**DDAWNY Nurses Meeting**

**March 1, 2017**

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
   1. Members introduced to group
2. **Survey**
   1. Discussion about med certs (expired) and med pours. Can look in the MAR to ensure the no one who is on vacation is listed as passing meds during that timeframe.
   2. There was a question surrounding Med certs and recerts. The question was posed by Tanya P. about the regs stating certs must be done annually (and she pointed out that annual and 365 days are not the same thing). She also asked if this was a regulation or a best practice. This led to the initiative of forming a small committee to represent DDAWNY to talk with Susan Prendergast (the Director of Nursing at OPWDD).
   3. Janet B. from Aspire (filling in for Linda Cultrara) mentioned that there are Zone Meetings (at Aspire) on the second Thursday of odd months – the next meeting is March 9th. The full list of meeting dates and details is attached to the minutes.
3. **CPWNY Telehealth**
   1. Due to statutes specific to the DD population citing abuse/neglect if a situation could have led to an unfavorable outcome, all incidents result in an individual being sent to the ER. Of those being sent, 1/3 are not urgent so we are putting together a DSRIP telehealth model to address that 1/3 population. We will be using our CHHA nurses (to avoid OPWDD conflict) and tracking how much is saved by utilizing the program for 1 year.
   2. We are also partnering with a second company to pilot in 3 of our high utilization sites to get equipment placed in the residence to be used in lieu of sending to the ER for the 1/3 population of non-urgent incidents. In this pilot, the staff at the site will call back to an MD to get direction based on the findings from the equipment.
   3. The pilot with CPWNY is scheduled to begin August 1st. and the second pilot will begin within the next couple of months. We will keep everyone posted as to the outcome of the project.
4. **OPWDD Updates**
   1. Linda G. stated that ‘annually’ is interpreted as 365 days and that it is listed on the OPWDD website. She also mentioned that the ½ hour before / after regulation used to be 1 hour before / after and was changed by OPWDD. She will ask Susan Prendergast to look at it. Linda will email Susan (Tanya P./Denise W. to send thoughts to Linda and CC: Bonnie S.). Linda read the rationale for the adjustment to ½ hour before / after per Reg. 633.17.

She also mentioned that 42 CFR 482.23 may give some leeway to argue it. [There is an FAQ from Linda along with two attachments from Tanya (from the CMS manual and ISMP) attached to the minutes.]

* 1. OPWDD concerned about Sepsis. There have been a large number of people admitted with it. Linda stated there is a Power Point training available for Sepsis from the Sepsis Alliance (sepsis.org). They are trying to educate everyone about the consequences associated. [Sepsis presentation attached to the minutes.]
  2. There was talk about bringing someone in to talk at the next meeting. Kidney stones, aspiration were the topics mentioned. Bonnie may know someone who could come and talk to the group (the group preferred in person vs. a webinar).
  3. Linda mentioned there is a group downstate that is involved with making revisions and she is part of the group (Susan P. is in charge of it). Bonnie will reach out to Susan to see if she would like additional help with review.

1. **HRST (Lunch Sponsor)**
   1. Tanya P. talked about why People Inc. looked to HRST for assistance with their need for a system that would help with allocation of resources. The HRST system will help with assess all aspects of patient care and assist with better treatment options.
   2. Hilary R. from HRST gave a demo of their product and answered questions from the group.
   3. There was some discussion around the Nursing Pay Survey. [There is an attachment to the minutes addressing this.]
2. **DSRIP**
   1. Andrea Wanat from Millennium Collaborative Care gave a presentation regarding DRSIP and Behavioral Health. [There is a Power Point attached to the minutes.]