

Partners in Health Network, Inc.

September 2007

Newsletter

Boone County Health Department, Boone Memorial Hospital, Braxton County Memorial Hospital, Cabin Creek Health Center, Camden-on-Gauley Medical Center, Charleston Area Medical Center, CAMC Teays Valley Hospital, Charleston Surgical Hospital, Clay Primary Care Systems, FamilyCare, Hygeia Facilities Foundation, Jackson General Hospital, Montgomery General Hospital, New River Health Association, Richwood Area Community Hospital, Roane General Hospital, Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Summersville Memorial Hospital, Webster County Memorial Hospital, Women's Health Center of West Virginia

The members of Partners in Health Network, Inc. will meet the health care needs of our communities striving for quality care throughout the network by leveraging existing resources while working collaboratively to improve organizational efficiencies.



From the Desk of the Executive Director

We had what I would consider a very productive board meeting on August 29th. Coming out of the meeting were several key issues, which we will need to focus on in the coming months:

1. Implement the Carelink Care Management Project;
2. Submit a proposal to the Bureau for Medical Services for funding to implement a Medicaid Care Management initiative, which will focus on HEDIS measures as well as childhood and adolescent obesity prevention and treatment;
3. Work with Brickstreet on an analysis of losses and set up a lost prevention seminar;
4. Establish a Partners Work Group to assess the problems with referrals and transports and develop an improved process and monitor its implementation. Melda Brown will facilitate this work group;
5. Continue to work on the development of a Regional Health Care Improvement Authority for the PIHN area;
6. Continue and enhance the credentialing program;
7. Implement the CBI project.

I sincerely feel that it is an honor to be able to work with such dedicated members on these as well as other important health care strategies.

Bob

Calendar of Events for September

Wednesday, September 5 – CAH Network Planning meeting at Montgomery General Hospital 11:30 a.m.

Monday, September 10 – CAH Network Planning meeting at Plateau medical Center, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 12 – WV primary Care Association meeting @ holiday Inn Express, Charleston 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Partners in Health Network Board meeting in September, because the Annual will be October 3 at the John 23rd Center.

Critical Access Hospital Network Planning meetings for 2007

Roane General Hospital, Monday, October 15 @ 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Boone Memorial Hospital, Completed for the year.

Braxton County Memorial Hospital, Completed for the year.

Richwood Area Community Hospital, Tuesday, October 23 @ 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Montgomery General Hospital, Completed for the year.

Plateau Medical Center, Monday, September 10 @ 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Credentialing Update

I have been gathering information on the task of becoming NCQA accredited here at Partner's In Health Network. The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to assessing and reporting on the quality of managed care plans. NCQA's Credentials Verification Organization (CVO) Certification Program evaluates credentials verification operations and the processes that the CVO uses to continuously improve the services it provides to you and your facilities. CVO certification is available to organizations that conduct credentials verification, report the credentialing information to clients and have systems in place to protect the confidentiality and integrity of the information. My goal is to get signed up for the 2008 year...so there will be more to follow on this topic, I'm sure.

Send me your thoughts on this, if you like

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to call me. Phone #'s (office) 373-1507, (fax) 373-1598, (cell) 532-7881. bgreene@jghosp.org or Brenda.greene@pihn.org To reach Ina at PIHN, 388-7385.

Announcements

Notice: CAMC Teays Valley now has a full-time Orthopedic Surgeon - Board Certified and is available to take any isolated orthopedic problems. Please call Dr. Jay Cox 304-757-CARE. Brochure with directions to the hospital and his office will be available shortly.

If you have any questions, call Dr. Horsman at 304-757-1789.

JGH is very pleased to announce the arrival of new HR Director, Joyce Ellis. Joyce has over 20 years experience in compensation and benefits administration, recruitment, hiring, union negotiation and administration, employee development, employee relations, and related employment law. Her background in healthcare was derived from working with CAMC and Putnam General Hospital. She is certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources Management. Joyce will complete her Masters Degree in Human Resources at Marshall University in December. She resides north of Charleston with her husband and two daughters. When asked about her choice to work at Jackson General Hospital, Joyce responds, "I am excited about the opportunity to serve another community hospital, a very important player in the local healthcare network. There is a lot of energy being directed to the continued success of the hospital, and I look forward to the future with this team of professionals." Ms. Ellis replaces former HR Director Kimberli Lanham.

Reminder: To access the Physician Access Line at CAMC, call 1-877-226-2273 to refer a patient to be admitted through the hospitalist program or to check on your patients after admission.

The 2nd ANNUAL Ladies' Night Out, *An Evening Dedicated to Breast Health*

Tuesday Oct 16th, 2007
Danville Community Center
6:00pm-9:00pm

Feel free to RSVP now, as spaces are limited.

Last year, over 100 women attended! We reached maximum capacity! Please reserve your seat today!

If you attended last year, please join us for the same FUN atmosphere but new and exciting activities & information!

NO COST to attend this event. Free food & gifts

Sponsored by: *Boone Memorial Hospital We Care for You Program*

In partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure

To Register for the Event, Please contact Susan Shreve at 369-1230, Ext. 240 or sshreve@bmh.org

The Center for Rural Health Development, Inc. is pleased to announce that **Mr. Shanen Wright has accepted the position of Vice President for Advancement effective September 17, 2007.** As a part of the Center's leadership team Shanen will direct the fund development activities of the Center including philanthropic and government grants/contracts; corporate investments and other strategies to further the mission and work of the Center.

Mr. Wright's educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications from Marshall University where he is also currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Journalism with an emphasis on public relations. Shanen comes to the Center from West Virginia Medical Institute where he held the position of Communications Manager and also served as the National Communications Lead for Quality Insights (a subsidiary of WVMI) located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wright has an appreciation and understanding of the issues impacting West Virginia's health care delivery system and the health of our citizens and thus, brings to the Center the experience needed to continue to build the partnerships and resources needed to affect positive change in our state. We are privileged to have Shanen on board and look forward to a long successful working relationship. Please join us in welcoming him to our leadership team!

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Wish List

Occasionally, I hear of members' "wish lists" and would like to highlight a single member's list in each upcoming issue. If your facility has a list that you want to be in future issues of our newsletter, send it to me and I'll highlight it as well. If anyone has any of these items, either to give away, trade, or sell, let me know and we'll connect you with someone at that facility so that any transactions can be completed.

The following list came from one of our Partner members (# 5):

- Exam Bed
- Physician Stool for exam room
- Scales
- Blood Pressure cuffs

Swap Shop

- Free! 7 Suction Catheters 10 Fr. available to give away. (ref. # 12)
- 1100 amsco fracture table for sale. (ref. # 15)
- Does anyone have a chair scale they would like to sell or give away? (ref. # 13)
- We have need of fairly good used exam tables, stools, chairs, desks, EKG machine, etc. Please let me know if you know of anyone that might have these items. (ref. # 5).
- **FOR SALE!** OB TraceVue system – (Fetal and maternal surveillance) this is a surveillance and on-line documentation all in one obstetrical system. Paid \$67,494.05 – asking \$50,000.00 (negotiable). Contact me (Tom) for more information.
- Ambulance for sale!!



CCT Unit Bid.pdf

- One of the Partner hospitals has a used 2,200 C.F.M. 208 three phase **Air Handler** for sale. It has a new economizer on it and is in good condition. If interested, please call 304-927-6214. It had to be removed to install a bigger unit for their OR. (not available until Oct. 1)

From CAMC:

We have the following used power tools for sale:

<i>Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw, 2.5 HP</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
<i>Air Compressor, 5 HP, Single Phase l 225 - 208 - 230 volts. Twin Cylinder shop type</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>
<i>Power Horizontal Band Saw</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
<i>6" Craftsman Jointer.</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>

These items are all in good working condition

*If any hospital is interested, they can contact Russ Scott
at 388-9740*

Box of Links

Partners in Health Network

<http://www.PIHN.org>

CAMC Institute (for on-line Education)

<http://camcinstitute.org>

Walkable Communities

<http://www.walkable.org/index.htm>

The End

To have an item included in the next issue, contact
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