

FALLS COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

Date: January 20, 2015

Attendance: Sally Adams; Kathryn Beardshaw; Lynn Belcher; Nalleli Burciaga; Linda Deal; Mary Finayev; Kerrie Iannuccilli; Joe Love; Steve McMillan; Joyce Pierron; Judy Ricci; Corine Rice; Mary Toma; Trang Truong; Janet Wright; Carla Zeluff; Franciene Zimmer

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from December 16, 2014 meeting were presented for review and approval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joyce moved to approve the minutes. Corine seconded the motion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Report 	<p>Carla reported on the December Fall Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carla provided a summary of 2014 falls. (Report attached) No patient fall required intervention. No injuries. One employee fall in December. Eighteen (18) patient falls were reported in December. December fall rate was 1.59%. YTD – 1.93%. Both below the Corporate benchmark of 2.39. To date 266 falls: down from 346 last year. Average falls were 22 per month. Eight (8) patients over 70; YTD 184 falls were patients over age 60, 101 were toileting related. There were 12 injuries in 2014; a 50% reduction of falls with injuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All will continue to make efforts to reduce the fall number in their area of responsibility. Going forward falls will be categorized as preventable / non-preventable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor fall rate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falls Prevention Campaign Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy will provide a patient fall prevention presentation every Tuesday at 11:00am. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the next Safety Fair a poster could demonstrate the elements in each score level and what fall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit progress at February meeting.

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		precautions need to be implemented at each score level. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue plan for next Safety Fair. • All new employees are encouraged to attend. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code Yellow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall debriefing sheet needs: place for patient name, medical record number, age of patient, or a patient sticker. The form needs revision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corine will complete debriefing tool. It will be available in FOD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judy distributed competency sheet related to falls education Agency and Orientees. (Sheet attached) • Attendees agree that falls education should be 100% and orientees should attend the falls education program as part of on-boarding and as soon as possible. • Judy will hold falls education meetings every Tuesday at 11:00am. • March 4th – 8th National Patient Safety Day • Judy shared the “Fall Prevention Education Packet”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New employees will attend meetings provided by Judy. • Booth at Skills Day? When will it be scheduled? Plan? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed. • Alicia
MISCELLANEOUS:			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNO Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynn will hold monthly meetings with personnel involved in a fall event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First meeting scheduled for February 4th at 8:00am in room 1B. • Staff RN and CNA who were assigned to the patient that fell on their shift will be invited to attend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review at February meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of Prevention Aids on Units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aids include break away belts, bed alarms, extra-large socks, gowns, etc. Joe said individual packets of socks are available. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All will check to see they have equipment needed and know where it is. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review at February meeting.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was suggested that all the safety items be kept together. Discussion of Battery change on the Parasol Unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe to bring information to next meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Love
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trang distributed a list of medications that when given may place patients at higher risk of fall. (Listing attached) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All units need to place the listing for convenient use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Education in LMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy will ask Alicia about Fall Education being mandatory and placed in LMS. Judy will also request Alicia to incorporate Fall Education into the agenda of the one day Summerlin Orientation. Judy reviewed the 2014 goals of the Fall Committee. A goal in 2015 will be to have no “preventable” falls and reduction of falls with injury. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy to follow-up with Alicia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review at February meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall reduction Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy reviewed the Fall Reduction Plan with attendees. Judy, Corine, and Mary are the team working on this plan to reduce falls. Lynn requested that a focus be on the reduction of falls in patients 60 – 90 since most falls happen in that patient population. It is a great opportunity to see a reduction of falls. If falls can be reduced by 20%, that would mean a decrease of 52 falls. Success can be measured by rate and actual numbers. Green would be 13; Yellow 14; and Red 15. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on reduction of falls in 60 – 90 population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review at February Meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Score Versus Actual 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerrie pointed out that the risk score for falling can be much higher than what is actually expected in the progress of the patient. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realize the risk score may not be accurate in demonstrating the true patient risk of falling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falling Star Signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy said that 300 signs are on order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute signs to units when they arrive. It was suggested to put the Risk Score on the sign on the patient's door. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attachments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2014 Summary of Patient Falls Competency Form Medication List Fall Reduction Plan 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be February 17, 2015 at 2:00pm Conference Room 1B. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting February 17, 2015.