

Savannah

Community Healthcare Connections Minutes

Meeting Name	Location		Minutes Taken By	
Community Health Care Connections	Candler Hospital Marsh Auditorium 5353 Reynolds Street, Savannah, Ga		Alliant Quality	
Date	Facilitator	Leaders	Actual Start Time	Actual End Time
June 24, 2015	Jennifer Judson	Alliant Quality	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Meeting Purpose/Objective: Coming Together to Improve Care in the Community				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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				
<input type="checkbox"/> See sign-in sheet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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DISCUSSION / Getting Started				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer made introductions and reviewed goals of the meeting. • Updated the group on the Nursing Home Collaborative to include the need to complete and send in the QAPI Self-Assessment; Everyone with Diabetes Counts program and DEEP education; Infection prevention work in hospitals and the Home Health Cardiovascular Registry work. 				
ACTION ITEMS				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Brown of Eldercare Pharmacy gave presentation of form to help hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities with transition of residents. • Jennifer still asking for one pager document for resource book as there are a few that have already come in. Asked the group to send in electronically. • All discussed issues related to readmissions and interventions being incorporated. 1. Indigent population in area problem for all local hospitals. There are decreased resources and support for this population. 2. Unable to attend outpatient appointments due to a lack of transportation; no funds for medication. Memorial now has shuttling services and provide post discharge phone call to follow up and assist with any issues. Biggest challenge is overcrowding of the places for the indigent to live post discharge. 3. Hospitals did note that infants were being referred to clinics rather than pediatrician due to payer issues. • Interventions: Both Memorial and St. Joseph's/Candler are using a new program from Spiriva for COPD patients. They get discounts and educational material as well as a long term patient assistance program for the indigent. Area Agency on Aging (AAA) are using a new program where they partner with churches along with the hospitals. They assist with home needs, food, wheelchair ramps, etc. AAA is currently monitoring progress for quantifiable data in Brunswick but attempting to broaden to their program to the Savannah area. St. Joseph's/Candler are using Zone tools as well to assist with readmissions. • Home Health agencies represented reported no issues. • Affinis Hospice reported using alternative therapies to assist with symptomatic patients. Music therapy working very well with Dementia patients. • Suggested that we have a sub-committee to investigate options for progress with readmissions. 				
DATA				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 				
EDUCATION				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some resources previously used in the community are making big changes such as Union Mission as of July 1 will begin a sliding scale fee for patients instead of free services. • Helping Hands was discontinued and those patients are being sent to the SOURCE program. 				

CLOSING / Assignment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please share readmission data specifically how interventions being used are helping to reduce readmissions with Jennifer. 		
NEXT MEETING		
August 26, 2015 at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Classroom 1 at 2:00pm – 3:30pm		
NEXT STEPS		
Party Responsible	Activity	Due Date
Jennifer Judson	Minutes distributed	ASAP
All	Send intervention information on readmissions to Jennifer	