

# Augusta

## Community Healthcare Connections Minutes

Meeting Name	Location		Minutes Taken By	
Augusta CHCC	Brandon Wilde Clubhouse, 4275 Owens Road, Evans, Ga		Pamela Thomas/Jennifer Judson	
Date	Facilitator	Leaders	Actual Start Time	Actual End Time
February 18, 2015	Debra Minor & Jennifer Judson	Debra Minor/Pamela Thomas	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
<b>Meeting Purpose/Objective: Coming Together to Improve Care in the Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improve communication and patient care across the continuum</li> <li>✓ Assist all facilities in meeting goals for Medicare quality improvement measures</li> <li>✓ Discuss and implement efforts to increase communication between providers and settings</li> <li>✓ Recognize current work and reward creative thinking.</li> </ul>				
<b>Team Members Present</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> See sign-in sheet				
<b>Other Attendees</b>				
<b>DISCUSSION / Getting Started</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debra reviewed objectives and confidentiality</li> <li>• Debra gave update of AAA; CCSP is on an admission freeze as of today (2/18). She noted the contract partners with AAA are McDuffie, University and Jefferson Hospitals. She informed the group that the AAA contract with CMS and Care Transitions program ends April 2015, but AAA has been granted a one year extension. They are meeting the goals set at this time.</li> </ul>				
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospice was the focus group at this meeting. Several different Hospice Agencies were represented as they educated the group on the services Hospice provides.</li> <li>• Jennifer followed up with a discussion of Medicare replacement policies from the last meeting. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) would be the agency to discuss how to deal with these insurance policies to be able to provide services to patients. Debra stated she would be responsible for getting someone from SHIP to speak to the group.</li> <li>• Jennifer discussed that Nursing Homes will begin to be penalized for readmissions beginning in 2018; now is the time to begin to use best practices to prevent readmissions.</li> <li>• The group decided to begin a resource book to keep information from the various agencies/facilities attending the meeting. They will bring a one pager that describes the services their agency/facility provides. The book is to be replicated for each attendee of the meeting. Debra volunteered to compile the book as a Quick Reference Guide.</li> </ul>				
<b>DATA</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No one brought data to discuss, however Jennifer will bring data for the community at the next meeting.</li> </ul>				
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interventions to prevent readmissions: PruittHealth Augusta Hills/Augusta uses the Interact tool, transitions nurse will go to hospital to access patient for appropriateness for nursing home and to begin use Telemedicine; Vero &amp; Brentwood Nursing Facilities report using the Interact tool as well.</li> <li>• Other interventions: Golden Living NH use of non-skid socks to prevent falls; Lake Crossing education of nursing staff on perineal care;</li> <li>• New problem to arise: families and physicians play a role in increasing readmission rates by asking that the resident be sent back to the Hospital frequently.</li> </ul>				
<b>CLOSING / Assignment</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group to get one pager to Debra via email Quick Reference Guide</li> <li>• Bring best practices you are using to reduce readmissions</li> </ul>				

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>		
April 15, 2015 1:30pm Brandon Wilde Clubhouse		
<b>NEXT STEPS</b>		
<b>Party Responsible</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Debra Minor	Have someone from SHIP attend meeting to answer question about replacement policies	April 15, 2015
Debra Minor	Collect one pagers and compile into Quick Reference Guide	April 15, 2015
Jenifer Judson	Send one pager describing who Alliant Quality is to all new attendees	February 27, 2015
All	Send one pager about agency/facility to Debra via email	March 31, 2015