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Connecticut Perinatal Quality Collaborative Members Present at National Conference

Members of the Connecticut Perinatal Quality Collaborative (CPQC), a CHA initiative, were among the presenters at the National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives Summit held November 28-30 at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

In their presentation, CPQC Co-Chairperson Marilyn Sanders, MD, Neonatologist, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, and Gina Burrows, Director of Population Health, CHA, outlined the initiatives of the Collaborative. The CPQC is focused on reducing early elective deliveries, encouraging breastfeeding through the Human Infants with Mothers Own Milk (HI-MOM), addressing Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS), and providing training through the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Comprehensive Education and Needs Training (NASCENT) project. The mission of the Connecticut Perinatal Quality Collaborative is to promote high quality maternal and newborn care across the continuum.



Dr. Sanders and Ms. Burrows highlighted CPQCs statewide efforts to educate clinicians on opioid prescribing and multimodal analgesia for women of childbearing age, and standardization of care for mothers with substance use disorder and infants with NAS using a novel approach to assessment called Eat, Sleep, Console (ESC), developed by Matthew Grossman, MD, Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital.

The summit focused on progress being made nationally to develop perinatal quality collaboratives, reduce disparities, and engage patients and families in their care to improve quality. Poster presentations were provided by each state collaborative to highlight experiences, lessons learned, and successes.

Middlesex Rebrands to Reflect Scope of Care



In an effort to help the community better understand the many programs and services it provides, Middlesex Hospital is introducing a new brand that includes a new name and more modern logo. A more user-friendly website will soon follow. The organization is now collectively known as Middlesex Health.

Middlesex is rebranding because it has become more than just a hospital. It has grown to include many services located outside the walls of Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. It has a network of primary care physicians, three urgent care centers, and five physical medicine and rehabilitation offices — all located throughout Middlesex County. It also offers homecare and assisted living and operates two full-service cancer center locations — one in Middletown and one in Westbrook.

“We care deeply about our patients and the communities we serve, and we’ve evolved and expanded for their benefit,” said Middlesex Health President and CEO Vincent G. Capece Jr. “Over the years, we’ve become a more comprehensive health partner, and our new brand reflects this. It symbolizes our incredible growth.”

Under its new brand name, Middlesex Health will continue to be a strong, independent health system that puts its patients first, and it remains committed to the communities about which it cares so much. It will still provide the same high quality, compassionate care and personalized service that many have come to expect, and it will continue to collaborate with Mayo Clinic as a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. Additionally, Middlesex Health will remain a member of the Value Care Alliance.

CHA CEO Appointed to Board of Directors of the Institute for Diversity and Health Equity



The American Hospital Association has appointed CHA CEO Jennifer Jackson to the Board of Directors of the Institute for Diversity and Health Equity for a term beginning in January 2019.

The Institute for Diversity and Health Equity works closely with health services organizations to advance health equity for all and to expand leadership opportunities for ethnic minorities in health management. Its vision is to empower health organizations to provide equitable care for all persons, and its mission is to advance healthcare equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Ms. Jackson has served as CEO of CHA since 2000. Achieving health equity is a key focus of the Association; CHA is a leader and convener for organizations across the continuum to collaborate to address social determinants of health and reduce disparities that lead to poor clinical outcomes.

CHA To Hold Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update

CHA’s annual Joint Commission Standards and National Patient Safety Goals Update will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019.



The full-day program will feature national safety expert Diana Scott, Senior Accreditation Director at Vizient, who will outline The Joint Commission’s new standards and national patient safety goals for 2019 and challenges from 2018 with strategies for compliance. Ms. Scott will also review CMS focus areas, as well as best practices for a successful survey.



CHA is also pleased to have Mark A. Crafton, MPA, MT (ASCP), Executive Director of State & External Relations at The Joint Commission, join the program. His presentation will include an overview of the changes implemented by the Commission.

Attendees will also receive information on compliance data on challenging accreditation standards in Connecticut hospitals.

[Click here to register.](#)

Education Updates

HIPAA Privacy, Security & Breach Rules: Keeping Current to Remain Compliant

Monday, December 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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This program will cover current HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Rules, with an emphasis on patient access rights, and emerging issues in cyber security, devices and technology issues, social media considerations, and the enforcement and liability risks for HIPAA-covered entities and business associates. Particular attention will be paid to recent case law and enforcement activities by the Office for Civil Rights. The program information includes strategies for maintaining continuous compliance, a discussion of necessary policies and procedures, and practical tips and solutions to address real-life situations. Continuing education credits will be offered for this program.

A3: Learning How to Build a Charter

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Live Webinar, Presented at your Facility

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A LEAN strategy to enhance microsystems is the use of an A3. An A3 is a comprehensive document that is a charter for a project: it summarizes the goals, the measures, and the stakeholders. The webinar will be taught by Dennis Delisle, ScD, author of [Executing Lean Improvements: A Practical Guide with Real-World Healthcare Case Studies](#), published by ASQ Quality Press. Dr. Delisle holds certifications as a Lean Master, Six Sigma Black Belt, and Project Management Professional. He is a trained examiner for the Keystone Alliance for Performance Excellence and co-led Jefferson University's Performance Excellence program, utilizing the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Criteria. The webinar is funded by HRET HIIN.

Transportation: An Essential Support for Health

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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CHA will provide an educational program highlighting transportation in Connecticut. The National Center for Mobility Management will lead participants in the exploration of resources available to Connecticut residents along with current challenges as they relate to transportation and health.