

The Bangor Beacon Community (BBC), comprised of 12 Partners and led by EMHS, is working to improve the health of chronically ill people in the Bangor region through sustainable care coordination that is facilitated by health information technology (HIT). More than a dozen additional statewide collaborators are working to ensure that the improved outcomes brought about through BBC learning and health information exchange, are extended throughout the State of Maine. The BBC is supported through a three year, \$12.75 million grant from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for HIT.

Collaborative Highlights

Upcoming Meetings:

January 11 – CEO Meeting

January 19 – Care Manager Forum

January 21 – Statewide Advisory Committee – topics for discussion include Sustainability and Community Engagement and Outreach

Patient-Centered Strategy

Enrollment – As of January 3, a total of 136 patients have enrolled in the Bangor Beacon Community. Nine of the patients are part of the control group.

Media – WLBZ2 featured George Crouse, a patient at EMMC's Brewer Family Medicine with his care manager, Sue Rideout, RN. The feature story of an upcoming WEEKLY in the Bangor Daily News will highlight a patient at Penobscot Community Health Care's Brewer office. Cumulus Radio is also running a story about the program.

Program Updates

Site Initiation – St. Joseph Healthcare Internal Medicine will go online soon with a new electronic medical record. They are in the process of hiring a care manager. Acadia Hospital and Community Health and Counseling has held initial meetings with the evaluation team and has a draft care report form and data collection database to collect information. The next step is for the Clinical Leadership Group to review materials.

Home Health – The Home Healthcare teams are progressing on data collection and developed a method to screen and enroll patients.

SharePoint - we are making final changes to our collaborative website and will be providing user names and passwords shortly. We value your contributions and encourage you to participate in making this a flexible and informative workspace for the Bangor Beacon activities.

Grant Management

Debra Carpenter-Zeman recently joined the Bangor Beacon Community as Project Manager and will assist organizational and project management activities. Julie Adams is our new Administrative Assistant and supports the administrative team. Thanks to the responsiveness of our 11 partners, we continue to meet ONC deadlines and actively participate on ONC conference calls.

Challenges/Opportunities

The Health Information Technology and Meaningful Use committee and HIN working group are forming in January. Cathy Bruno is co-chair of the Leadership and Governance Community of Practice for ONC. Mac Hilton and Andrea Littlefield are chairing the Project Management and Communications Affinity Groups, respectively for ONC.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm!

Feedback

We value your input, please let us know if we can improve these updates and as always you can find us on-line at:

www.bangorbeaconcommunity.org

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Bangor-Beacon-Community/132153326834441>

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