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On Friday, October 28, the State Bond Commission voted to authorize the expenditure of \$22 million for various hospital-based programs related to the UCONN Health Network Initiative. The initiatives were originally proposed by the Governor and subsequently passed by the General Assembly during the 2011 legislative session as part a larger [proposal](#) to renovate and expand the UCONN Health Center/John Dempsey Hospital complex in the town of Farmington.

With a unanimous vote, the Commission authorized:

- \$5 million to Hartford Hospital for development of a simulation and conference center on its campus in Hartford;
- \$5 million to Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center for development of a Primary Care Institute on its campus in Hartford;
- \$5 million to the University of Connecticut Health Center to finance a comprehensive Cancer Center and a Health Disparities Institute;
- \$5 million to The Hospital of Central Connecticut for planning, design, land acquisition, development and construction of a cancer treatment center to be constructed in New Britain, renovations and upgrades to its oncology unit, and a Permanent Regional Phase One Clinical Trials Unit located in New Britain; and
- \$2 million to Bristol Hospital to finance patient room renovations.

The bond authorization comes days after the General Assembly met in Special Session and passed, [SB 1401](#), *An Act Establishing The Connecticut Bioscience Collaboration Program*, a bill that provides \$291 million to Jackson Laboratory to build a 173,000 square foot research facility on the UCONN Health Center. Together, passage of the bond authorizations and SB 1401 caps a months-long push by the Malloy administration to create and retain jobs in the state.

CT Hospitals Join the National Stop CAUTI Project

On Monday, November 14, Connecticut hospitals will begin participating in the third cohort of the national patient safety program, called "On the CUSP: Stop CAUTI." The program is aimed at reducing catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) by standardizing the use, maintenance, and removal of urinary catheters, and implementing the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP). Developed at Johns Hopkins Hospital by Peter Pronovost, MD, CUSP has transformed care in hospitals throughout the country by improving the safety culture and practices on the participating units. An extension of the national Stop BSI project, which took aim at eliminating central line-associated infections so successfully, the Stop CAUTI project now addresses the most prevalent hospital-associated infection: catheter-associated urinary tract infections. The program is open to all CHA PSO participating hospitals at no charge. Adult and pediatric inpatient units are eligible to participate.

The cohort will kick off with a face-to-face meeting at CHA on Monday, November 14, 2011. For more information, please contact Alison Hong MD at hong@chime.org

Education Updates

The ICD-10 Impact on Hospitals and Transition Strategies to Meet the Deadline—Four-Part Webinar Series: November 16, 2011, December 14, 2011, January 18, 2012, and February 15, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Two years and counting... is your hospital on its way to ICD-10-CM/PCS implementation by the October 1, 2013 deadline? Are you planning for the significant financial and clinical impact this will have on your organization? Do you have a strong inter-functional team and timeline in place to achieve "ICD-10 readiness"?

This four-part webinar series focuses on helping hospital leaders and their ICD-10 implementation leaders and teams

understand and plan for the magnitude of the ICD-10 implementation, the financial and clinical impact of this transition on your hospital, and the challenges of on-time implementation. The first in the series “Budget Development and Budget Review for ICD-10 Readiness” is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16.

Speakers for this webinar series include Andrea Clark, RHIA, CCS, CPC-H, president and founder of Health Revenue Assurance Associates (HRAA) and a past presenter at CHA, and Keith Siddel, MBA, PhD(c), Chief Marketing Officer at Health Revenue Assurance Associates, Inc. Ms. Clark, a nationally prominent health information management expert, will focus specifically on revenue integrity of outpatient coding and billing systems; charge capture; coding and billing; data transference, and outpatient compliance training services. Mr. Siddel has more than 25 years of experience in healthcare finance, information systems, operational, and compliance training expertise, which includes hospital-based and free standing day surgery sites, emergency room, hospital-based clinics, and ancillary diagnostic services areas.

For the series brochure, click [here](#). To register, email educationservices@chime.org.

Getting to the Heart of Conflict—Skills for Healthy Conflict Management, Monday, November 21, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

It is clear to almost everyone that conflict is inevitable in life—in our personal lives as well as in the workplace. Different personalities, different work styles, cultural/ethnic norms, and differences in generational mix, all lead to an endless possibility of conflict surfacing at work.

What is not so clear, is the role conflict plays in the process of change and effective team problem solving—both major factors in improving organization performance. How can we recognize and manage the sources and trigger points of conflict? When is conflict healthy—what makes it destructive? How can we reduce or defuse unnecessary conflict? What are the various styles of dealing with conflict, and the risks and benefits of each approach?

Sarah Campbell Arnett, MA, NCC, BC-DMT, will present this full-day, highly interactive program, frequently requested by supervisors and managers attending prior management development programs. Ms. Arnett, a Certified Coach, has worked in healthcare for almost 25 years. She is certified as a corporate coach through CoachU. Ms. Arnett is a colleague of Joan Evans, who has also taught this program, and currently works as an Organizational Specialist at Cone Health in Greensboro, North Carolina. She facilitates executive leadership training and coaching for teams and individuals, and specializes in team development and conflict resolution.

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For more information, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#).

CHA Nurse Preceptorship Program, Tuesday, November 22, 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Supporting and strengthening the work of nurse preceptors is critical to the development of new nurses and retention of the highly skilled staff registered nurses who teach them at the bedside. The curriculum for the CHA *Nurse Preceptorship Program* was developed by a team of educators from hospitals and schools of nursing and is designed to provide core content that is foundational for the role of nurse preceptor. This one-day program includes presentations and interactive sessions that cover topics such as roles and responsibilities, characteristics of a professional role model, basics of teaching and learning, tools and strategies for effective communication, principles of constructive feedback delivery, evaluating competence, delegating effectively, and more. Faculty for the program include: Janice Costello, RN, Chairperson, Department of Nursing, Goodwin College; Anna McGuirk, RN, Clinical Educator and Consultant; and Justin Sleeper, RN, Clinical Director of Inpatient Psychiatry, The William W. Backus Hospital.

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