



Psychiatric Medical Care Units: Outcomes and Economic Benefits

Webinar T2737

Tuesday, February 28, 2012
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. (CST)

Overview

Mental illness affects one in four adults in a given year and is the leading cause of disability in the United States with premature mortality which is found to occur on average 25 years earlier than their peers who do not have mental illness. Multiple studies report barriers to medical care for people with serious mental illness with co-morbid medical conditions. Fifty percent of patients affected by mental illness are diagnosed with a known medical disorder. These staggering facts raise multiple challenges to delivery of inpatient services to the mentally ill population both with treatment options and costs. The focus of this webinar is to share the key success factors of the 20-bed Psychiatric Medical Care Unit (PMCU) at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Learn effective approaches for managing care for this population that are quality-focused and cost effective.

Target Audience

CEO, COO, CNO, CMO, leadership and staff on psychiatric units and on medical-surgical units who care for psychiatric patients, Joint Commission coordinators, safety officers and staff, performance improvement staff, and risk managers

Program Topics

- Treatment approaches using a recovery-resilience model of care
- Effective ways to engage interdisciplinary teams
- Staffing
- Patient safety - use of evidence-based assessment tools
- Working towards restraint-free environment
- Cross training staff on safety lowered restraint use across the entire hospital
- Treatment approaches for people with co-occurring substance abuse and homeless
- Positive working relationships with medical colleagues and the flexibility in transferring patients between units
- The benefits PMCU provides in the management of psychiatric behavior associated with co-occurring medical conditions along with psychiatric conditions, such as diabetes, HIV, pregnancies and patients on dialysis
- Economic viability of psych med units

Faculty

Carol Boylan, MSS, LSW has served as the Director of the Psychiatric Medical Care Unit at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia since 2004. For over 15 years, she has worked in the mental health field with a focus on trauma and serious mentally illness (SMI) populations. Ms. Boylan's research work has been on the impact of trauma on the SMI population; this was presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

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