

# Setting the Standard for Professional Behavior

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#### <u>CHP – A Brief Overview</u>

•Catholic Healthcare Partners is the largest health system in Ohio and one of the largest nonprofit health systems in the U.S. •Nearly 37,000 associates in more than 100 organizations, including 34 hospitals that serve the Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and contiguous states.



### **CHP – Mission and Values**

•Catholic Healthcare Partners extends the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the health of our communities with emphasis on people who are poor and underserved. •Our Six Core Values: Compassion, Excellence, Human Dignity, Justice, Sacredness of Life and Service.



## **CHP's "Burning Platform" (Fall 2006)**

Perinatal Safety Assessment and Findings
Safety Practices in OR
Risk and Legal Experience
Medical Leadership Council
Chief Nurse Executives



#### **CHP's First Step**

- Executive Management Team
  - Operate the Ministry
- **·Board Support**
- •Task Force:
  - Legal
  - Chief Medical Officer
  - Physician Services
  - Corporate Responsibility
  - Facility CEO
  - Facility CNE
  - Patient Safety
  - Mission



#### **Task Force Mandate**

•To develop a system-wide understanding of what constitutes disruptive and unprofessional behavior and its impact on patient care.

•To clarify expectations of professional behavior in CHP facilities in the light of our Mission and Values.

•To promote behavioral improvement, including clarifying the disciplinary consequences of disruptive behavior.

**•To develop appropriate measurements and monitoring processes.** 



#### **Task Force Recommendations**

Build awareness and alignment with key constituents.

•Develop educational materials including a video to be viewed by all medical staff and employees.

•Incorporate expectations and monitoring into credentialing and performance appraisal process.



#### Action Steps and Timeline – Early 2007

Research and literature review.

•Provide to Task Force and develop work plan and talking points.

Presentation to Executive Management Team.

•Joint meeting with Chief Medical Officers and Nurse Executives facilitated by Dr. Rosenstein and Michelle O'Daniel

•Governance Retreat education and training session with Dr. Gerald Hickson.



#### Action Steps and Timeline – Mid 2007

•Site teams attend Vanderbilt - "The Why and How of Dealing with 'Special Colleagues: Discouraging Disruptive Behavior" presented by Drs. Hickson and Pichert.

•Presentation by early adopters at the Executive Management Team.

Development of motivational/instructional video and tool kit.



#### Action Steps and Timeline – Late 2007

•Video release at the Annual Management Conference in conjunction with David Marx's presentation on "Creating a Just and Healing Environment in Healthcare."

•Distribution of high quality Tool Kits to over 500 managers.

•Training of Hospital CEOs, CMOs and CNEs by Drs. Hickson and Pichert.

•Action Plans due by year end:

- Regional/Divisional CEO Accountability



### **CHP's "Setting the Standard" Tool Kit**

Setting the Stage for Professional Behavior Communications:

Mission, Values, Ethical & Religious Directives
Patient Safety and Associate Morale

References and Resources

Code of Conduct – Personal Commitment
Definition of Disruptive Behavior
Survey Templates
TeamSTEPPS Pocket Guide
Crucial Conversations
CEO Call to Action



#### <u>2008</u>

#### **System Objective (CEO):**

•Each Facility will complete a Professional Behavior Survey using the "Rosenstein/Institute for Safe Medication Practices Template" by end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

•Action plans will be revised based upon survey findings by end of 3rd quarter.



#### **Survey Results**

•1608/36% staff reported personally witnessing or experiencing disruptive behavior that compromised safety/quality in the last year (4462 responses).

•1973/44% staff believe that their organization deals effectively with intimidating behavior(4462 responses).

•122/20% physicians reported personally witnessing or experiencing disruptive behavior (601 responses).

•239/47% physicians indicated that the organization deals effectively with intimidating behavior (506 responses).



# Next Steps

# •Incorporate survey findings and Sentinel Event Alert 40 into action plans

- Surveillance electronic event reporting
- Resurvey
- **•NEVER LET UP**



#### **Best Practices & Lessons Learned**

- Leadership engagement and oversight critical.
- Equip leaders and staff with tools to handle disruptive behavior and conflict.
- Incremental and flexible approach is more likely to succeed.
- Relationship to mission/vision/values and patient safety resonates with staff and leaders.
- Culture change takes time, planning and commitment at all levels.



