

Solutions and Discharge Subgroup

July 23, 2024 | 9:00-9:30am

Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jonathan Bankoff, Matt Barrett, Barbara Cass, Charles Dike, Dock Fox, Daniel Freess, Beth Liebhardt, Mairead Painter, Anumeha Singh

Others: Melia Allan

Introduction

- Beth Liebhardt called the meeting to order at 9:03am

Solutions and Discharge Discussion

- Jonathan Bankoff shared that a subgroup of this group met with Chris Moore to discuss a bulletized list of action items, and that they have
- Dr. Bankoff spoke with OEMS and Greg Allard about Mobile Integrated Health, and he heard that OEMS is hoping to get it moving forward again
- Barbara brought up a challenge she was hearing about, which is patients who have an MRO who may need a SNF level of care
 - Daniel Freess and Anumeha Singh indicated that although this is an issue, they do not see it that frequently, compared to other issues facing hospitals
- Mairead Painter added that with regards to conservatorships, one thing that they are finding is that they are limited in scope in Connecticut – conservators cannot always make the decision with discharge planning. The Office of the Longterm Care Ombudsman should be working with hospitals, hospitals cannot make agreements with nursing homes because this is not allowed under resident's rights.
 - If a nursing home denies a patient for a condition or a reason that the hospital clears, the home can no longer deny the patient for that reason. If they still want to deny the patient, the home either has to ask for a consultative process or they must file in the LTC Ombudsman's portal, at which point the person has the right to appeal, and the state can work with that person on the appeal. And by law, pending appeal, the patient may return to their nursing home.
 - Involuntary transfer/discharge portal: <https://portal.ct.gov/ltpop/ltpop-discharge-portal>
 - Relevant statute from the discussion: https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_368v.htm#sec_19a-535
 - Sec. 19a-537. Definitions. Nursing home responsibilities re reservation of beds. Reimbursement. Readmission.
- Dr. Bankoff found the patients rights portion educational, and believes it is important to educate ED staff on what their options are.

- Charles Dike offered to work with Dr. Singh on Conservatorship, as it relates closely to his work at DHMAS

Report

- Beth Liebhardt highlighted that Chris Moore was hoping for each area to have a write-up, to contribute to the working group's report, she is hoping that Chris can attend the next group meeting to clarify more about this

Wrap Up/Next Steps

- The group plans to meet again in a month to touch base, the four leads of the group will meet before then to guide discussion and next steps
- The meeting adjourned at 9:27am