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Maximizing Your Aquatics: Pivot Strategies for Aquatic Success

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# Today's Topics



Facility backgrounds and aquatic services



Programming strategies and strategic pivots



Staffing challenges and solutions

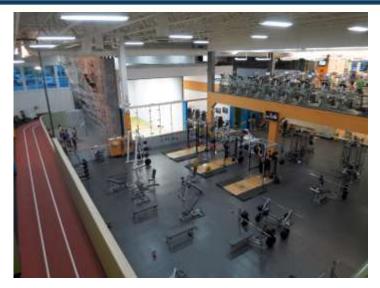


Operations challenges and solutions



Panel discussion with audience and moderator questions

# Logan Health Medical Fitness Center Kalispell, Lakeside and Polson

















## Background

### Medical Fitness Center



- Facility
  - Opened in January 1996
  - 114,800 square feet
- Membership
  - 4,030 membership accounts
  - 8,237 individual people
- Staffing
  - 44 FTEs (including maintenance and environmental services staff) consisting of 148 individual staff members.
  - Aquatics 3.5 FTE consisting of 36 individual staff members.
- Clinical Integration
- Lakeside Medical Fitness Center (no aquatics)
- Polson Medical Fitness Center (no aquatics)
- Mission Valley Aquatic Center, Polson, Montana



## Programming Overview

#### Adults

- Lap Swim
- Aquatic Exercise Classes; water tai chi, hydrofit, aqua Zumba.
- Coach on deck swim workouts.
- Seasonal swim stroke clinics.
- Water Polo
- Log rolling team practice.
- Community support use; Boy scouts, military training, etc.
- Outpatient Physical Therapy

### • Children / Families

- Family open swim; neon lights.
- Pool rentals; Birthday parties, school field trips, etc.
- Swimming lessons: Swim America group swimming lessons and private swim lessons.
- In-house after school camp and day camp usage.
- High school and club swim teams practices and swim meets.



## Aquatic Facility and Programming Challenges

### Primary Challenges

- Access: have limited pool time for the diverse programming needs of our members and community.
- Aging facility: facility and equipment repairs and associated downtime.
  - Capital resources for necessary remodel and equipment replacement.
- Staffing
  - Recruiting new staff: lifeguards and swim instructors.
  - Professionals nearing retirement that will need to be replaced.
  - New adolescent aquatic staff.

#### Strategies

- Consistent and persistent marketing.
- New programming to attract participation and meet member and community needs.
- Prioritizing safety and quality programming with less staff verses higher participation numbers.
- Preventive maintenance (we have 3 full-time maintenance staff that are all CPO plus 1 additional CPO).
- Break/fix and Replacement Preplanning.
- Logan Health Foundation assistance.



# Valley Health Wellness and Fitness Center Fitness Center of Thibodaux Regional Hampshire Wellness & Fitness Center



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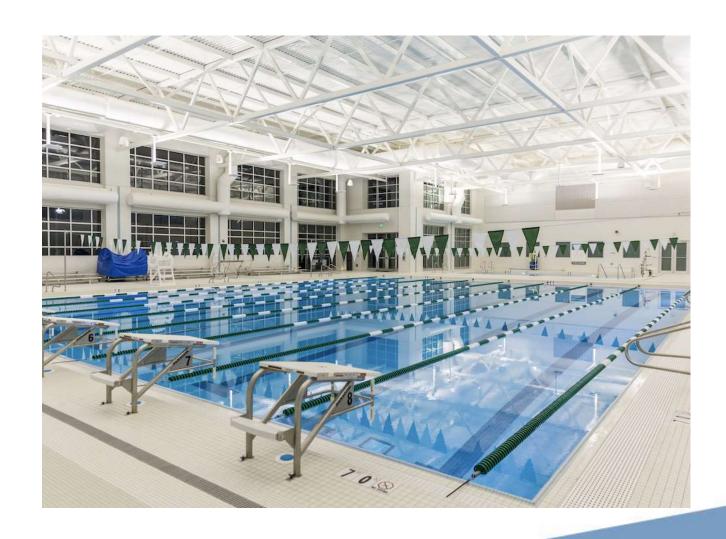
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## Background Thibodaux



- Facility
  - Opened in November 2016
  - Certified Medical Fitness Facility
  - 450,000 square foot Clinically Integrated Wellness Center
  - 60,000 dedicated to Fitness Center
  - 3 pools and 2 hot tubs
  - Southern Louisiana
- Membership
  - 4,300 members
- Staffing
  - 30 FTE









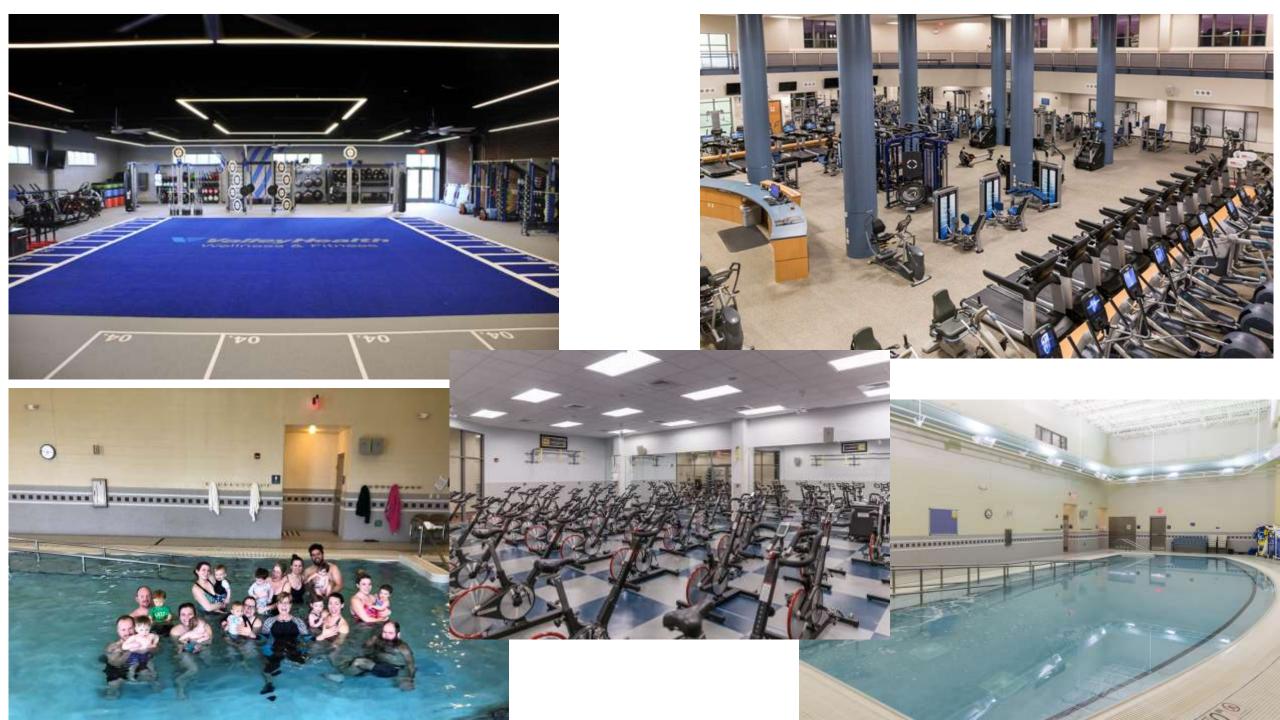


# Background Valley Health

- Facility
  - Opened in October 2008
  - Certified Medical Fitness Facility
  - 70,000 square foot Clinically Integrated Wellness Center
  - 60,000 dedicated to Fitness Center
  - 2 saltwater pools
  - Shenandoah Valley in Virginia
- Membership
  - 6,400 members
- Staffing
  - 30 FTE



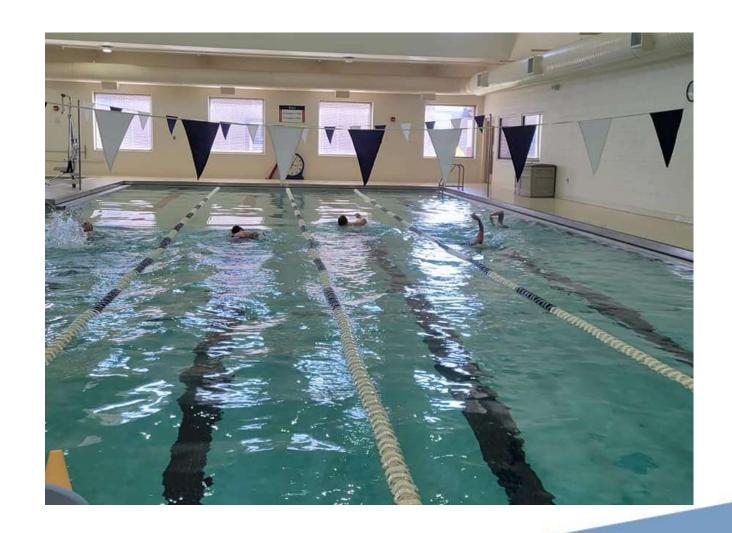






## Background Hampshire Wellness & Fitness

- Facility
  - Opened in August 2007
  - Certified Medical Fitness Facility
  - 33,000 square foot Clinically Integrated Wellness Center
  - 28,000 dedicated to Fitness Center
  - 2 pools
  - Rural West Virginia
- Membership
  - 1,200 members
- Staffing
  - 8 FTE











## Aquatic Programming Overview

- Adults
  - Lap Swim
  - Masters Class
  - Aquatic Exercise Classes-Aqua Boot Camp, Water Aerobics, Water Yoga, Arthritis, Aqua Zumba, Boga Fit, Aqua Volleyball, etc.
  - Stroke Clinics
  - Adult Swim Lessons
  - Community Support; Boy Scouts, Baptisms, DNR, etc.
  - Outpatient Physical Therapy
  - Lifeguard Training
  - Indoor Triathlons
  - Member Utilization/retention programs

#### Children/Families

- Family Swim
- Glow, Luau and Movie nights
- Pool Rentals; Birthday Parties, celebrations, school field trips, etc.
- Swim Lessons: Red Cross Certified both groups and private swim lessons
- Swim teams practice and competitions
- Deaf and Blind School
- Easter egg hunts
- Boga Fit for Kids (Paddle Board)
- Lifeguard Training



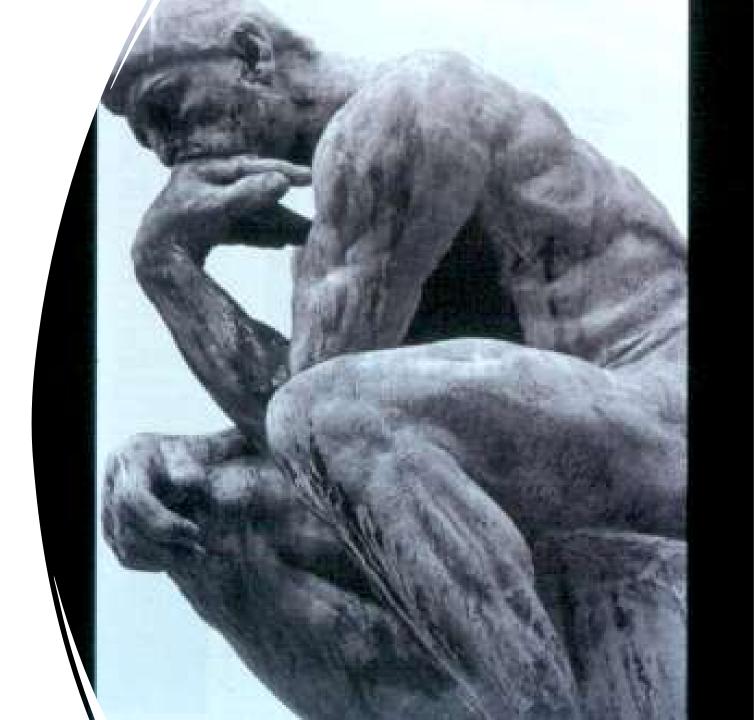
## Aquatic Programming Challenges

- Primary Challenges
  - Staffing
    - Recruiting new staff: LG and WSI
    - Aqua Group Instructors
  - Facilities
    - Aging equipment, new technologies, costs
  - Diverse Needs
    - Programming needs for all populations, scheduling events and classes

- Strategies
  - Staffing
    - Employee referral bonuses for hard to fill positions
    - Cover cost of in-house lifeguard training if employed at the center
    - Starting wage at \$15.00 for LG
  - Facilities
    - 2 CPOs at all locations, Directors CPO as well
    - TMI Equipment: Salt Generators, UVs, zLOG® chemistry controllers
    - 5 and 10 year Capital Planning
  - Member Needs
    - Annual Member Survey/Daily NPS Surveys
    - Annual Marketing and Center Event Plan
    - Crew App-LG scheduling app
    - Sending Staff to continuing education events



Questions?



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