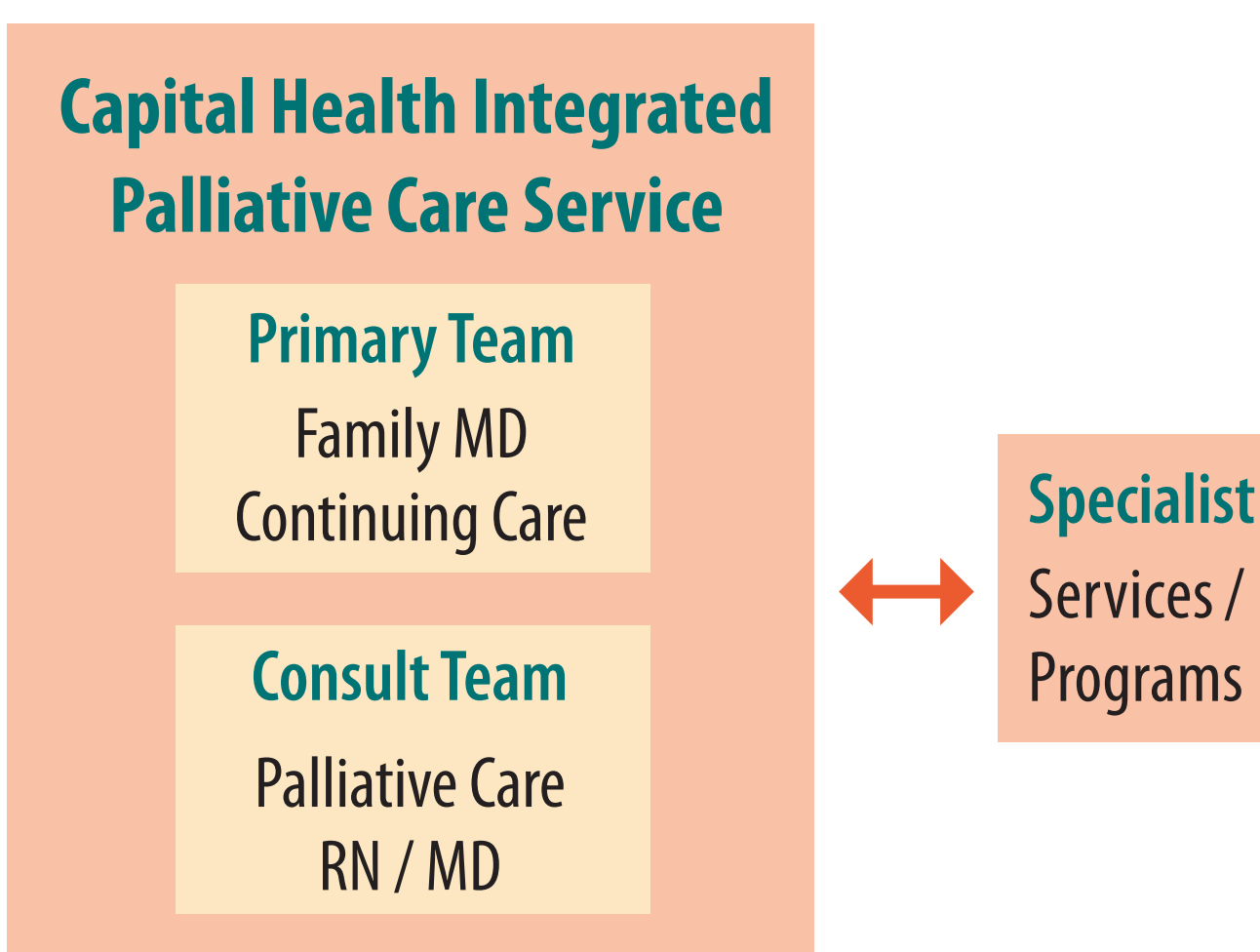
PLAN

Since 2004, the Capital Health Integrated Palliative Care Service (CHIPCS) has functioned as a partnership between Capital Health and the Continuing Care branch of the Department of Health.

The CHIPCS Quality Committee undertook an evaluation of the integrated service model using existing administrative data and data collected from several quantitative and qualitative audits undertaken for this report.

Focus: Evaluate integrated model via the Accreditation Canada Performance Indicators & Quality Dimensions.

Service Model Across Care Settings



Accreditation Canada Quality Domains

1. Population Focus
2. Accessibility
3. Continuity
4. Effectiveness
5. Efficiency
6. Client-Centered Services
7. Worklife
8. Safety

Accreditation Canada Palliative Care Performance Indicators

1. Availability of hospice palliative care services
2. Continuity of care
3. Degree and management of symptom distress
4. Family and caregiver satisfaction
5. Documentation of patient and family service goals

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Admin Data

Health services utilization was assessed using the CHIPCS and other databases.

Chart Audits

Thirty charts were analysed for performance indicators. (Fig. X)

Process Mapping

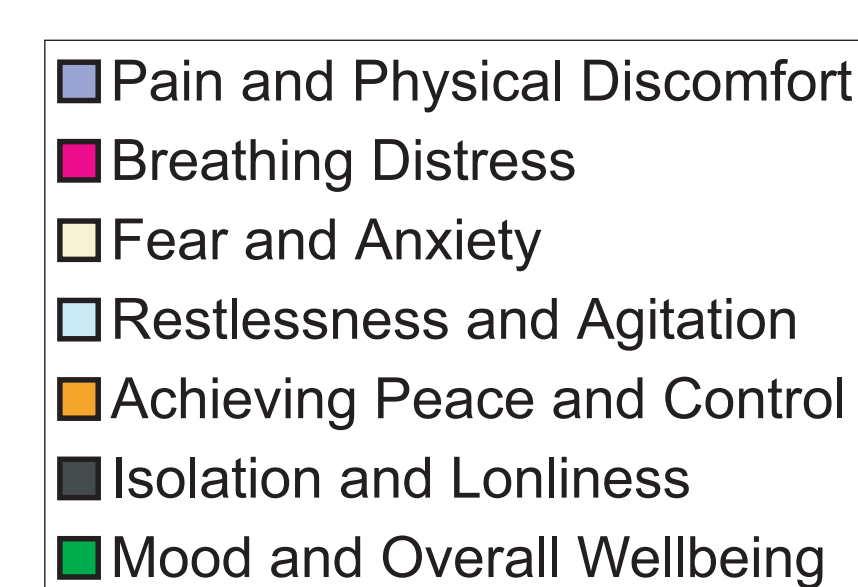
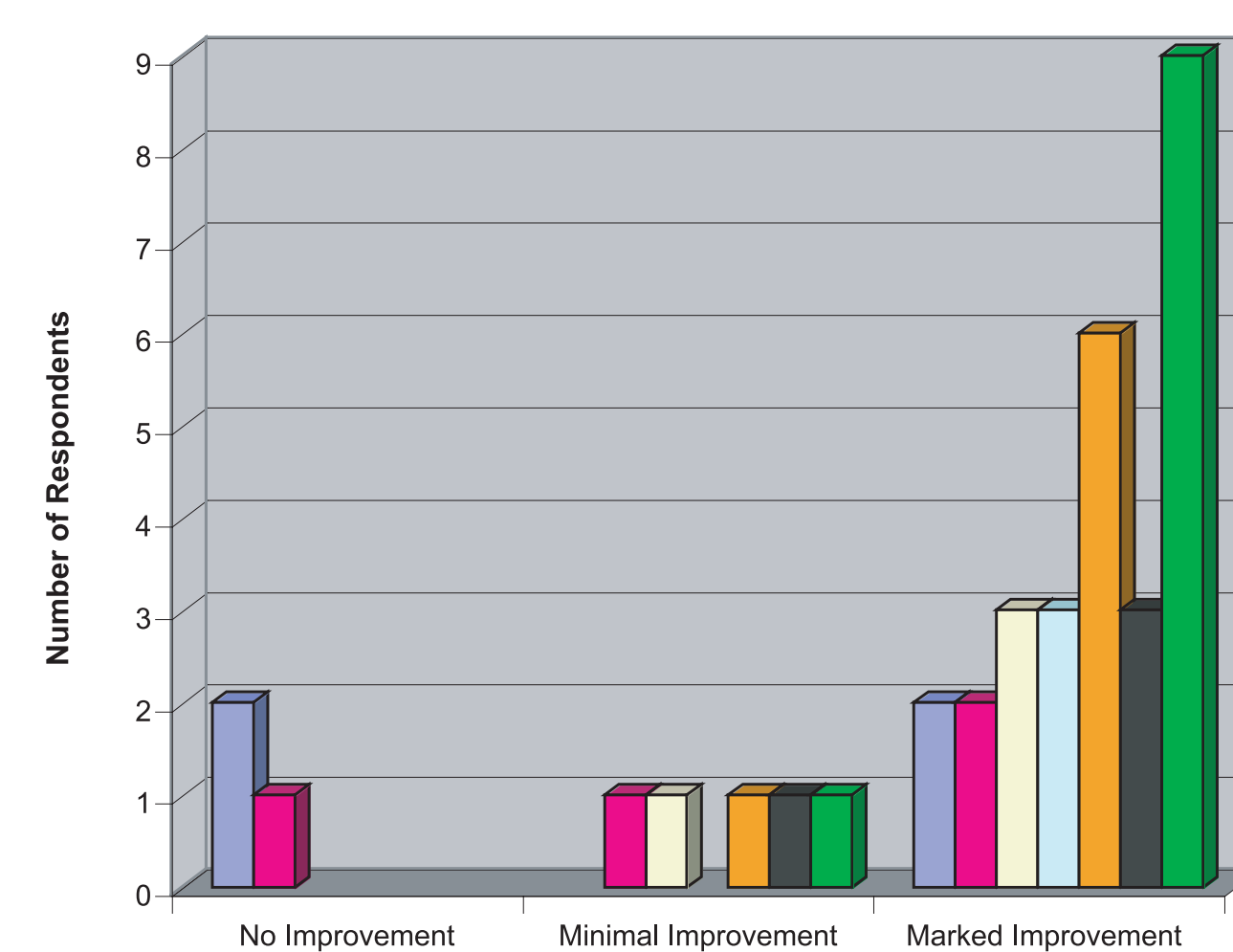
A full process review was undertaken to understand linkages among service providers & to identify gaps. (Fig. Y)

Family Satisfaction Survey

One hundred families were asked to complete the FAMCARE survey tool. (Fig. Z)

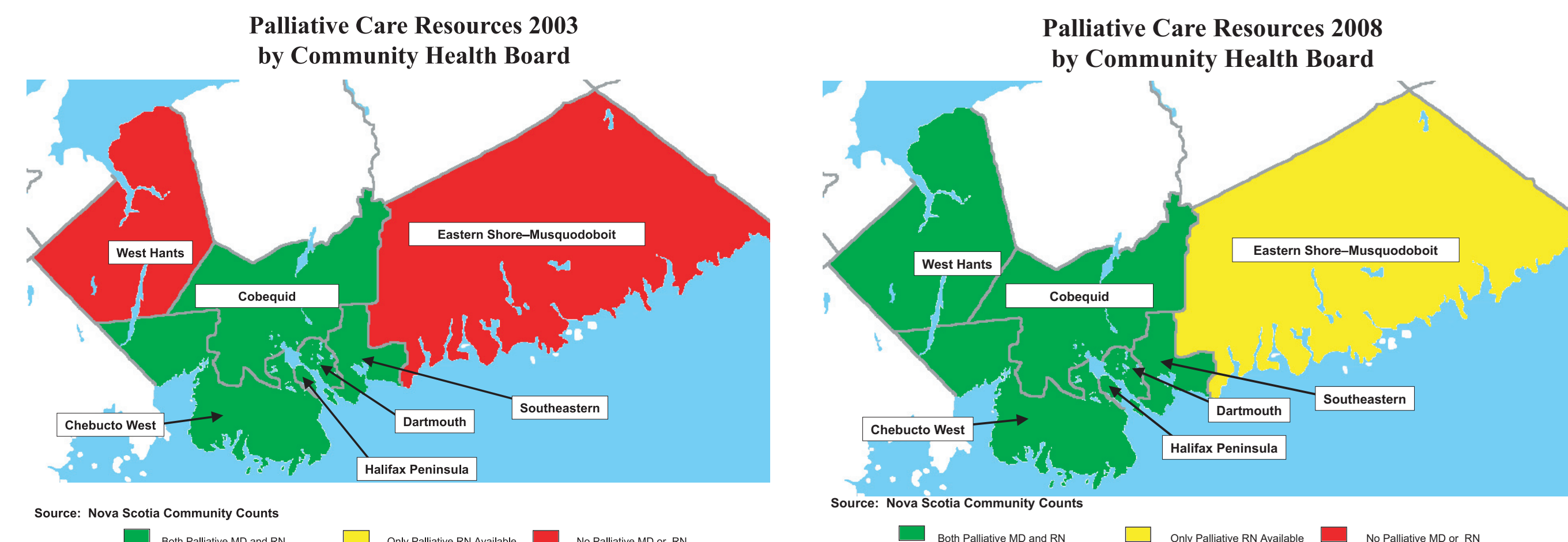
Conversation Café

70 community attendees provided feedback which was themed.



MUSIC THERAPY AUDIT

STUDY



CHIPCS is significantly more district-wide than 2004.

Elderly, especially in nursing homes, or living in rural area, are less likely to be enrolled in CHIPCS.

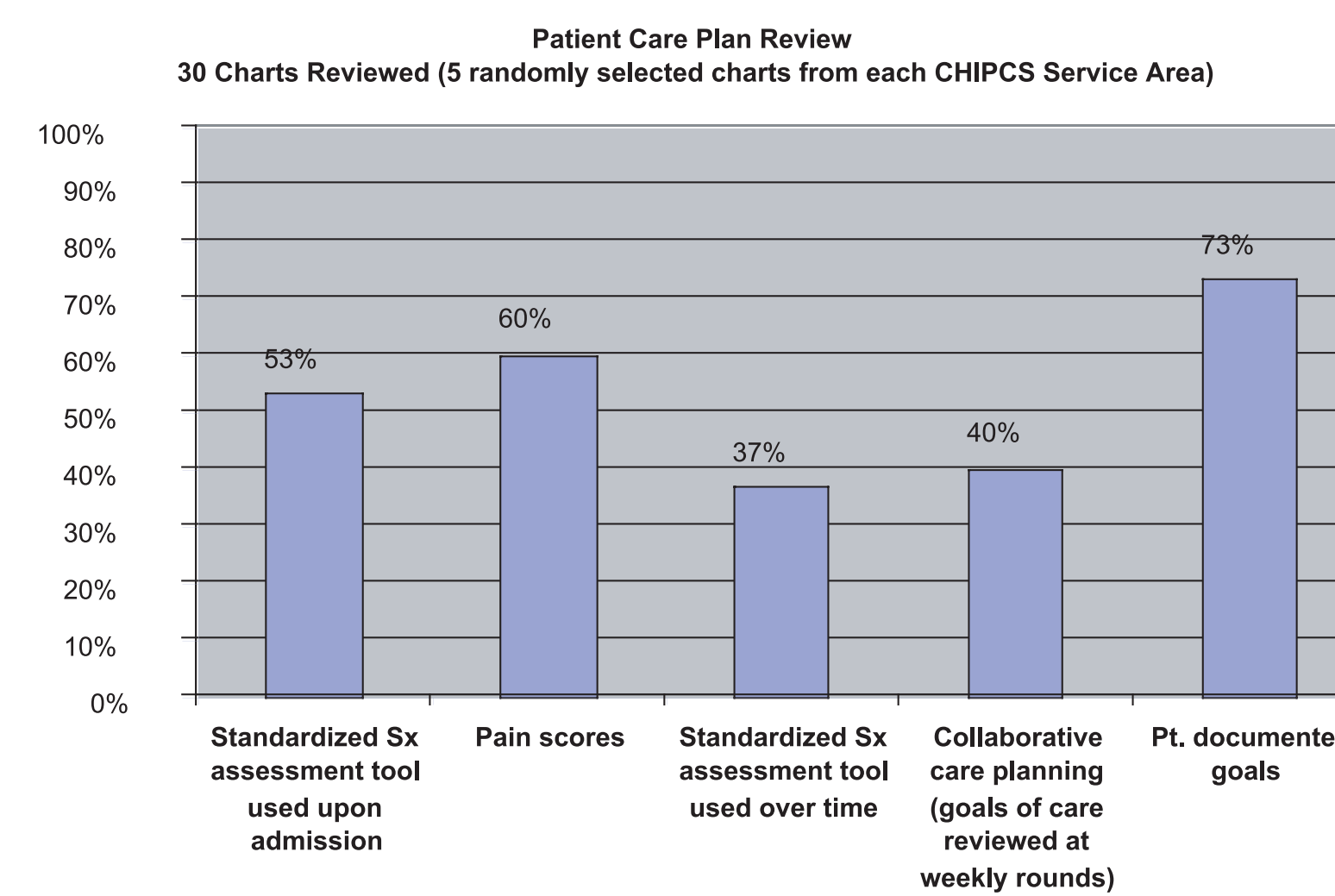


Fig. X: CHART AUDITS

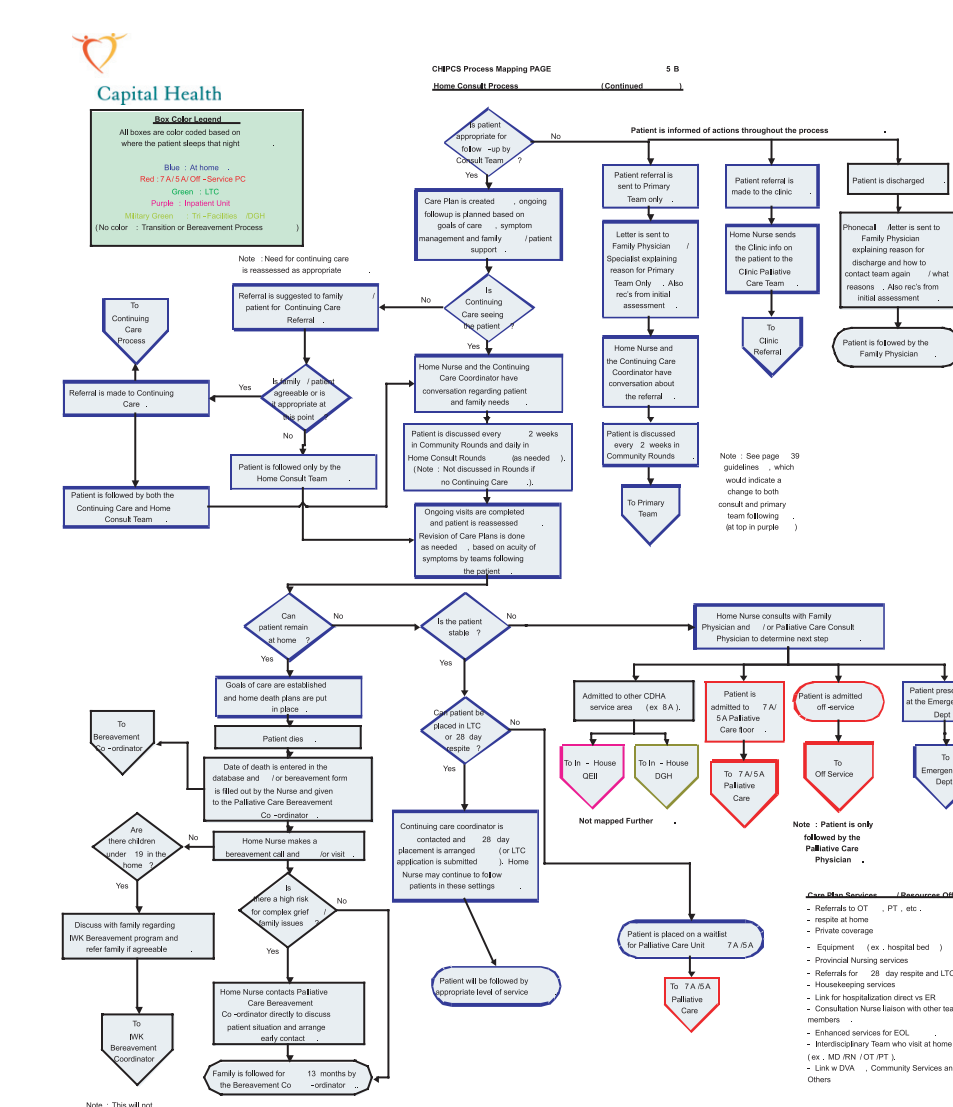


Fig. Y: SAMPLE PROCESS MAP

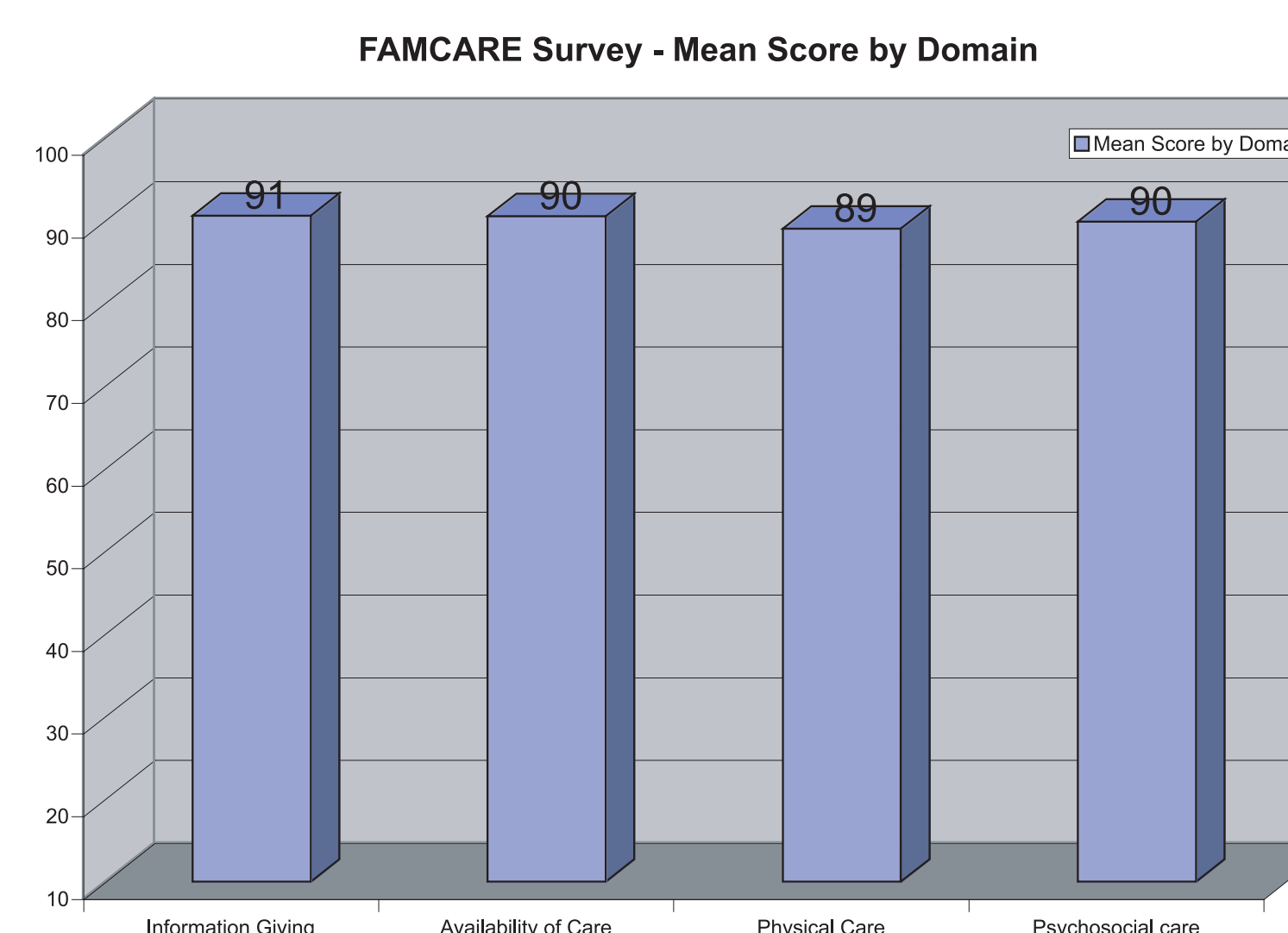


Fig. Z: FAMILY SATISFACTION SURVEY

MacDougall, Peter: Direct Team Report

	Total N	Percent Responding	Distribution %	Mean
		Favorable Neutral Unfavorable	5 4 3 2 1	
Joy	CDHA Overall	75% 17% 8%	24 49 16 8 2	3.85
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	75% 24% 1%	24 46 24 4 2	3.86
Pride	CDHA Overall	79% 17% 4%	31 49 13 5 2	4.03
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	79% 18% 3%	35 44 16 2 3	4.05
Trust Management	CDHA Overall	39% 31% 30%	3 30 31 24 12	2.87
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	40% 42% 18%	1 43 42 12 1	3.32
Trust Peers	CDHA Overall	81% 17% 2%	23 58 12 6 2	3.95
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	84% 11% 5%	33 51 8 8 0	4.09
Respect	CDHA Overall	81% 22% 3%	12 49 21 12 5	3.51
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	80% 22% 3%	12 53 22 13 0	3.63
Engagement	CDHA Overall	41% 31% 28%	6 37 24 28 5	3.11
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	38% 24% 38%	6 32 25 33 4	3.02
Patient Centeredness: Respondent Perspective	CDHA Overall	89% 11% 0%	47 46 5 1 0	4.38
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	89% 11% 0%	46 51 4 0 0	4.42
Patient Centeredness: Climate	CDHA Overall	54% 30% 16%	15 43 28 11 3	3.56
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	55% 30% 15%	7 44 30 18 2	3.37
Leader Being	CDHA Overall	43% 30% 27%	9 34 30 16 11	3.14
	MacDougall, Peter Direct Reports	40% 25% 35%	16 48 26 8 2	3.69

ACT

Recommendations

Population Focus

Build capacity to integrate a palliative approach in relevant population segments.

Develop a working relationship with CDHA Community Health Boards.

Accessibility

Develop a "quick response" model for end of life care in community.

Create ambulatory palliative care clinics at Cobequid Community Health Center and Dartmouth General Hospital.

Advocate for community-based hospice beds.

Continuity & Effectiveness

Implement and evaluate: standardized assessment and outcome tools.

Create dedicated community care teams, assigning them directly to communities where possible (DGH, Cobequid, ESM).

Implement standardized end of life clinical care pathway across care settings, including access after hours to med kits.

Develop shared care model via integrated teams in community & nursing homes.

Efficiency

Define optimal case loads for each role & monitor administratively.

Client Centered Services

Regular measurement of family satisfaction.

Increase awareness of bereavement service to grieving families.

Volunteers to be able to follow clients from community or LTC to hospital.

Expand access to music therapy beyond inpatient unit.

Improve communication between community care teams and family physicians.

Advocate for continuity of home care nurses.

Worklife & Safety

Monitor progress of CDHA pilot re implementation of survey results.

Review safety policies to ensure consistency between CDHA & continuing care staff.

Summary

Structure, process and outcome aspects were assessed.

Intended for CHIPCS Steering Committee to focus & prioritize quality improvement initiatives.

Relevant to Continuing Care devolution process by documenting strengths & weaknesses of an existing integrated model.