

Southeast Community Healthcare Connections Minutes

Meeting Name	Location	Minutes Taken By		
Southeast Community Health Care Connections	Meadows Regional Medical Center 1 Meadows Parkway Lane, Vidalia, GA	Sharon Proctor and Jennifer Judson		
Date	Facilitator	Leaders	Actual Start Time	Actual End Time
June 16, 2016	Jennifer Judson	Alliant Quality	2:05 PM	3:30 PM

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.

Team Members Present

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DISCUSSION / Getting Started

- Jennifer Judson made introductions, reviewed objectives and confidentiality.
- Jennifer asked that all nursing homes who are members of the SPACE Nursing Home Collaborative complete and return QAPI Self Assessments. Also informed the all about DEEP classes the Diabetes Self-Management Program.

ACTION ITEMS

- All discussed the first item on the list of community problems/barriers developed 6 months Problematic discharges and agreed this issue resolved.
- Discussed next item: Patient/family education on discharge and community resources. We need to have better knowledge about the resources available in the community. All agree to have AAA come again in October to update us on resources they have in the community that the group could take advantage of. Companion Care Senior Services, new to the community will give a brief description of services provided to the group in August. Also try to get Eldercare Pharmacy to speak.
- Other items to be discussed on the list include Transportation and Primary Care Physicians learning about their patients' admission to hospital.
- Group discussed difficulties of patients paying for physician appointments and transportation to physician appointment; educating physicians regarding transitional care and their ability to for reimbursement for such appointments after patient discharge from hospital.
- Lastly there was discussion related to Hospice for many patients and the discussion with patients and caregivers around end of life care as an intervention to readmissions.
- Joette of Meadows Regional thought it would be a good idea to return to a subcommittee meeting with those providers in her immediate vicinity. She will set this up with a date that is convenient for all those providers and let Jennifer know.

DATA

- Meadows Regional Medical Center reports 1 readmission in the last 3 months due to a focus on getting physicians more involved. Having the physicians use the transitional care coding for reimbursement has made a difference in their readmissions. There are two (2) practices working with the hospital and this coding, Vidalia Medical and Dr. Lee. A packet including the H&P, medications, Medication Reconciliation and discharge summary. This information also goes home with the patient. The hospital is able to call the physician on weekends as well to provide a face sheet and orders. The physician office will call the patient within 3 days and see the patient in the office within 7 days of discharge. This packet of information is available to Home Health Agencies too.
- In past 3 months there have been 3 readmissions to Skilled Nursing Facilities from Amedisys per D. Collins.
- Ethica Corporation reported no problems with readmissions due to attending this CHCC meeting and cultivating relationships at the meeting. Admissions Director will follow-up with patients who go home instead of being admitted to the skilled nursing facility to make sure all needs are met. If needs of those patients are not met they will transfer into the nursing home.

CLOSING / Assignment

- Companion Care Senior Services to give presentation at August CHCC meeting.
- AAA to give presentation to group in October.
- All come prepared to discussed interventions used and the effectiveness of those interventions in reducing hospital readmissions in your area of service.

NEXT MEETING**August 18, 2015 at East Georgia Regional Medical Center 2:00PM – 3:30 PM****NEXT STEPS**

Party Responsible	Activity	Due Date
Jennifer Judson	Complete and distribute minutes and notice of next meeting	6/23/15
Joette Gay	Set up sub-committee meeting	7/17/15
Jennifer Judson	Contact Eldercare Pharmacy to present to group	7/17/15