

Omaha System Users Group

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1. Omaha System Users Groups are becoming more common. Would we like to partner with others groups in any way? Perhaps we could host an all-Omaha System Users Group meeting at the Omaha System conference in 2009?

2. We are interested in the Central MN Omaha System Users Group dental varnish pathway and KBS rating guides – we will ask if they would like to post on phiddleheads.org

3. All of our agencies and programs are invited to post pathways and KBS rating guides on phiddleheads.org. Submit to amy@phiddleheads.org in electronic form by January 15, 2008

4. Updates:

a. CareFacts: New release for public health hopefully in January, user conference on November 8, 2007. For more information, please contact jackiez@carefacts.com

b. St. Louis Co: Developed a new CF team in January - priority to develop a user guide documentation procedures - St. Louis Co short cut version - very helpful to review - quality improvement project. Ready for distribution! Redoing pathways into build-able pathways. In the adult health world, Social Services wanted to look at CF. Julie presented Omaha System and software. Senior manager wondered if the adult health model should look at health outcomes.

c. Dakota County Seniors: Using the Omaha System in low income senior centers. Heart health, resource use. Mobility and pain are more often actual problems than heart disease. The portrait of the population came from using the Omaha System. What to do with that information? Sit to stand and balance exercises for everyone. What to do with vital signs information? SPSS users group. Status ratings based on blood pressure was useful.

d. Dakota County Family Health: Interrater reliability - large group exercise with four small groups. Behavior is hard to rate on a first visit. Regular IRR discussion at meetings. Audits are done electronically quarterly. Procedure manual review this fall. Oral health pathway - issues around oral health. Children's dental services housed in Dakota County. Serving kids and pregnant women. How to use Home Safety Checks within Residence problem. As a result of the IRR efforts, changed admission notes to help PHNs rate more accurately.

e. Amy Lytton: now self-employed consultant and Web site developer!

f. Cathy Gagné: New CareFacts clinical coordinator for Ramsey Co. Updating practice standards. What is minimum practice? Updating pathways that go with that! Big project. Looking at the research - do we have the appropriate interventions? What do you actually put in an intervention? Thinking about asthma and hypertension for MCH population.

g. Scott County: Organizing Omaha System users group within Scott County (DP&C and MCH primarily) developing pathways for community interventions, emergency preparedness interventions. Establish outcomes of her work. Noreen has done a lot of work with DP&C team and data. Pathways for outcomes with Juvenile Alternatives programs - assessments and classes. Getting buy-in from several groups. There is a lot of community level thinking going on – with many new community pathways to document community outcomes.

h. Washington County Family Health Nursing Team: Jill is new program manager. New Omaha System experts: Emily Robb and Emily Drager - will update the procedure manual after the new CF version. Recently did an Omaha System update for DP&C team and Healthy Communities team to help differentiate between the Omaha System and the software. The Community Health Informatics Group has been helpful to support each other across teams. One of the challenges is the individual clinical model and trying to adapt that language to community clients. (Client visit = coalition meeting!) Informatics gives us ability to look at outcomes and activity. New nurse orientation is going well using procedure manuals. Plan to work on new pathways for the Metro Alliance for Healthy Families home visiting program.

i. Washington County Healthy Communities team: Started using CF and the Omaha System January 1. Charting on coalitions, last name coalition, first name (group). Two pathways - one for all coalitions and one to add specific problem. "Charting" is nurse oriented. Others calling it charting/documentation. It's going well! Some people are charting more than others - program manager now has reports to monitor.

j. CHAMP Software: Have been addressing new Medicare regulations, and working on new web-based software.

k. Karen Monsen: now assistant professor at University of Minnesota School of Nursing, working on new avenues for Omaha System data analysis to assist local agencies.

5. 2008 Meetings

We will plan four meetings for 2008 – will set the dates and topics at our next meeting.

Beth suggested a focus on data use - what should we be doing? Data institute? Data management? What are our outcomes? How to clean the data? What are the emerging trends? Collaborate with SPSS User Group?

6. Next meeting November 26, 2007; 1-3 PM, Location TBD.

Agenda:

Nursing Students and the Omaha System; possible collaboration with the Henry Street Consortium.

Presentation on sharing data across counties: our findings, and what next?

Local updates

Set meeting dates and suggest agenda items for 2008