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#### House of Representatives COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

#### HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE HEARING

#### **Topic: Human Services** Rep. Kevin Haggerty's Satellite Office - Olyphant, PA May 2, 2017

#### **AGENDA**

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Patricia Allen 2:10 p.m.

Director of Bureau of Program Support

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

2:35 p.m. Questions from Committee Members

Panel from Local Organizations: 2:50 p.m.

Don Barney

Director of Clinical Services, Keystone Community Resources

Paul Emark

Program Participant, Keystone Community Resources

• Don Broderick

Executive Director, The Arc of Northeastern PA

3:15 p.m.Questions from Committee Members

Closing Remarks 3:30 p.m.



# myCOMPASS PA

**House Democratic Policy Committee Hearing** 

May 2, 2017



### **Agenda**

- 1. Project Motivation
- 2. Choosing the Features
- 3. Understanding our Users
- 4. First Release
- 5. Measuring Success
- 6. Data Driven Approach to Marketing
- 7. Second Release
- 8. Demo



#### **The Vision**



#### DHS Priorities

- Improve customer service
- Government that works
- Improve operating efficiencies
- Use modern technologies and platforms
- Reduce costs





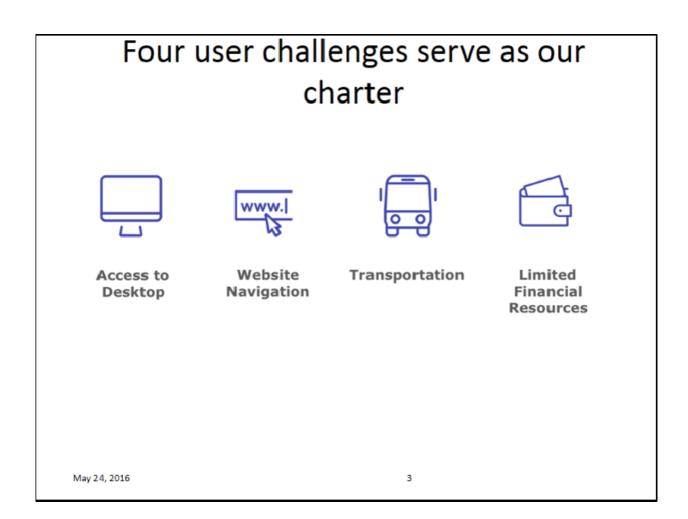
- Improve customer service and save client time
- Gain worker efficiencies
- Reduce the number of CAO and Call Center calls
- Provide multiple channels to apply for and access benefits



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### **User Challenges**





### **Community Partners Steered Us**

In January 2016...We took the show to the road

- ➤ 300 community partners were invited
- ➤ Listening sessions were held in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh
- Fach group brainstormed features they felt would be most helpful to their clientele
- Many of the ideas aligned with those of DHS staff

Output of discussion with Community Partners



- 1. Create MyCOMPASS Account
- 2. Document Upload/Verification Submission
- 3. Status Updates
- 4. Language Help/Plain Language
- 5. Reminders



- Clear Communication / Access for People with Disabilites
- 2. Language Access
- 3. Interactive Submission Process / My Documents / Submit Verification
- 4. Important Reminders (Calendar Dates) / Reminders & Notifications
- 5. Schedule Interviews / Scheduler



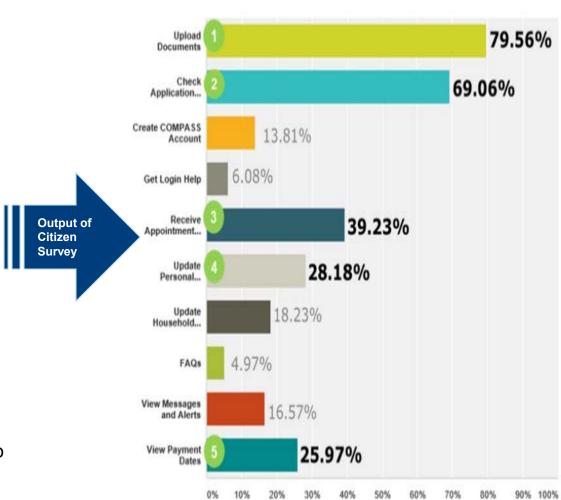
- 1. Notification & Alerts
- 2. Upload Documents
- 3. Eligibility Screening
- 4. Change Reporting
- Quick Access to Records, EBT Cards and Access Cards



### Citizen Surveys Widened Our Reach

#### We talked to ....Our Clients

- Client surveys were conducted after listening sessions in the lobbies
- ➤ 209 clients were surveyed in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh
- Clients were asked 9 questions ranging from age group to benefit enrollment and functions that would appeal to them on a mobile app
- Almost all of them stated they would prefer using a mobile app to driving to a CAO





### **Release 1 Features**

#	Function	Description
1	Create COMPASS Account	This function enables clients to create a My COMPASS Account (MCA)
2	Get Login Help	This function enables clients to retrieve username and reset password for their MCA
3	Upload Documents	This function enables clients to upload verification documents via their smart phones
4	View Application Status/Benefit Status	This function enables clients to view their status of their application and benefits
5	Update Personal Information	This function enables clients to update address, phone number, and email address associated with their case
6	Broadcast Messages	This function enables clients to receive generic broadcast messages about the app or specific function unavailability on their smart phones
7	App Tour	This function enables clients to view a guided tour of the app to help them navigate the app
8	FAQs	This function enables clients to view answers to the most frequently asked questions
9	Version Check	This function informs clients of newer version of the app available for download in the app store
10	Simplified Language	This function provides clients with contextual help during the navigation of the app



### **Measuring Mobile Success**

#	Metric	
1	Number of <b>active downloads</b> from the App Store and Google Play to:  • Track the effectiveness of the marketing strategy	
2	Number of <b>uninstalled downloads</b> from the App Store and Google Play to:  • Track the effectiveness of the marketing strategy	
3	Number and type of <b>documents uploaded</b> to:  • Track the successful usage of the upload function	
4	Number of successful and unsuccessful logins to:  • Track the successful usage of this function	
5	Number of <b>new accounts</b> created via the mobile app to:  • Track the successful usage of this function	
6	Number of <b>benefit and application</b> status views to:  • Track the successful usage of this function	
7	Number of Get Login Help access (successful username retrieval and password reset) to:  • Track the successful usage of this function	
8	Number of demographic changes reported which includes: residential and mailing address, email address, and phone number to:  • Track the successful usage of this function	



### **Key Performance Indicators (KPI)**



As of April 26, 2017



#### **Marketing and Communications**

An audience and channel analysis was conducted to identify the best means of communicating to clients, staff, and partners. A detailed plan based on the results of that analysis include;

#### **External Marketing Plan**

- Direct mail
- Posters and giveaway cards in CAOs
- Road shows to high volume CAOs
- Phone message updates
- New dedicated Helpline staff
- Updated notifications
- Email blasts
- Social Media video/articles
- Press Releases
- DHS Community Partner "Press Kit"
  - PPT presentation
  - Printable flyers, posters
  - Scripts for phone message updates & end of call messaging

# Internal Communications Plan

- Intensive Training
- All Hands Meeting for HQ Staff
- CAO Staff meeting presentation
- Deputy Secretary Messages
- Newsletters/OIM Transformer Articles
- Posters, cards, and flyers sent out for distribution



### **Release 2 Features**



Function	Description
Update Household Information	The myCOMPASS PA mobile app will provide the ability to report changes to household information on the case – wage change, new job, pregnancy, shelter & utilities, resources, other communications.
Upload Documents - Additional	The myCOMPASS PA mobile app will expand the existing document upload functionality to support the view history log feature for uploaded documents.
My COMPASS Account (MCA)	The myCOMPASS PA mobile app will be enhanced by providing account linking capabilities to client case after login.
Semi-Annual Review (SAR) Process	The myCOMPASS PA mobile app will provide the ability to start and complete the SAR process on the smart phone.
View e-Notices	The myCOMPASS PA mobile app will provide the ability to view notices on the smart phone.
Contextual Help	The myCOMPASS PA mobile app will provide helpful hints during navigation.

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## **DEMO**

- First Time User Experience
- User Name Retrieval
- Create a My COMPASS Acct
- Log On & Benefits Screens
- Report Changes
- Upload Documents
- Change History
- Application Status and Info