

Wellstar

Community Healthcare Connections Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Location		Minutes Taken By	
CHCC	Wellstar Development Center, Allatoona Room		C. Kim/ April Stutler	
Date	Facilitator	Leaders	Actual Start Time	Actual End Time
9.23.15	Kamela Sooknanan	Kamela Sooknanan Dr. Thomas McNamara Gaetane Wilder	9am	10:35am

Meeting Purpose/Objective: Coming Together to Improve Care in the Community

- ✓ Improve communication and patient care across the continuum
- ✓ Assist all facilities in meeting goals for Medicare quality improvement measures
- ✓ Discuss and implement efforts to increase communication between providers and settings
- ✓ Recognize current work and reward creative thinking.

DISCUSSION / Getting Started

Introductions and Updates

- Updates since last Meeting
 - Jason Lesandrini (Advanced Care Planning)- Has partnered with Woodstock Nursing and Rehab (Barbara Baxter). He has begun staff training on Advanced Care Plans. He has also encouraged the staff to complete their own Advanced Care Plan
- Announcements- Amy Woodall
 - Cobb County Senior Services is having an open house. The public is welcome.
 - When: Tuesday, October 13th from 3-7pm. Please RSVP by Monday, October 5th to 770-528-5356 or agingbydesign@cobbcounty.org
 - Hor d’oeuvres will be served
- Alliant GMCF- Project updates

DISCUSSION – Topics & Updates

- Choosing Wisely Campaign- Dr. McNamara
 - Goal: Advancing a national dialogue on avoiding wasteful or unnecessary use of medical treatments; more is not always better.
 - ACT 5- 5 domains, appropriateness of treatment criteria
 - For more information, please visit www.choosingwisely.org
 - Choosing wisely tool kit- used to help raise awareness of over utilization
- Benton House: Overview and Approach to Preventing Avoidable Readmissions.
 - Step Down program- Residents can pay \$60 per day for 30 days (minimum). Includes, furnished apartments and all Benton House services. Started May 2013
 - Douglasville is currently running the program for 90 days
 - Patients can qualify for program from home or hospital
 - LMK foundation can help ease costs as well (provide grants for short term stays for caregivers)
 - \$500 grant, must use within a 6 month period, first come first serve, apply online. Lmkfoundation.org
 - Conducts a pre-hospital assessment to make sure that they can meet the patient’s needs.
 - Can provide referrals to PCP, OT schedule f/u appointments, provide transportation, medication assistance (Guardian pharmacy), caregiver/ family assistance.
 - At the end of a resident’s stay, Benton House can do home assessment to make sure patient is able to go back home.
- Impact Law – How will this change the way you practice?
 - Presenting at the next meeting describing how the Impact Law will affect different parts of healthcare.
 - Presenters: Chris Shipman- Camellia Hospice; Alice Lambo - SNF/ Pruitt; Jason Truett- HH; Dr. McNamara- LTAC and overview ; Louise Evans- BrightStar Care, Homecare
- As always, encourage participants to share a new step in your process to reduce readmissions or any aspect of your care that improves healthcare. Please notify Gaetane Wilder at Gaetane.Wilder@alliantquality.org
- Thank you to WellStar System for hosting the meeting and providing the refreshments.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 ~ Allatoona Room, WDC

NEXT STEPS

Party Responsible	Activity	Due Date
Kam and Volunteers	Impact Law presentation	12/15/15
All	Share the information from meeting with your facilities	Ongoing
All	Continue to think about ways in which you can work with your facilities to impact patient lives and readmission rates	