Kentucky SEPSIS Consortium

Virtual Meeting

September 24, 2026

Kentucky Hospital Association

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

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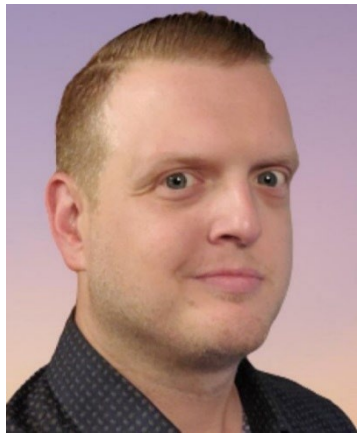

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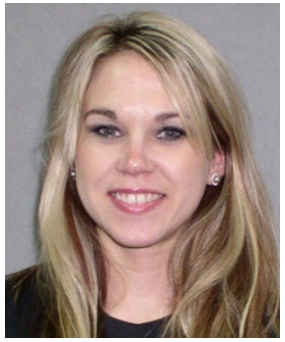

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Sepsis Awareness Month

- One fun activity was pick a song to be your theme.
  - I Need a Hero
  - Danger Zone
  - Friends in Low Places (HTN)
- Another ribbon story to remind you to wear it everywhere all month not just at work!!
- Leveraging Data to Drive Diagnostic Stewardship, Patient Quality Outcomes, and Hospital Revenue AONL Industry Webinar
  - **Recording is now available here.**

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-TBD

2026 Sepsis Resources

- The KHA is currently enhancing our Sepsis Resource webpage to better serve our member hospitals.
- 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 or Deb Campbell at dcampbell@kyha.com.
- We look forward to collaborating with you!

SEPSIS-2c SEPSIS Screening Performed at Triage

Kentucky Sepsis Consortium (All Payor)

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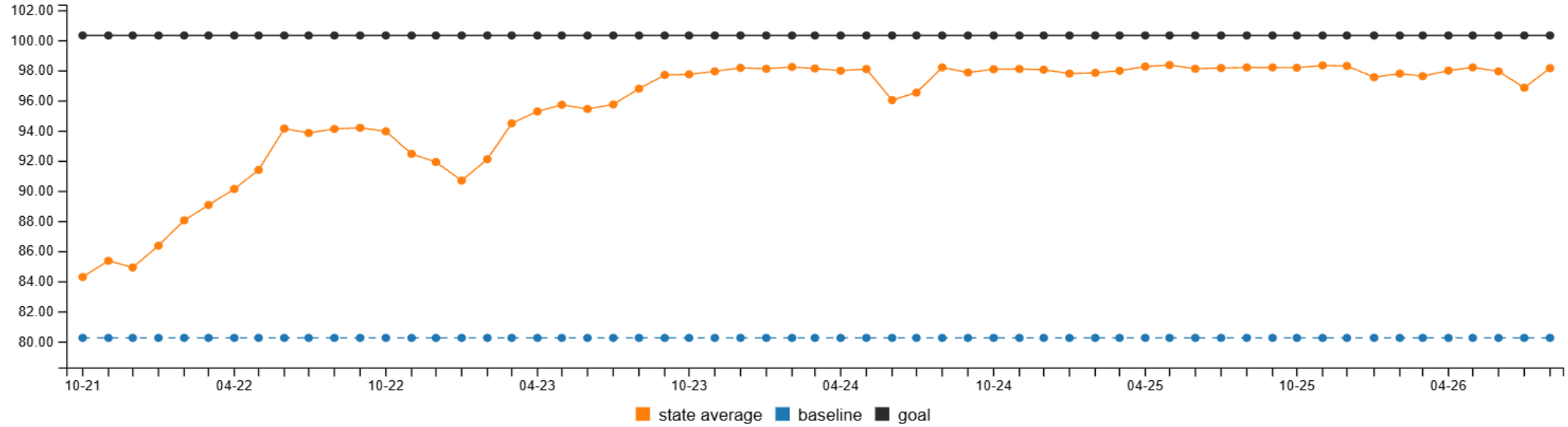
Goal Type: Increase



KQC Pull from 09/17/2026

SEPSIS-2d 3 & 6 Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance

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SEPSIS-2d 3 and 6-Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance (all payor)

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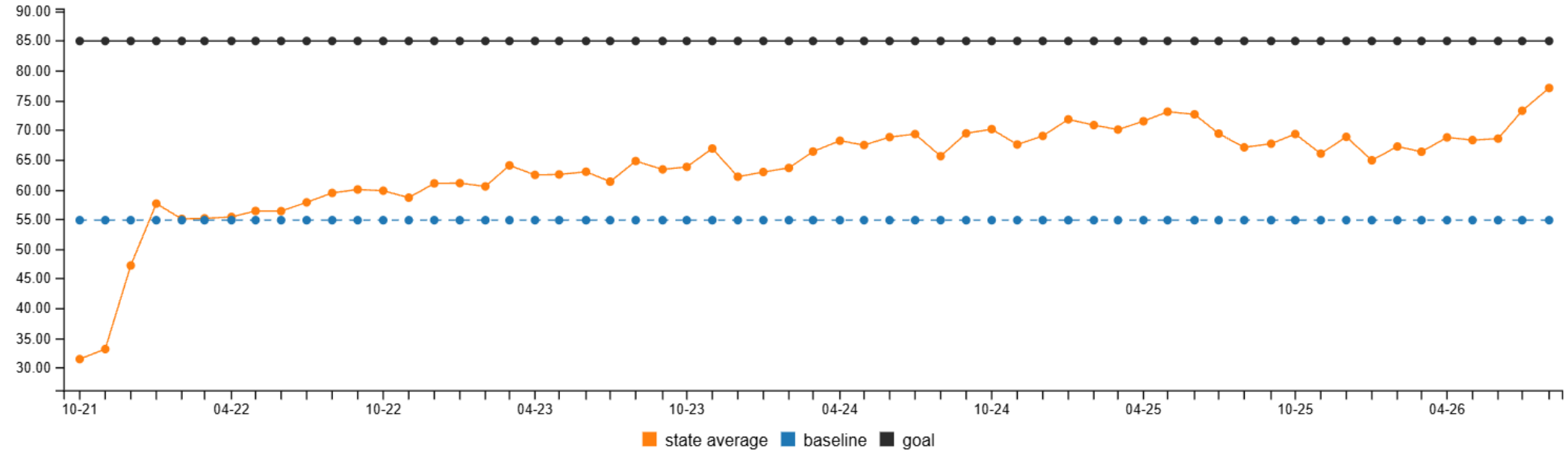

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SEPSIS-2f 3-Hour Sepsis Bundle Compliance (LTAC) (all payor)

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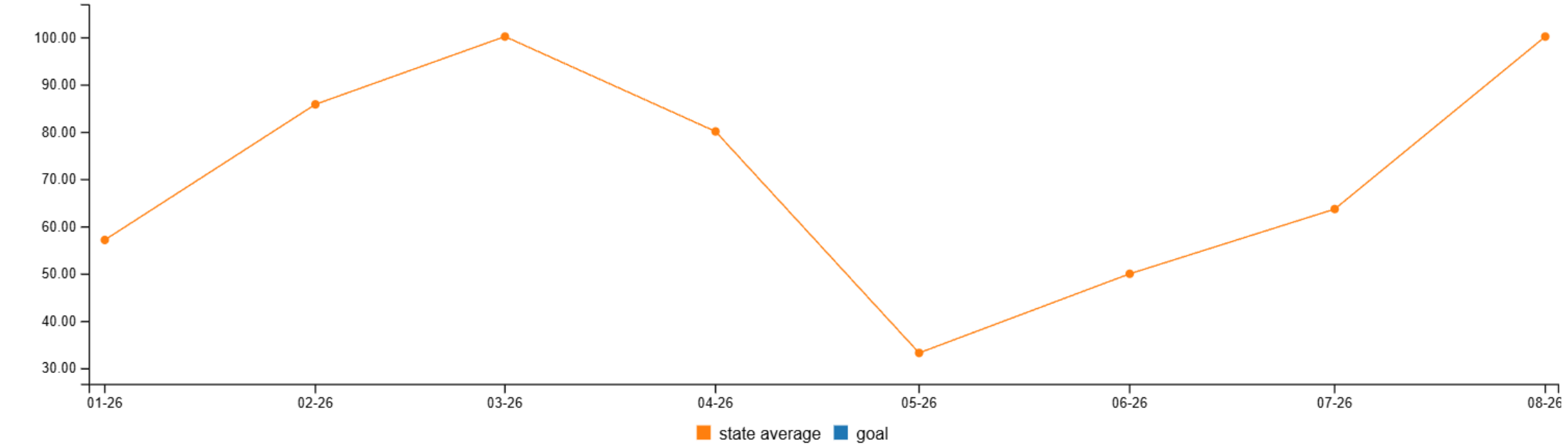

SEPSIS-2e Blood Culture Contamination

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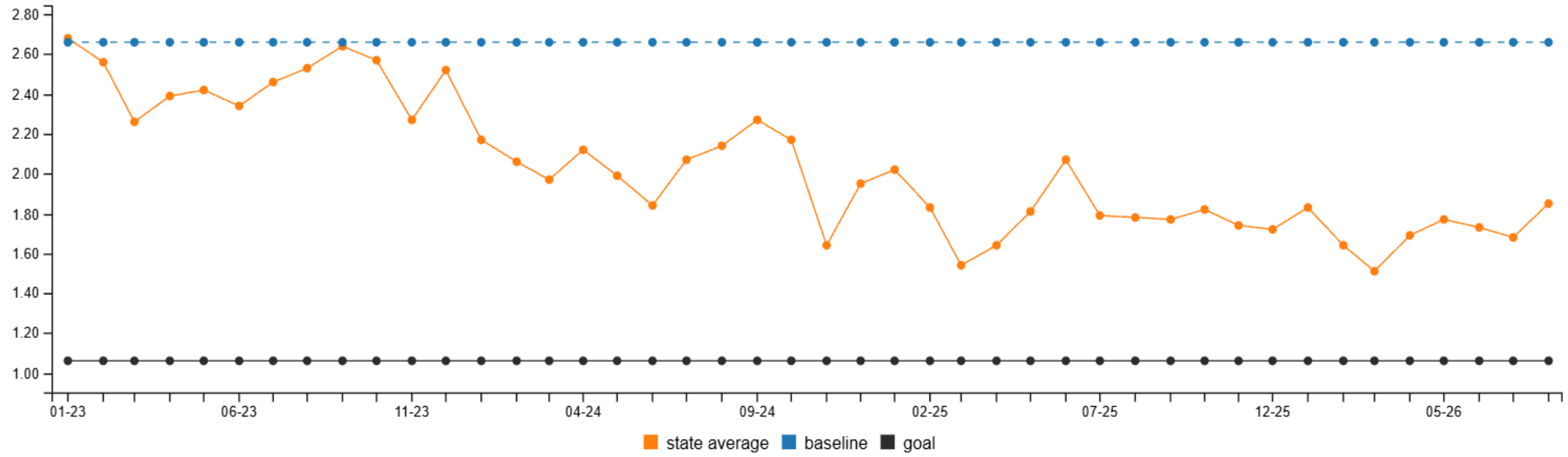
SEPSIS-2e Blood Culture Contamination (all payor)

Goal Type: Decrease



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

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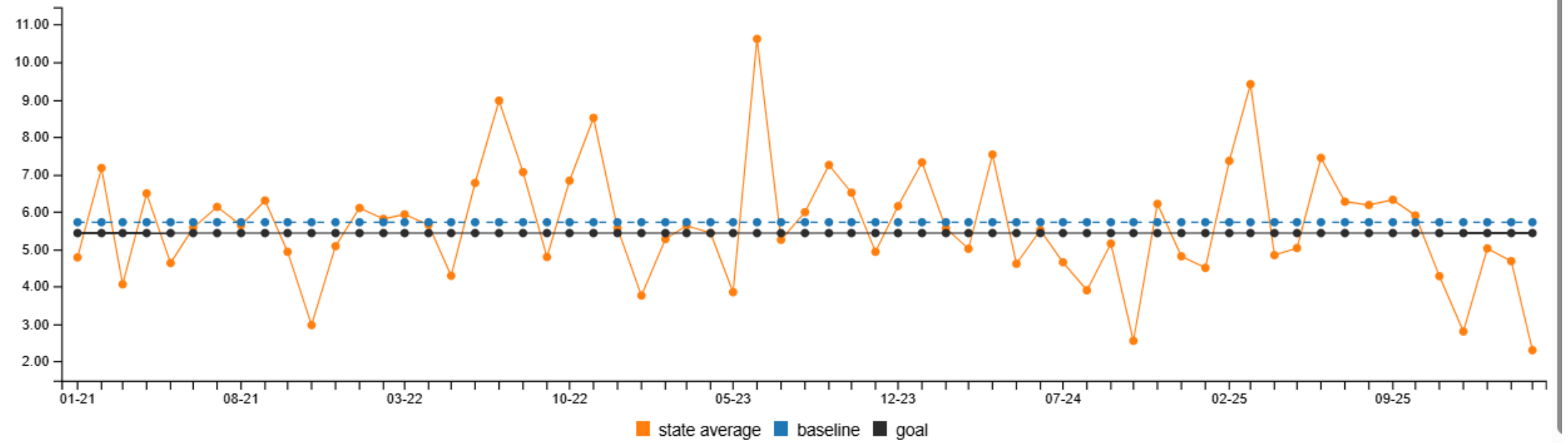
Goal Type: Decrease



SEPSIS-1c Hospital-Onset Sepsis Mortality Rate

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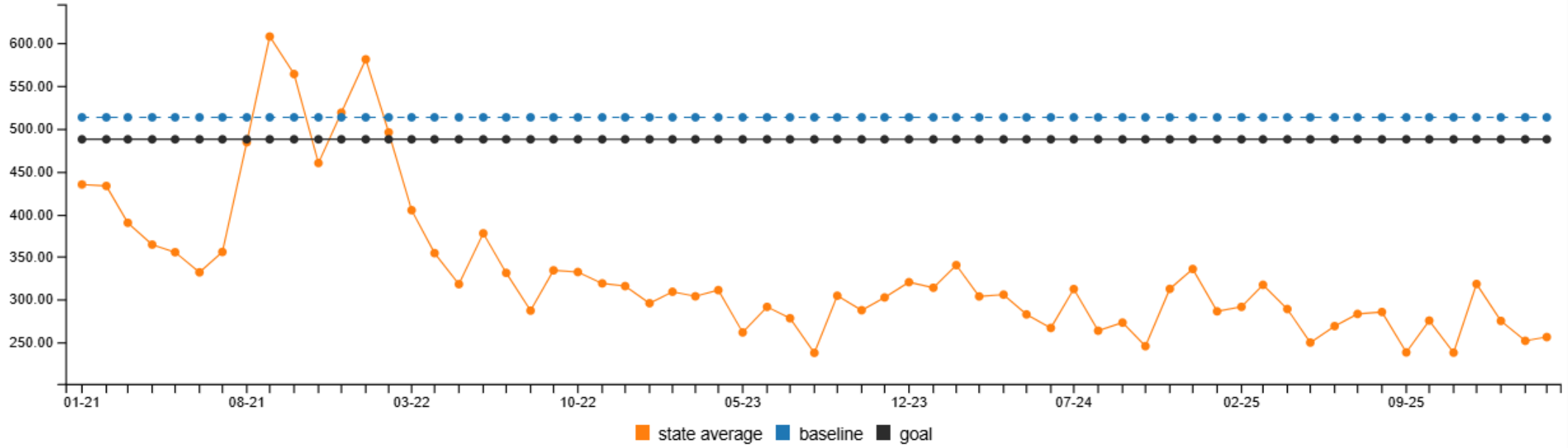
SEPSIS-1c Hospital-Onset Sepsis Mortality Rate

Goal Type: Decrease



SEPSIS-1d Overall Sepsis Mortality Rate

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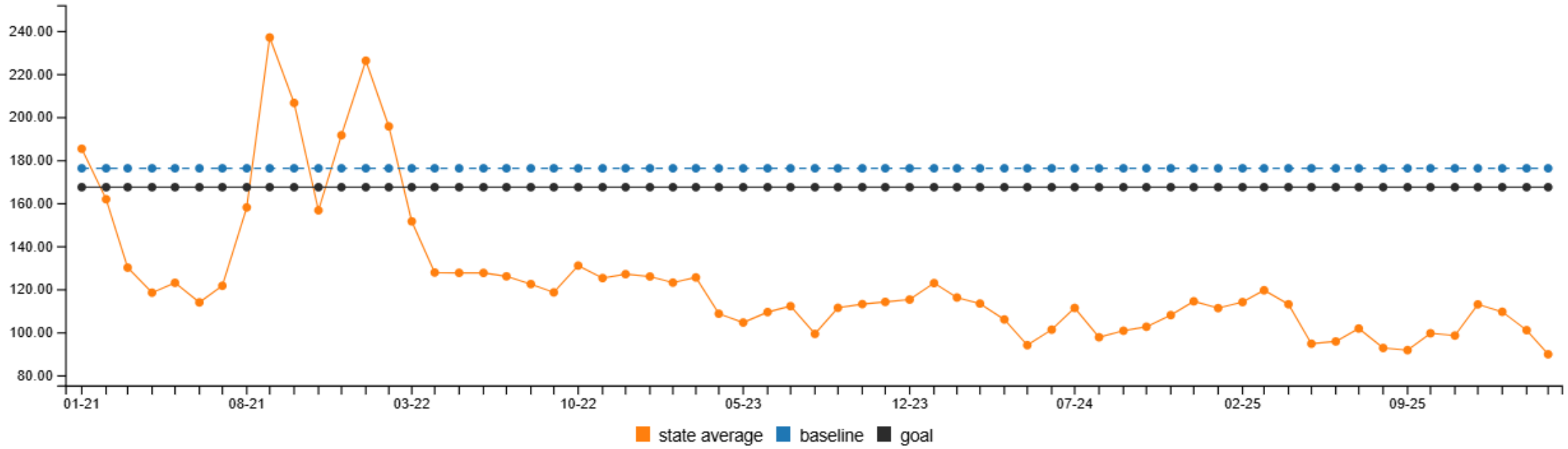
Goal Type: Decrease



Today's presentation

- **Topic-*Rethinking the Bolus: Dynamic Fluid Assessment as the Emerging Standard of Care in Sepsis Resuscitation***

- **Speaker-**

  Jaclyn Bond, MS, MBA, RN

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

Future topics

- More on that stubborn metric and how to approach for the coming year
- Inpatient screening data collection
- Survey on ISDDs coming soon!
- 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)

Next Steps

- Regular schedule- 4th Thursday of each month 1-2ET
- Wednesday, October 21 at 3PM ET: Register Online

*Please note: Unusual day and time

Topic: Sepsis Awareness Month activities and TBD

***Don't forget to register for each call. You will receive a confirmation email which has a link to add to your calendar!

- For questions, contact **Deb Campbell** at **dcampbell@kyha.com**
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