

HillsboroughHATS
Services and Cross-System Relationship-Building Workgroup Conference Call
Wednesday Dec 15th 1pm – 2pm

On the call: Lynn Ringenberg, Joanne Angel, Dan Plasencia, Julie Perez, Janet Hess, Marybeth Palmigiano

Dr. Ringenberg opened the call at 1:15pm. (the call started late after problems with the call in number)

Florida HATS web-based service directory:

- We have 244 entries, but not a lot of adult primary care physicians. There are a limited number who will accept kids from Children’s Medical Service (CMS), although all the ones listed have accepted CMS referrals. Most will only take the kids on a case by case basis.
- Dr. Ringenberg asked about nurse practitioners (ARNP) and encouraged their inclusion. CMS pays ARNP less than physicians and they are taking on more complicated cases. This might be a viable cost effective option.
- Dr. Ringenberg plans to meet with Elizabeth Moore (CMS transition specialist) after the holidays regarding the database.

Ways to Communicate with Peers:

- Janet Hess has an article about FloridaHATS coming out in next issue of *The Florida Pediatrician*.
- Dr. Ringenberg will work with Drs. Reed and Woodard to get a similar article published in the Hillsborough Community Medical Association publication.
- Joanne Angel is distributing the FloridaHATS brochures/inserts to the Peds community.
- How can we communicate with the adult community?
 - Find a venue to talk with the office managers
 - Contact HealthPoint Medical Group regarding distributing materials to their adult clinicians.
 - Conduct Grand Rounds, meetings with medical groups.
 - Determine a “hook” that will incentivize adult practices to take the kids.
 - Care coordination on the adult side is an issue. Janet explained that FQHCs get reimbursed for care coordination. JaxHATS at UF/Shands Hospital, Florida’s model transition program in Jacksonville, is in the process of formalizing a relationship with an FQHC. JaxHATS will technically become an FQHC provider and qualify for their reimbursement package.
 - Look into funding for care coordination, including potential federal grants that support health care “navigators.”
 - Develop a transition template
 - Gather models to build upon – AAP, Elizabeth Moore and Dr. Ringenberg might have one.

Other:

Dr. Plasencia will be holding a conference call on Dec 17th with the Center on Medicare and Medicaid. This is in follow up to a presentation he conducted on transition services. There is a potential to use Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) for kids from counties outside of Hillsborough.

Dr. Ringenberg suggested using Med/Peds services. There are 3 local practices, one at USF and 2 community-based practices (physicians were trained at USF). Dr. Straub regularly transitions patients from her CMS clinic to all 3 practices. This way kids can stay with the same provider as adults.

Action Items:

All – Review the database and make suggested additions. Preferably list clinicians by name not practice.

Julie Perez – Ask Elizabeth Moore if there is a reason that clinicians are listed by practice and not name. If there is no reason then ask if she can go back and list the names.

Janet Hess - Report on meeting with Dr. Straub, Dr. McCormick and Dr. Wood about building the USF transition program and better utilizing Dr. McCormick's Med-Peds clinic. Also, explore grant funding opportunities for care coordination support.

Dan Plasencia – Have staff review the Hillsborough entries and indicate which ones will take kids. Report the information to Marybeth Palmigiano.

Joanne Angel – Ask Elizabeth Moore for transition template.

Dr. Ringenberg - Share transition template with the group, obtain template from AAP. Meet with Elizabeth Moore after the holiday.

Research the literature for statistics on kids who start and stay with Med-Peds.

Marybeth Palmigiano - Contact HealthPoint about disseminating materials and get a contact for an insurer who might be willing to help with distribution in exchange for our Insurance Brochure.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.

Proposed dates for the next phone meeting are:

January 18, 19 or 20th from 4:30pm – 5:30pm or 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Please email me your availability by Dec 22 at mpalmigiano@psr.org

Or indicate on the Doodle <http://www.doodle.com/svr3c4h7x9nv6ua6>