

FALLS COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Date: June 16, 2015

Attendance: Pam Adzima; Stephanie Aceto; Sharon Greenwood; Joyce Pierron; Karla Poncegil; Judy Ricci; Trang Truong; Carla Zeluff; Franciene Zimmer; Beth Kehrli; Alex Harrison

Topic	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from May 19th were reviewed. • Judy thanked housekeeping for keeping floors clean and using cones and cleanup stations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by Joyce, seconded by Sally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steady decline; fall rate for May 1.9, still well below UHS benchmark (2.39) • 25 Patient falls for May • 1 visitor fall-seen in ER, admitted but not related to fall • Discussion why falls are still occurring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Procedure variance; Interventions not in place ○ Communication and handoff incomplete ○ All age groups this past month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to make efforts to avoid falls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls Prevention Campaign Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of August 25th for skills/safety fair. • Theme ‘Back to School in the <i>Fall</i>’ • All Quality groups will be presenting. • Steve McMillan is requesting ad hoc group for Falls Committee to present/man stations. • Volunteers or Steve will assign volunteers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep updated at next meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Plan 	<p>a. Competency: Not in LMS at this time. The actual competency (in packet) is to be used by preceptors for their new staff to review and sign.</p> <p>b. Weekly Fall Prevention Class:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to update.

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	<p>Continues each Tuesday at 11:00am. Competency will be completed during this class. Additional volunteers to help present when Judy Ricci is not available.</p> <p>c. Hospital Orientation: Judy Ricci will discuss with Alicia Dittenhoefer, HR to add to monthly hospital orientation.</p> <p>d. CNO Meetings/Debriefings: There was NO Meeting June 1st Next meeting July 1st for falls in April-May-June</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Intervention Sheets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to laminate additional Fall Risk sheets to place outside patient rooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geri in Administration has laminated sheets 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Risk Fall Pack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Love agreed to supply socks and yellow wrist bands separately to reduce waste of other items that are not used or when only needing one item. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication of High Fall Risk Patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lengthy discussion and ideas presented by attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall information presented to Bedboard (?) Handoff and Huddles Place Fall Risk Score on Laminated sign outside of patient room Transition report and charge-to-charge report Education of ancillary personnel (especially Dietary when they start passing meal trays on the nursing divisions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed must continue to improve communication at handoff, charge-to-charge report; Rounding to include checking fall alarms on wall in all patient rooms; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to follow up.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group agreed that attendance at the Fall Meetings should include Therapy Services, Radiology, Dietary, Transport and Volunteers. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send notice for attendance.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miscellaneous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Love spoke about EOC recommending / trialing item (Beta Clasp) to keep cables, lines, etc. off floor in patient rooms. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be July 21, 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send a representative if unable to attend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 21, 2015