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FISTULA FIRST
National Vascular Access
Improvement Initiative

NVAII Results & The QIO Connection

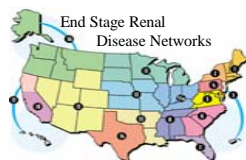
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- Project began in July 2003 as part of ESRD Networks SOW
- National prevalent AVF rate as of December 2002 was 32.4%
- National prevalent AVF rate as of December 2004 is 37.4%
- Increase of 5 percentage points is statistically significant



How Are We Doing?

Data Collection

- a) Automatic data transfer from Large Dialysis Companies (LDO)
- b) Standardized forms submitted from independent facilities
- c) Aggregated national AVF information on the “Dashboard”

<http://www.esource.net/downloads/cds/fistulafirst/fistulafirstdashboard.pdf>

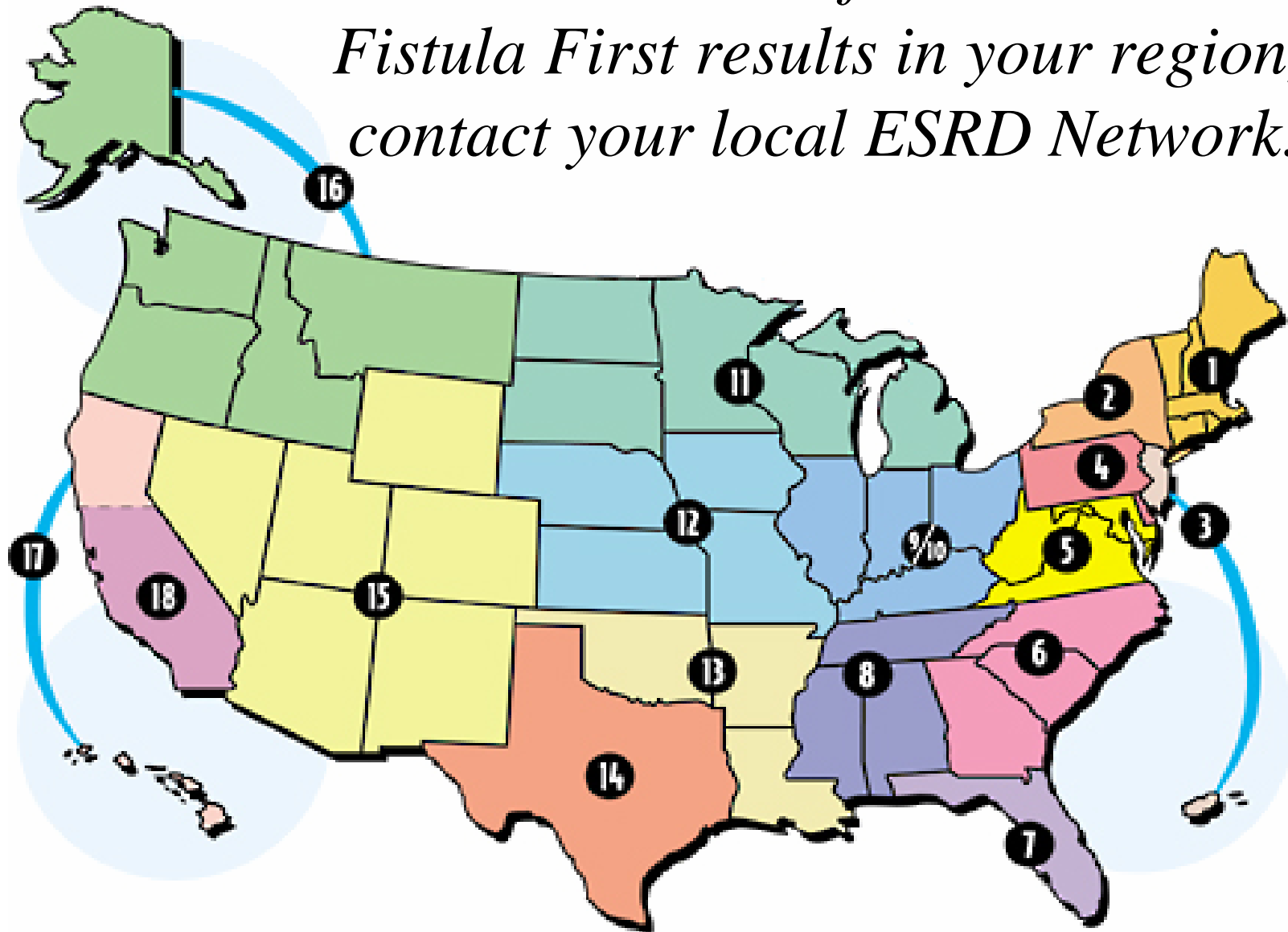


Dashboard

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*For the most current information on the
Fistula First results in your region,
contact your local ESRD Network!*





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- Contracted with CMS to facilitate & disburse the financial support for special projects in ESRD
- In November 2004, 18 special projects in ESRD (including NVAII)
- Many subcontracts: QIOs, Networks and others



Fistula First National Coordinator Role

Provide centralized organizational and technical resources to the ESRD Networks, CMS and IHI (Institute for Healthcare Improvement) in support of Fistula First/NVAII:

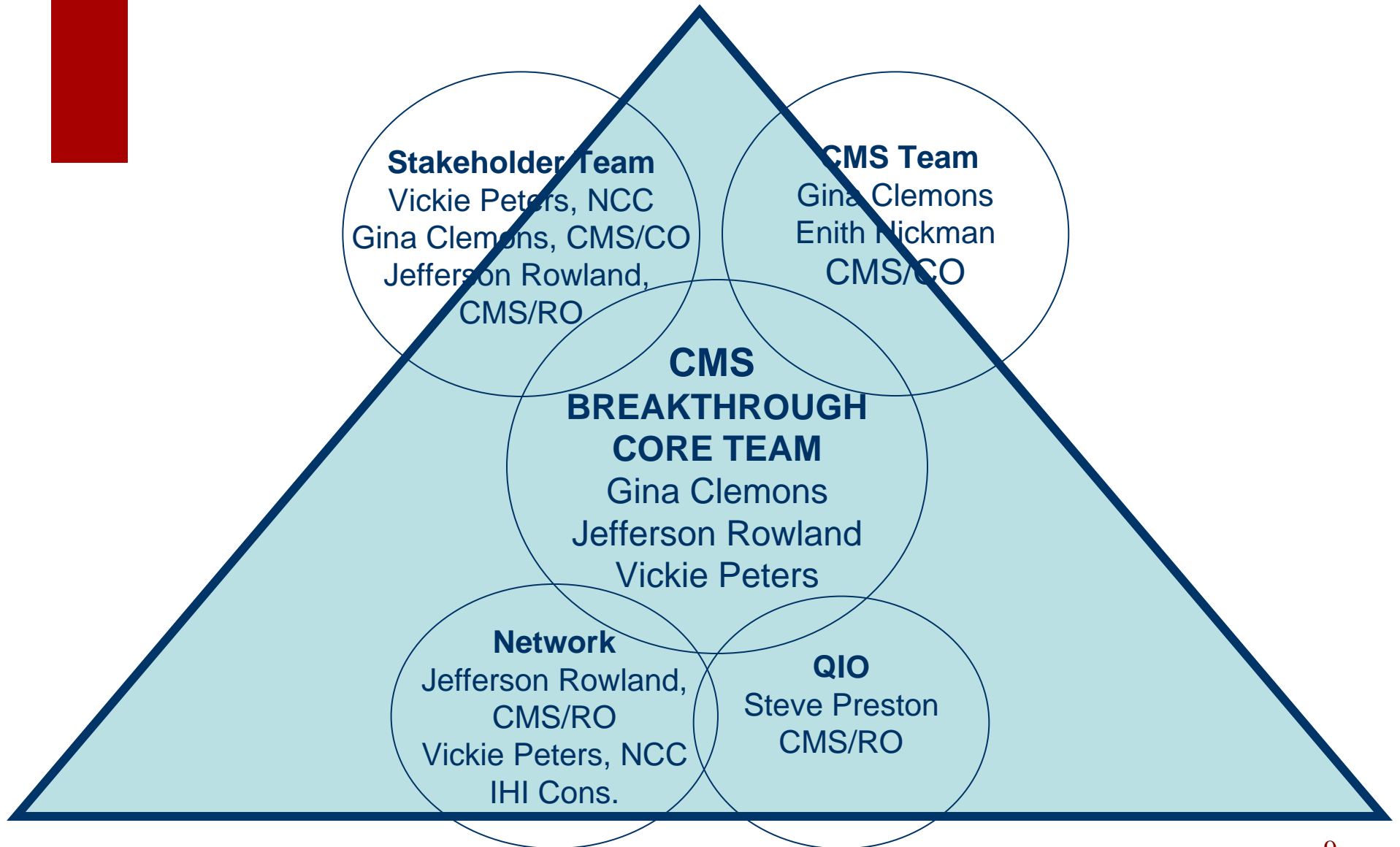
- Conference calls with original project workgroups & follow-up
- Technical support to Network staff as project evolves
- Website updates
- Point of contact for Network community



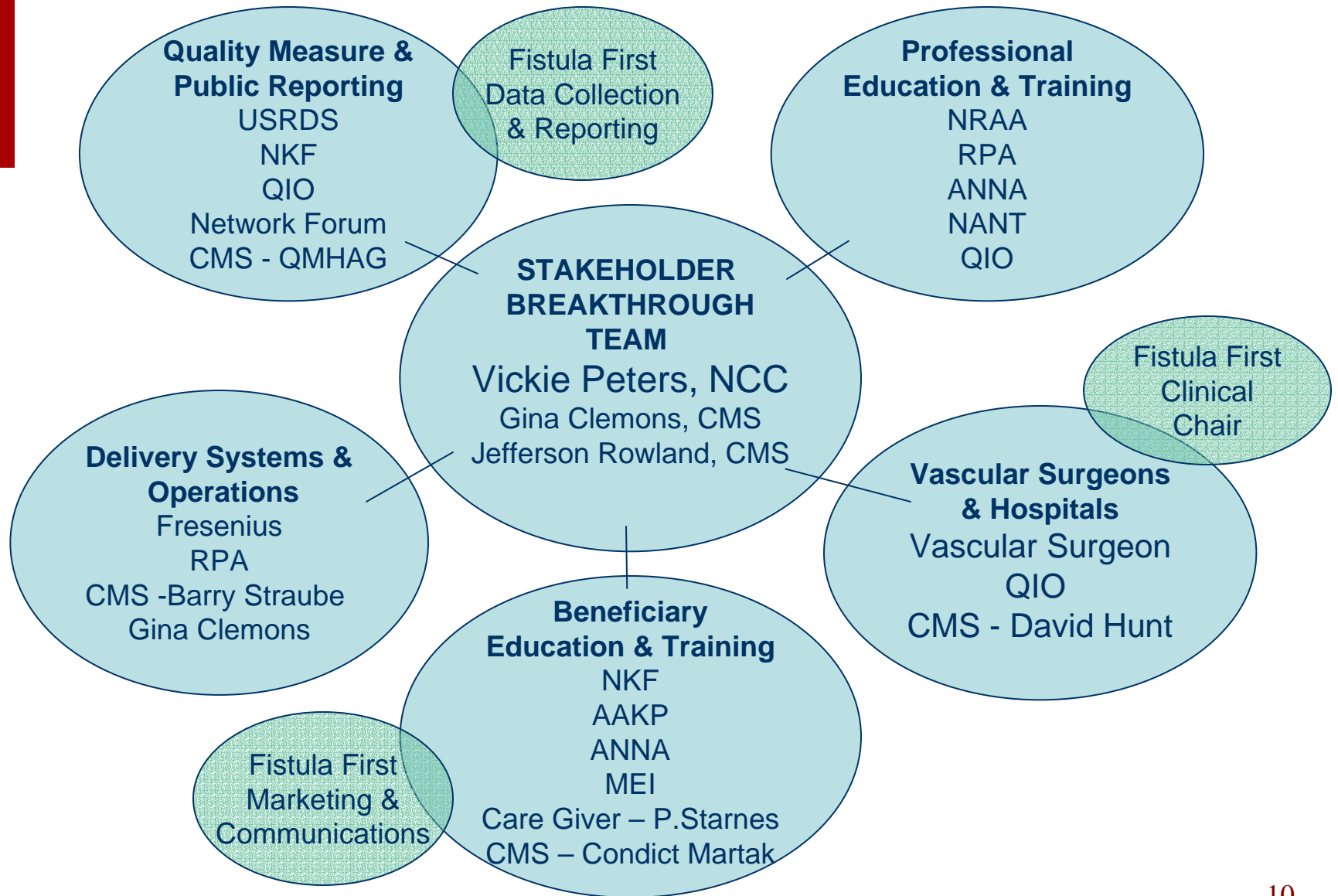
CMS Breakthrough Initiatives

- Fistula First (NVAII) is one of 10 identified by Quality Council
- Fistula First is the most advanced
- CMS expanded original project goal of 40% prevalent AVF to 66% by 2009
- Original Network Fistula First project and some workgroups still going
- NCC Coordinator involvement expanded to external partner groups

Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative Coalition



Fistula First Breakthrough Team







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