

Ready, Set, Action!

Imbedding Interprofessional Collaboration into Academia and Practice Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Program

The live interactive program highlighted best practices in interprofessional collaboration across Western Massachusetts. It allows professionals from multiple disciplines to discuss interprofessional competencies and ways to best foster and support interprofessional practice in the workforce.

Objectives

- Provide best practice examples of current practices
- Describe ways to develop, lead and sustain interprofessional collaboration
- Investigate opportunities for future interprofessional activities with potential practice and academic partners

Presentations

- **Diabetes Management, VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System and Western New England University:** Diabetes Management Team at VACWM composed of Endocrinologist, Nurses, Dietitian, Pharmacist, and Psychologist was organized to improve patient care for the targeted population. The team meets regularly and to update protocols, investigate research, and implement quality improvement initiatives. The creation of this interprofessional team and a new referral processes better meets veteran's individual needs, increases access, and provides excellence in team-based care.
- **Preventing Suicide in the Behavioral Health Setting, Baystate Noble Hospital:** Interdisciplinary project to provide education, raise awareness and improve clinical and environmental measures to prevent suicide. Team members included nurses, social workers, physicians, senior leaders.
- **Interprofessional Rounding in the Acute Care Setting, Mercy Medical Center:** Interprofessional initiative to improve quality patient outcomes, decrease length of stay, and improve patient and colleague engagement. Education and implementation of daily unit rounding process that occurs on every inpatient unit every day to review patient goals and discharge plans. Team members include providers, nurses, care managers, social workers, pharmacists, respiratory and physical therapists and students.
- **Poverty Simulation, Bay Path University, Western New England University, Westfield State University and Elms College:** Interprofessional interactive and enlightening activity involving 80 participants from a variety of institutions and disciplines places individuals into "families" where they are faced with the real life issues and obstacles that those living in poverty are confronted with.

Group Activity

- **Facilitating Collaboration amongst Interprofessional Partners, A** collaborative "speed dating activity" that fostered communication amongst participants to share ideas and discuss potential opportunities to promote interprofessional collaboration in academic practice settings.

Participating Institutions

- American International College
- Bay Path University
- Baystate Medical Center
- Baystate Noble Hospital
- Elms College
- Greenfield Community College
- Holyoke Community College
- National Association of Hispanic Nurses – Western Massachusetts Chapter
- Springfield College
- Springfield Technical Community College
- Mercy Medical Center
- Western New England University
- Westfield State University

