



# Kentucky **SEPSIS** Consortium

## Virtual Meeting

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*The Kentucky Hospital Association Sepsis Consortium is working with hospitals statewide to reduce the morbidity and mortality caused by sepsis.*

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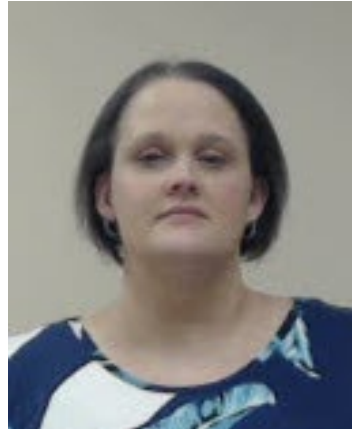


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# 2026 Sepsis Resources



- The KHA is currently enhancing our Sepsis Resource webpage to better serve our member hospitals.
- As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to share any Sepsis-related resources, tools, or best practices that could benefit your peers across the state. Your contributions help strengthen our collective efforts in improving patient care.
- If you have questions, need assistance, or would like to submit materials, please reach out to: Billie Delauder at [bdelauder@kyha.com](mailto:bdelauder@kyha.com) or Deb Campbell at [dcampbell@kyha.com](mailto:dcampbell@kyha.com).
- We look forward to collaborating with you!



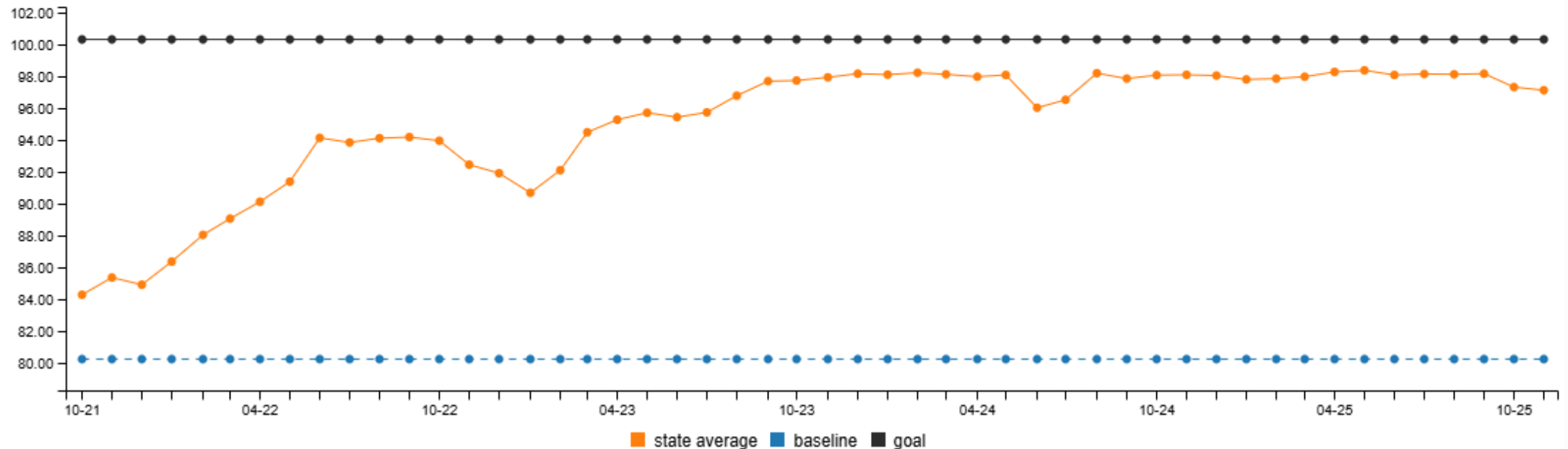
# SEPSIS-2c SEPSIS Screening Performed at Triage



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Goal Type: Increase



KQC Pull from 12/08/2025

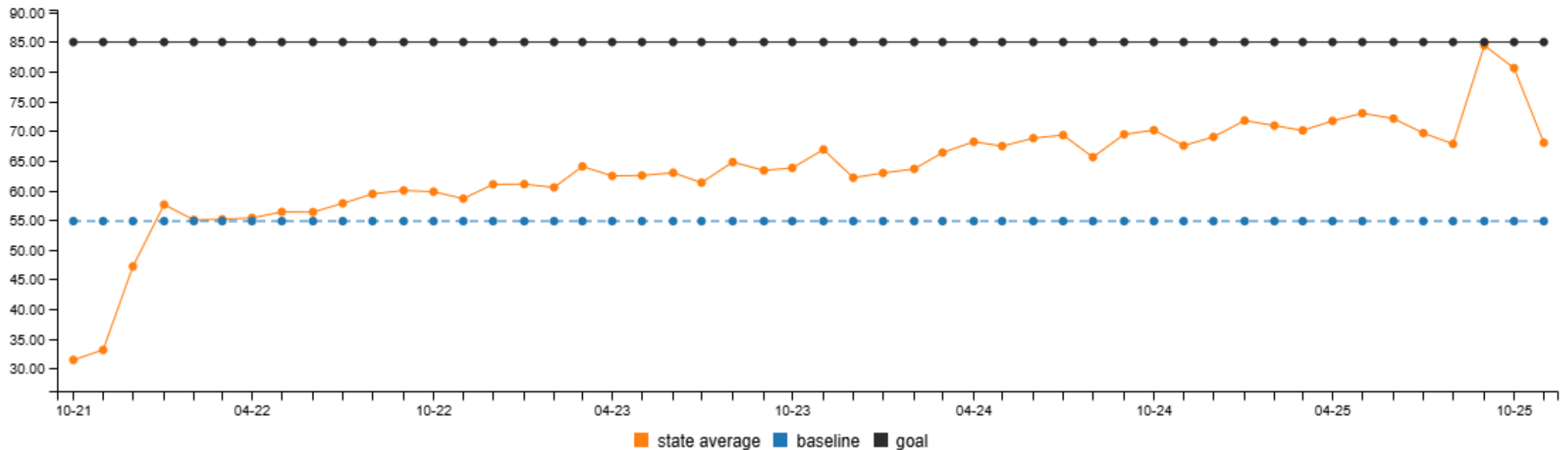
# SEPSIS-2d 3 & 6 Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance



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## SEPSIS-2d 3 and 6-Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance

Goal Type: Increase



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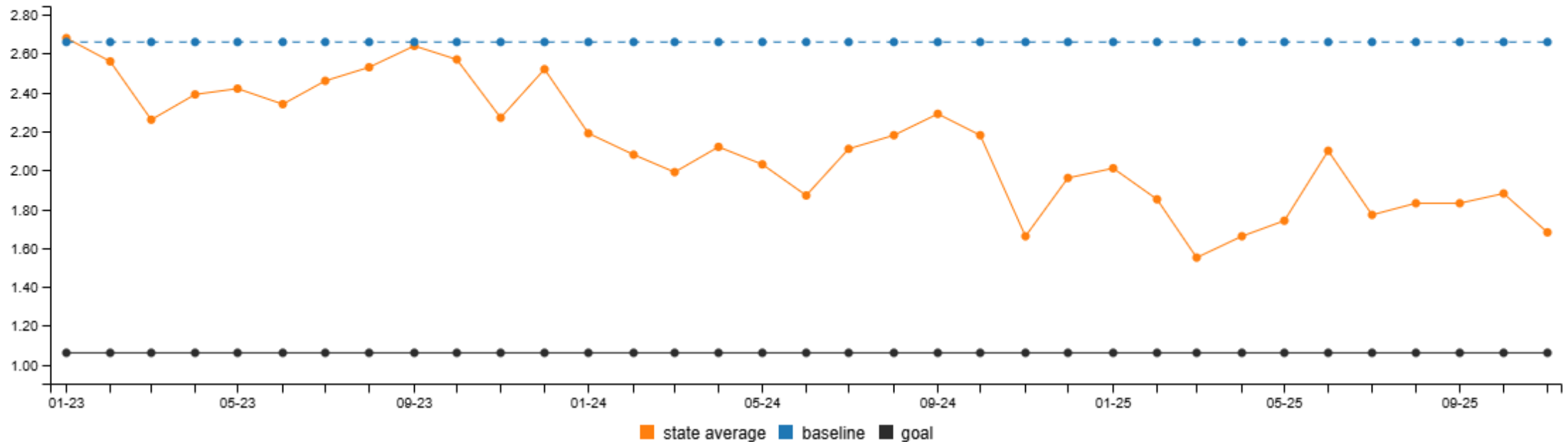
# SEPSIS-2e Blood Culture Contamination



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## SEPSIS-2e Blood Culture Contamination

Goal Type: Decrease



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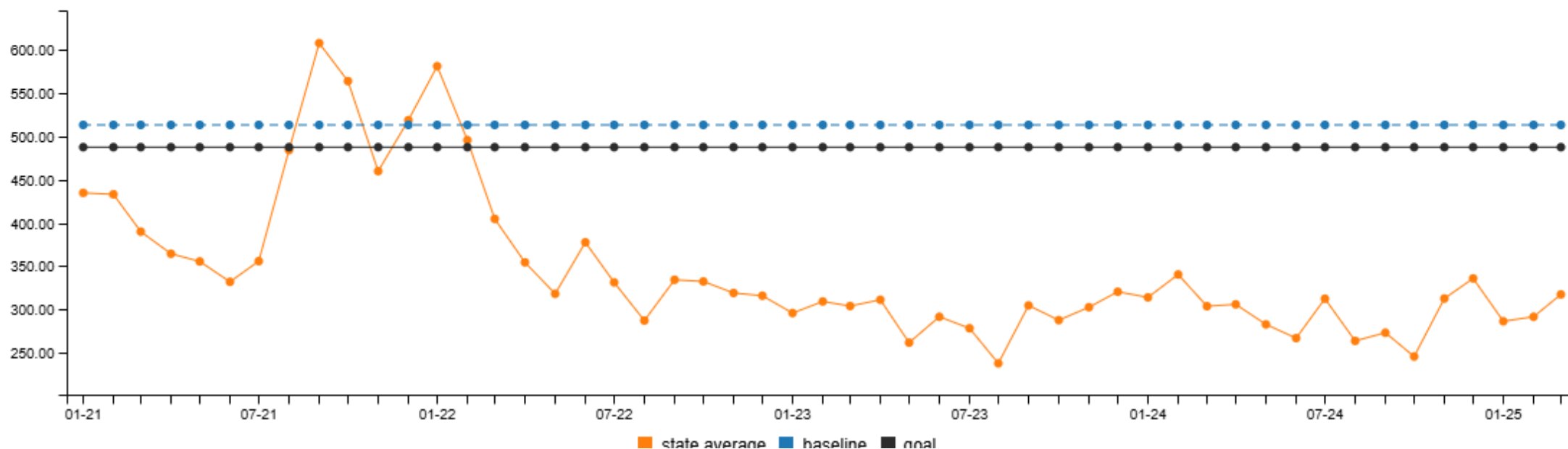
# Sepsis-1c Hospital-Onset Sepsis Mortality Rate



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Goal Type: Decrease



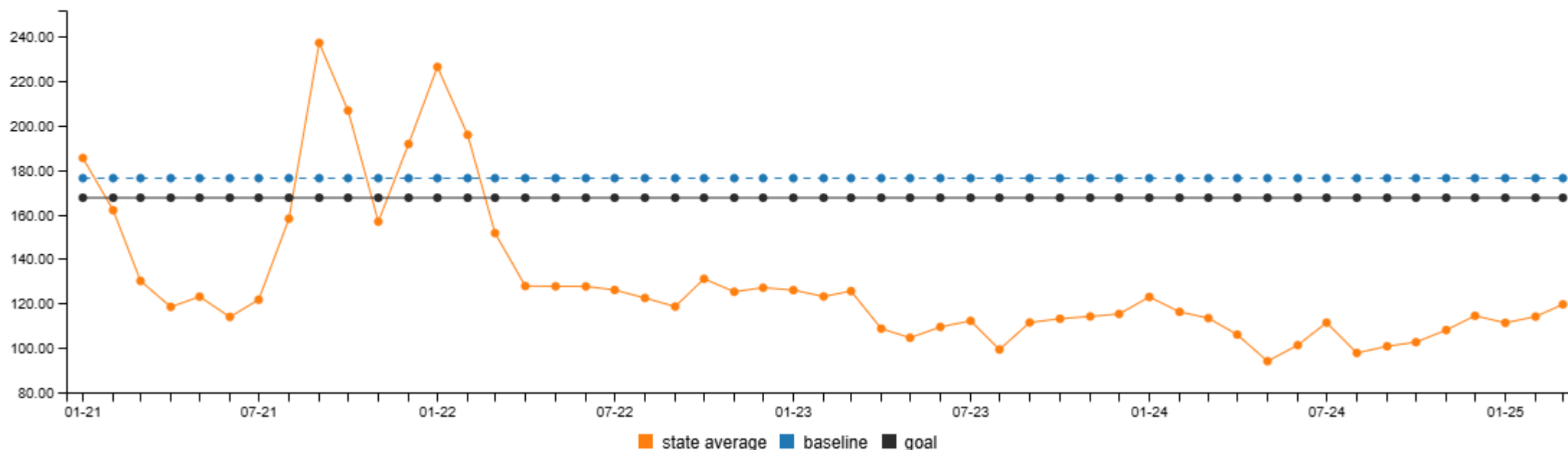
# Sepsis-1d Overall Sepsis Mortality Rate



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Goal Type: Decrease



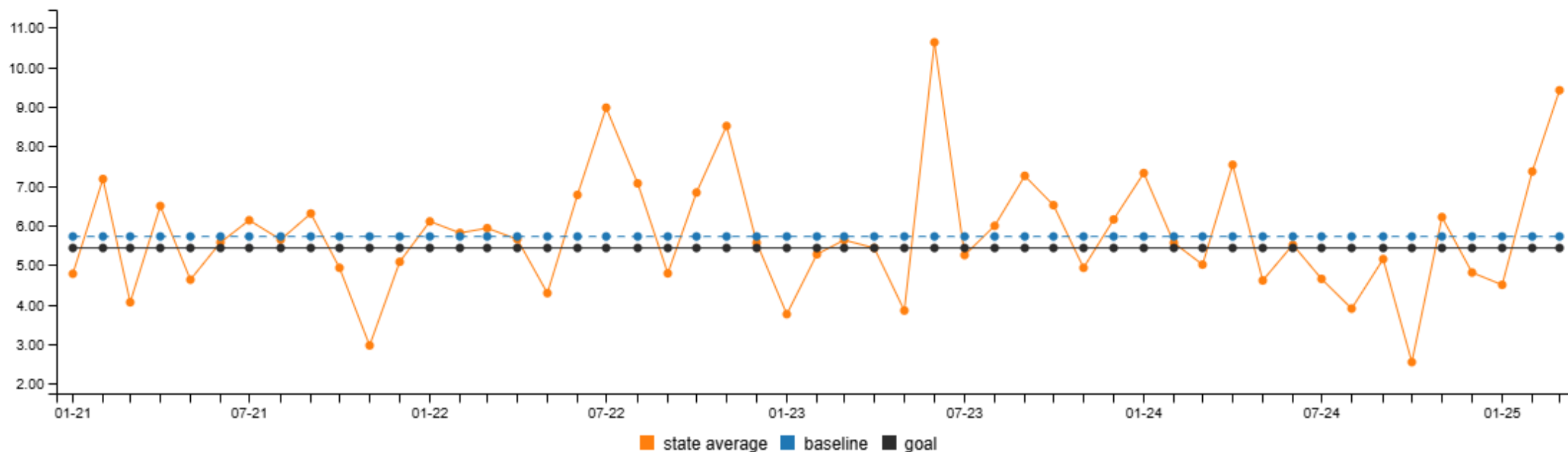
# Sepsis-1a Postoperative Sepsis (AHRQ-PSI 13)



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Goal Type: Decrease





# Stubborn Metric Post-Op Sepsis

## \*\* Strategies



- Data review for rates of post-op sepsis via KQC
- Data review for rates of HAIs that we have in KQC
- Collecting rates INFORMALLY of HAIs we don't currently have in KQC
- Questions:
  - When your Sepsis Committee meets, do you review and gather what infection led to the sepsis?
  - Do you track/trend this data?
  - Have your HAIs improved over time?
  - How do those rates compare to other hospitals?
  - Has there been any drift in previous improvements?



# Post-Op Sepsis- Strategies

- Pre-op bundles in place
  - What do they consist of?
- Decolonization
  - Universal
  - Only MRSA colonized patients
  - All surgeries
  - Certain surgeries
- Topic specific webinars
- Individual coaching upon request and as appropriate

# New Opportunity Reminder



- **CMS Sepsis Case Abstraction Office Hours**
  - 30 minutes monthly
  - Deb Campbell and Billie Delauder will take questions and walk through complex cases
  - Billie has years of experience and will lead the case reviews and answer your questions
- **TARGET: Whoever at your facility abstracts the cases for CMS data or participates in that process**
- Next date- January 13, 2026 10:00am ET

# Today's presentation



- **Topic**
  - **Challenges and Solutions in the Sepsis Certification Journey**

**Speakers- Dr. Fadi Akhrass**

**Beth Cassady,BSN,RN**

**Pikeville Medical Center**

# Future topics



- More on that stubborn metric and how to approach for the coming year
- Inpatient screening data collection
- Survey on ISDDs coming soon!
- Rapid Molecular Diagnostics
- We Are Screening, but Are We Doing It Accurately? (In Urgent Care?) (EMS?)
- Moving Upstream
  - Preventing sepsis through promoting vaccines
  - Educating our families and the community
- Staffing as a component of compliance barriers?
- I'm Going Home- Help Me Not Come Back (Functional and Cognitive Impairment Assessment at DC)



# Proposed Questions for Maternal Sepsis Review

- Dr. Maureen Marra and I met regarding the OB Sepsis Sub-Committee of the KyMMM Task Force
- Were there earlier signs of infection that could have allowed earlier antibiotic therapy? (i.e. chorioamnionitis)
- Did the patient receive the facility standard antibiotic prophylaxis including any of the following, if indicated?
  - GBS prophylaxis?
  - Cesarean delivery prophylaxis?
  - Third- or fourth-degree laceration prophylaxis?
  - Preterm pre-labor rupture of membranes less than 34 weeks?
- Did the patient require second-line prophylactic antibiotic therapy due to antibiotic allergies?



# Next Steps



- Regular schedule- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month 1-2ET
- Thursday, January 22 at 1:00 PM ET **Rapid Response Mechanisms**
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/GWivNjGQSTCZTzcWE8tklQ>
- Thursday February 26 at 1:00 PM ET **Hospital Onset Bacteremia**
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ej4jWPyUTt6cnrkLp6G2Xw>
- Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 PM ET **Rapid Response Mechanisms Part 2?**
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/50yGEM2AS526ES8dFOhC6g>
- For questions, contact **Deb Campbell** at **dcampbell@kyha.com**  
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