Connecticut Launches Statewide Healthcare Workforce "Demand" Survey
Home Health and Hospice Providers are Requested to Complete Online Questionnaire in April

Connecticut Home Health and Hospice Agencies, Acute Care Hospitals, Long-Term Care Facilities, Assisted Living Properties, Primary Care Settings and other providers are all experiencing healthcare and nursing workforce challenges. To address this crisis, The Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN) is spearheading a statewide data collection initiative in partnership with the provider Associations to identify current job-specific workforce issues including:

- Healthcare Recruiting Hurdles
- Workforce Skill Gaps
- Retention Challenges

A Survey invitation was distributed by email this week to all Association member main contacts with a request to participate. The online Survey Tool will take you 10-15 minutes to complete. Survey data from all respondents will be aggregated, categorized by state, region and facility type. The results report will be shared with all survey participant companies as well as State-level health policymakers for CT workforce planning purposes.

The preliminary data will be presented on July 9, 2019 as part of CLN’s Statewide Healthcare & Nursing Workforce Summit at the Aqua Turf Club. An "Executive Summary Report" will be provided to survey participants and event attendees at NO CHARGE. (Non-participants will be charge $129.00.)

Please contact Marcia Proto at the CLN with questions at 203-494-1121 or marcia@ctleaguefornursing.org.
New Study: Collaborating on HCBS Workforce Challenges in MLTSS Programs

The growing use of home and community based services-in lieu of institutional services has increased demand for direct care workers.

Direct care workforce challenges are a major issue today; demographic changes on the horizon are poised to exacerbate this problem. Developing an adequate workforce is difficult for all states, but states with managed long term services and supports programs have an additional tool with which to address this challenge. This new report examines the pressures on the direct care workforce and how states and their managed care plans are developing and/or implementing workforce development strategies.

The report reviews challenges and promising practices in three domains:

- Network adequacy
- Rates and Reimbursement
- Quality

Read the Report Here

RVNA's Keri Linardi to Present at NHPCO Conference

RVNA Chief Clinical Officer, Keri Linardi, RN, BSN, PHN, CHPCA, will be presenting at the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) 2019 Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC in mid-April.

Linardi's presentation, "Creating a Culture of Excellence while Developing High-Functioning Leaders," will offer strategies and guidance to developing strong, impactful and high-performing leaders and teams within an organization.

As Chief Clinical Officer, Linardi oversees RVNA's recently-introduced Hospice services in addition to In-Home Health Care, Rehabilitation, and Community Health and Wellness. Prior to joining RVNA, Linardi served as vice president of Hospice at VNA Health Group in New Jersey. Linardi supported RVNA's Hospice accreditation process as an expert consultant.

Lewis Bower Appointed to Statewide Health Information Technology Council

Lewis Bower, President of Keep Me Home, has been appointed by Joe Aresimowicz, Speaker of the CT House of Representatives, to serve as the home care provider representative on the Statewide Health Information Technology Council. The Council meets throughout the year at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford and Bower will provide input on the impact state healthcare data exchange will have on home health providers.
Register Now: May 9 Annual Statewide Hospice & Palliative Summit

"Moving the Bar: Addressing the Challenges to Early Access of Palliative and Hospice Care in CT"

Suzana Makowski

All providers from across the healthcare continuum are invited to the Association's statewide annual summit featuring morning keynoter Dr. Suzana Makowski, Chief of Palliative Care at Exeter Hospital and Voluntary Associate Professor of Medicine at UMass Medical School.

Registration is open and the agenda is online for the May 9 full-day Statewide Hospice & Palliative Summit at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Cost is $150 per person including breakfast and lunch. Use registration discount code SUMMIT2019 for $150 member pricing.

In addition, nominations are being accepted for The Florence Wald Award for Excellence in End-of-Life Care which will be presented to an individual or agency on May 9 at the Summit.
Print the Award nomination form here - Deadline to submit is April 5
Print the May 9 Summit Registration Brochure here
Register online here

Contact Doreen Napoli napoli@cthealthcareathome.org 203-774-4941 with questions or assistance with registration.

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