

**Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs  
Home & Community Care Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**November 23, 2010**

**Attendance:**

**Mary Ladd; DEA, Cathy Cranston; RIPHC, Paula Dunne; West Bay CAP, Carol Rosol; Diocese of Providence, Lynne Chase; Quality Partners of RI, Paula Parker; DEA**

**The meeting began at 9:25 AM. The minutes from the previous month's meeting (10/26/10) were reviewed and accepted.**

**Presentation on the Safe Transitions Initiatives:**

**Presenter: Lynne Chase / Program Administrator / Quality Partners of Rhode Island.**

**Packets of information were handed out to attendees titled Safe Transitions Project. This project is a 3-year pilot program with the goal of increasing patient self-management. This project has a Medicare focus and is looking at the numbers of patients that are re-hospitalized soon after a hospital discharge. It is realized that 25% of patients return to the hospital within 5 to 7 days. The average age of these patients is 85 to 88 years of age. The Safe Transitions Project hopes to decrease this percentage by training and providing Coaches (5 in total) to meet with patients in hospitals and soon after their return home. The Safe Transitions Project is working with**

**various groups that include: Hospitals, Home Health Agencies, Nursing Homes and Physicians. Preliminary data does indicate a decrease in re-hospitalizations.**

## **DEA Updates:**

### **1. Quarterly Expenditure and Utilization Report**

**This report was handed out to attendees by Paula Parker. Increases are noted in all programs, especially the Waiver Program. RIHMFC Waiver data is not included in the report. Paula Parker is working with HP in efforts to obtain better data.**

### **2. Case Management**

**Effective 1/1/2011, Tri-Town will be taking over Providence case management. MOW's has decided not to provide case managements services any longer. The RFP will be worked on in the upcoming year (case management certifications) with the goal being implementation in 2012.**

### **3. Home Care Providers**

**DEA has sent out a memo to Home Care Providers regarding billing issues. The memo serves to foster consistency for home care providers when dealing with client billing issues. Cathy Cranston of RIPHC will plan on meeting with the Case Management Supervisors at an upcoming DEA / CM Supervisor's Meeting.**

**New Business:**

**Suggestion was made to move the Advisory Board meetings back to DEA/Hazard Building. It was also suggested that the current Advisory Board members be contacted in order to determine if they are still interested in serving on the Board.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday January 25, 2011 @ 9:00 AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Ladd**

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