

VPCH Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – July 31, 2017

Attending: Karen Barber (DMH), Scott Perry (VPCH), Heidi Gee (VPCH), Dr. Richards (VPCH), Cathy Rickerby, Eva Belatski, Michael Sabourin, Anne Donahue

CEO Update – Karen Barber

Director of Nursing: offer out, verbal acceptance, waiting on HR for final approval. Someone from Conn. who used to work at VSH as a MHS.

CEO: flying in a final candidate later this month.

DMH holding 133 meetings, had two last week and one more scheduled for August 17th.

VOSHA: had first informal conference, filed formal contest

VPCH staying full

Qs:

VOSHA – nothing formally documented yet, just e-mailed notice of contest.

Grievances – suggestion we add categories to dashboard re: patient and employee grievances, discuss employee grievance procedures and union involvement.

Seclusion and Restraint – looking forward to receiving dashboard data again on a monthly basis

New CEO and DON: make sure they support Six Core Strategies; will Advisory have a chance to meet them

UVMMC Study: will VPCH/other hospitals do similar studies? Impacts on system as whole

Family visitation: is it encouraged? Both Dr. Richards and Scott Perry spoke about how it is and what that looks like.

MD Report – Alisson Richards

Staying full; had a period without many EIPs but that has increased a bit, higher acuity, one on 2:1 and one on 1:1 – increases staffing needs

Discuss how family involvement is encouraged, discussed ways in which patient preference could limit it.

Nursing Report – Scott Perry

Jeremy Smith starts today; will go back to Director of Quality when new DON comes on board; fully staffed but do still rely on travel nurses

Operations Report – Heidi Gee

Work on ground where settled to level off sidewalks; start work on removing mushrooms; garden and sunflowers growing well

Q's:

Flint Springs Report and how that is done

RRMC handout: can we do something similar?

DRVT expressed concerns about CONs and seclusion and restraint and emergency meds; want to have quarterly meetings again – told to schedule them

Availability of social workers and psychiatrists discussed

Baths used? Not much

Fountain used? No, legionnaires disease concerns

Next Advisory Committee Meeting: August 28th, 2017