



HillsboroughHATS
Health and Transition Services
Coalition Update - June 2014

Action Plan

- Convened the Steering Committee to review the Action Plan.
- The majority of the objectives were already completed or in process.
- Some were redundant and were collapsed into each other, particularly around physician/ community outreach and education.
- One Objective was eliminated - *Objective 1.3: Determine appropriate mentor/advocate model for transition services in Hillsborough County.* Due to budget cuts this is no longer feasible.

Action Plan

The newly revised plan was presented to the full coalition. The coalition decided that there were 2 objectives that should be focused on.

Both fall under **Strategic Issue 1: What is needed to ensure a successful healthcare transition for Y/YA with complex health and behavioral health needs as they transition from a pediatric to adult system of care?**

Objective 1.1: Identify all potential health care and support service resources related to transition and assets that serve young adults with disabilities or health care needs as a first priority.

Objective 1.3 Encourage pediatricians including those working in hospital settings to adopt health transition policies in their practices.

Service Directory Updates

- Expanded “services description” section
- Added fields
 - *Age range* of population served
 - *Special populations* (e.g., DD)
 - Services provided in which **languages?**
 - Does practice accept **Medicaid?**
- Asked via email for current providers to suggest other programs/resources to be included in the directory

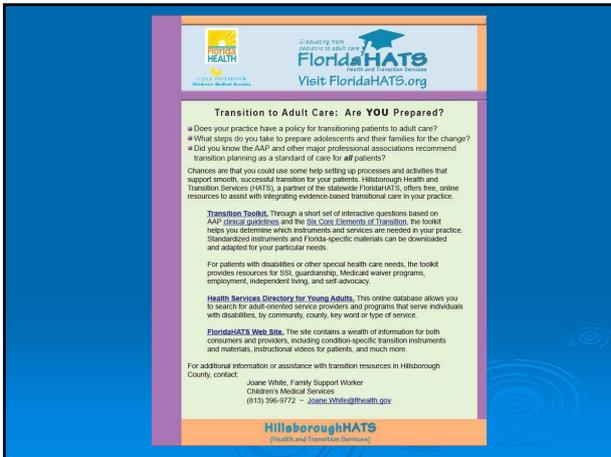
Service Directory Updates

- 280 records in the directory
 - 90 updated
 - 19 deleted (practice closed, retired, deceased)
- New listings:
 - 56 Providers from USF CARD (Center for Autism & Related Disabilities)
 - 10 TGH Family Care Centers
- 40 hours total

Focus on Pediatric Providers

Developed a 1 page flyer to be emailed and mailed to Pediatric Practices

Flyer highlights:
 FloridaHATS website
 Services Directory
 Transition Toolkit
 Joane White/CMS for more information



Focus on Pediatric Providers

- Hillsborough County Pediatric Society
- Health Point Medical Group
- Pediatric Health Care Alliance
- NAPNAP
- Graduate Schools of Nursing:
 University of South Florida
 South University
 University of Tampa

Community Outreach

- Developed HHATS presentation and presented to numerous community and school groups
- CMS distributes the FloridaHATS brochure and HillsboroughHATS postcard to their providers
- Dr. Hess will present to school nurses in August
- Considering sending a representative to the Community Alliance Committee
- Many community organizations are part of the Coalition

Challenges

- Finding a convenient time & location for meetings
- Engaging coalition members (budget cuts, many are taking on more responsibility)
- Getting adult providers to take on Y/YA with complex needs due to low reimbursement rates

Future Plans

We are exploring the idea of forming a group of advocates and providers to meet with local MMA plan administrators to discuss the needs of medically complex patients, and address the plans' responsibility in making sure these patients receive an appropriate level of care.