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ADVANCING INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE

# Presentation to Special Legislative Commission to Establish a State Medical School at The University of Rhode Island

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# 3 Questions

1. Who is CTC and what is our role in primary care?
2. Why is a state medical school important to our health care and primary care landscape?
3. Why are community health clinic residency programs important for our primary care landscape?

# CTC-RI: States Multi-payer, Primary Care Transformation Collaborative

- **Non-profit, public-private collaborative, co-convened by OHIC and EOHHS** to bring together key stakeholders
- **Mission**

The mission of CTC-RI is to support the continuing **transformation of primary care in Rhode Island as the foundation of an ever-improving, integrated, accessible, affordable, and equitable health care system.** CTC-RI brings together critical stakeholders to implement, evaluate and **spread effective multi-payer models** to **deliver, pay for and sustain high-quality, comprehensive, accountable primary care.**
- **Vision**

Rhode Island has a **thriving primary care system** that ensures every person has **equitable and affordable access**, engages patients and families as active partners, and results in **excellent health for patients, families, and communities.**

# Strategic Priorities Impact Areas (5 Years – 2022-2027)



Health care delivery fully coordinated across all care systems



Primary care practices thriving in an all-payer value-based payment model that stabilizes healthcare costs and premiums



All Rhode Islanders **have access to primary** care practices reflecting demographics of their community, and highly satisfied with care experiences



Primary care providers and their teams are well-supported and resourced to deliver high-quality care



Population health results for all Rhode Islanders are among the best in the nation with health disparities eliminated

Cross-Cutting Themes: Reducing Health Disparities and Improving Health Equity

## CURRENT STATE

- *Is the crisis coming or is it already here?*
  - *What about the effects of Covid, burnout, the great resignation,*



**There will not be enough primary care physicians in RI to serve the population and PAs and NPs will not be in sufficient numbers to fill the gap**

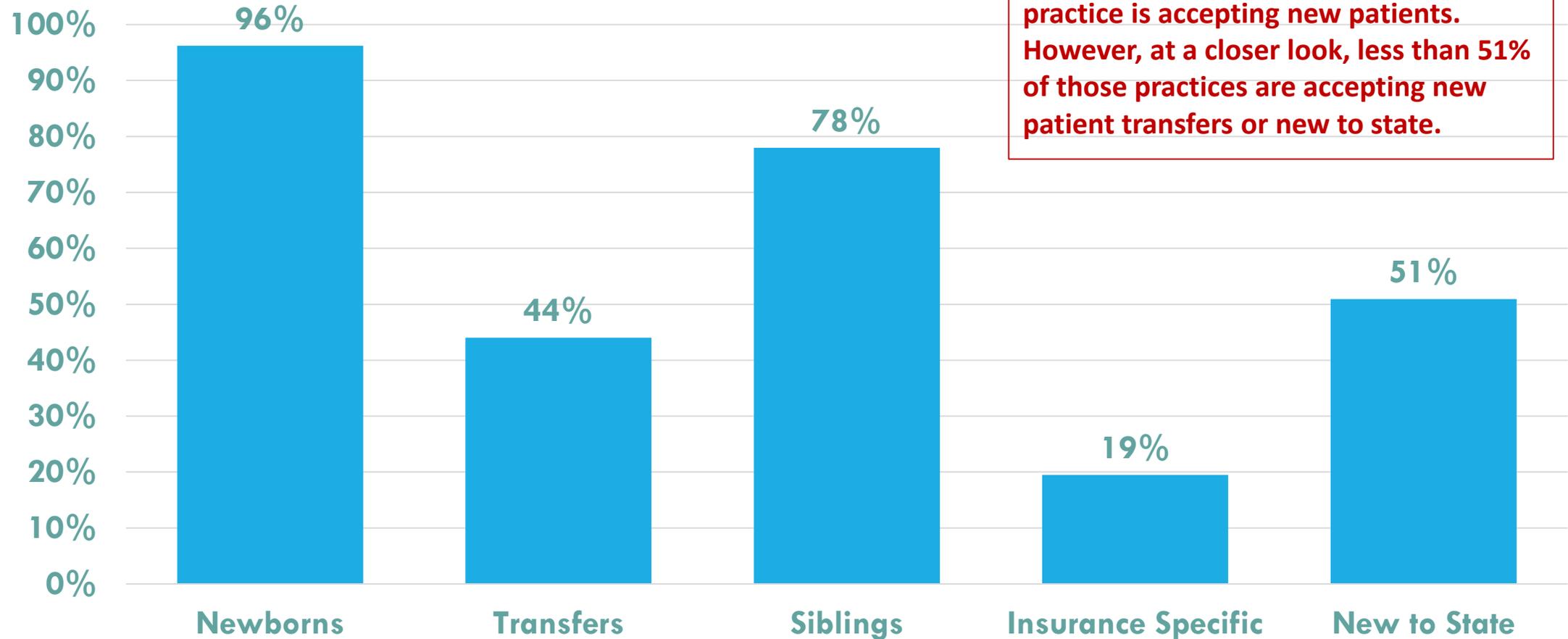
What does this imply about the current primary care gap?

520 Physicians + 104 NPs + 36 PAs = 660 primary care clinicians

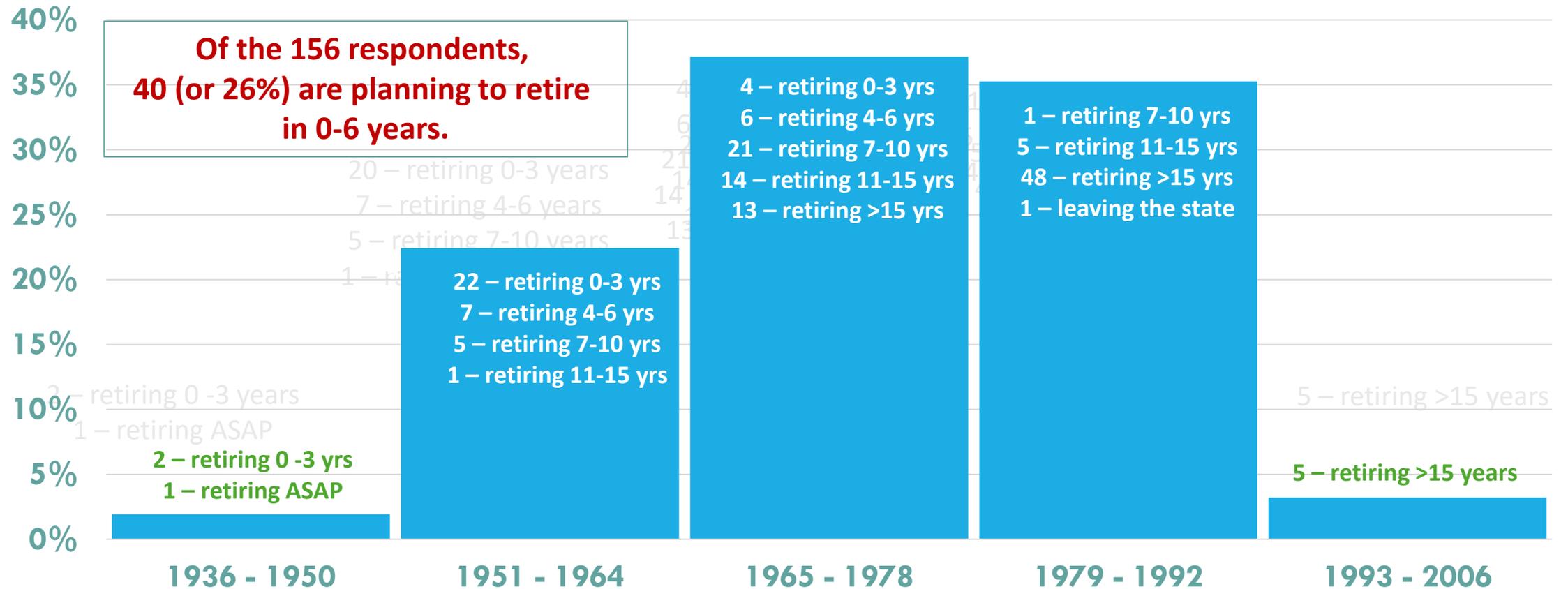
- As of 2023, there are 1,095,962 Rhode Islanders
- At a patient panel size of 1200: 792,000 patients covered, 303,962 patients without a PCP (which would require **250+ more PCPs**)
- At a patient panel size of 1500: 990,500 patients covered, 105,962 patients without a PCP (which would require **70 more PCPs**)

Of note, as expected based on FTE equivalent hours, these panel sizes are far larger than what APCD suggests

# PERCENT RESPONDERS ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS BY TYPE OF NEW PATIENT (N=159)

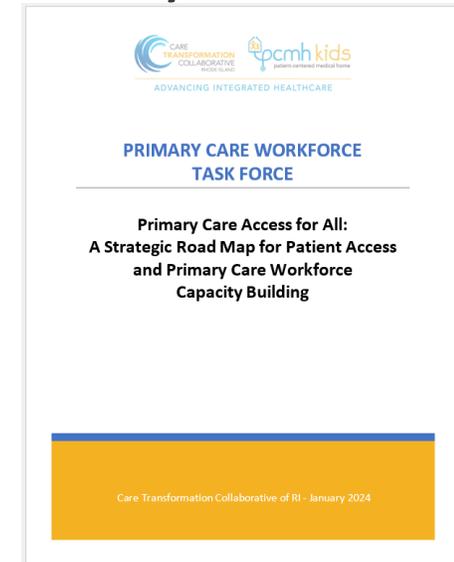


# SURVEY RESPONDERS BY BIRTH YEAR WITH YEARS TO RETIREMENT



# CTC-RI Role in Primary Care (Task Force)

- Convened in 2022 by CTC-RI Board of Directors to address primary care workforce crisis
- [Primary Care Access for All – A Strategic Roadmap Report](#)
- Primary Care Training Program – Legislation Passed 2024
  - Working with RIDOH to develop standard curriculum to train MD, NP and PA students in advanced primary care and build provider pipeline

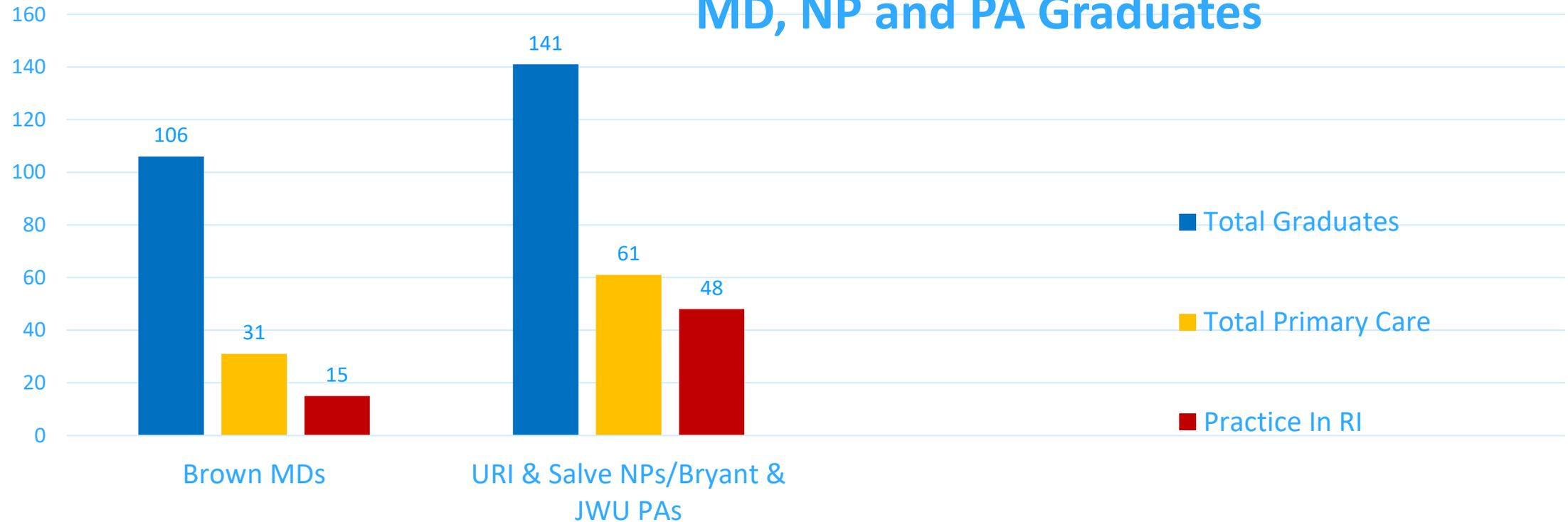


# Strategic Goals Identified

Goal #1	<b>Reform and increase payments</b> , incentives, and salaries to primary care providers to create parity with other specialties and regionally
Goal #2	Identify <b>data sources</b> on primary care providers to <b>establish a baseline</b> and provide <b>ongoing monitoring</b> of the effectiveness of the plan
Goal #3	Increase the <b>recruitment of medical students, medical residents and NP and PA trainees entering primary care</b> - <b>Reduce Tuition and Student Debt</b> for those providers going into Primary Care in RI
Goal #4	Expand Primary Care Provider <b>Workforce Diversity</b> , Equity, and Inclusion
Goal #5	Increase the <b>funding for training Primary Care Providers</b> and the number of high-quality Primary Care training sites
Goal #6	Enhance and <b>standardize curriculum for onsite clinical training</b> in advanced patient-centered medical home (PCMH) principles such as team-based care, integrated behavioral health, practice transformation, and payment reform for training sites

# Why is a state Medical School Important? Insufficient Pipeline

Academic Year 2022-2023  
 MD, NP and PA Graduates



# Why is State Medical School Important?

- Increase medical student's training in Rhode Island
- Increase the physician pipeline and keep pace with the number of physicians leaving practice e.g., retirements
- State school makes education more affordable – lower debt burden
- Provides educational and economic opportunity for Rhode Islanders
- Increase diversity of physician workforce

# Why are Teaching Health Center (THC) Residency Programs Important for PC Landscape?

- **Studies show residents stay in state where trained**
- Federal Funding available for CHC to become a TCH but needs state supplement
- Increases residency slots in Rhode Island
- Providers at CHCs are eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness

# THANK YOU .... Q&A

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