First Rehabilitation Meeting

Attendees at the first meeting of the Rehab Division of the Healthcare Council chaired by John Baker

Back row: Matt Tovornik, Suburban Hospital; Lauren Hild, Holy Cross Hospital; Rob Grange, Adventist Rehab of Maryland; Ann Metesi, Hebrew Home of Greater Washington; Katy Robinson, MedStar Montgomery Medical Center; Sue Paul, Baker Rehab Group; Luann Hollenberger, Northwest Hospital; Liz Newman, MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital; Perique Wimes, Fort Washington Medical Center; Karl Kalbacher, The Ferguson Group

Front row: John Baker, Baker Rehab Group; Elizabeth Kotroba, Adventist Rehab; Dianne McCarthy, Sibley Memorial Hospital; Pat Brown, MedStar National Rehabilitation Hospital; Linda Maynard, George Washington University Hospital; Tamerill Faison, Riderwood Village; Jennifer Swenson, Virginia Hospital Center; Vanessa Morgan-Smith, Children’s National Medical Center and Komal Jobe, Jobe Consulting Group.

The Rehabilitation Division meeting chaired by John Baker took place on May 15, 2014. The guest speaker, Malcolm Munro presented an outstanding talk called “How to Diagnose Your Leadership Team to Maximize Performance.” Malcom is President and CEO of Total Career Mastery, LLC. He works with organizations in the U.S. and abroad, assisting them in developing effective business, management, and people processes and solutions. The meeting proved to be excellent with high attendance and great comaraderie among those who were present. We would like to thank John Baker, Malcom Munro and the attendees for making this first meeting such a success. We are looking forward to seeing you all again for the next Rehabilitation meeting scheduled for September 24, 2014.
SAVE THE DATES!

DIVISIONAL MEETINGS:

IT Divisional Meeting:
October 22, 2014. CONTACT: Nathan Read, IT Division Chair, 202-715-4299, Nathan.Read@gwu-hospital.com

Volunteer Divisional Meeting
The Volunteer Group schedules meetings every other month throughout the year. CONTACT: Pam Fogan, Volunteer Services Division Chair, 301-896-3093, pfogan1@jhmi.edu

Rehab Divisional Meeting:
September 24, 2014. CONTACT: John Baker, Rehab Division Chair, 301-662-1997, john.baker@bakerrehab.com

HR Divisional Meeting:
June 25, 2014. CONTACT: Dennis Parnell, HR Division 240-750-4927, DennisLparnell@gmail.com

Quality Divisional Meeting
The Board meets regularly throughout the year. Meetings are held periodically. CONTACT: Constance Yancy, DCAHQ President, 202-721-7163, cyancy@hscsn.org

COO Executive Forum Meeting
June 10, 2014 & October 7, 2014 all held from 12 Noon to 2:00 PM with locations to be announced. CONTACT: Kevin J. Mell, COO Ex. Forum Chair, 301-774-8773, kevin.mell@medstar.net

CFO Executive Forum Meetings/Round Table
The CFO group meets monthly with date, time and location announced one and half to two weeks in advance. CONTACT: Camille Bash, CFO Ex. Forum Chair, 301-552-8028, cbash@dchweb.org

SAVE THE DATE

The Healthcare Council welcomes John Baker as the first chair of the newly formed Rehab Divisional Group. Dr. John Baker, CEO of Baker Rehab Group, a physical therapist for over 20 years and founder of Home Care Rehab and Nursing, now Baker Rehab Group, is the perfect person to chair this new group. John is no stranger to the rehab business in the region and is serving as the chair of the Maryland Physical Therapy Board of Examiners. Not only is he an entrepreneur but an innovator in exploring new and better ways to deliver therapy services. Les Pitton, President & CEO of the Council says, “I am thrilled to have someone of John’s expertise to work with the Council in bringing this vital group of healthcare providers together.” The first meeting of this group was held at Holy Cross Hospital on May 15 with over 20 therapist and therapy leaders in attendance. The plan is for the group to meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014. Please welcome John to this new role as chair of the Rehab Divisional Group.

Did You Know?
According to the American Diabetes Association, there are 25.8 million people or 8.5% of the population in the United States who have diabetes. While an estimated 18.8 million have been diagnosed, unfortunately, 7.0 million people are not aware that they have this disease. Each day approximately 5,205 people are diagnosed with diabetes. Many will first learn that they have diabetes when they are treated for one of its life-threatening complications – heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and nerve disease and amputation. About 1.9 million new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people aged 20 years or older in 2010 in the US. Diabetes contributed to 231,404 deaths in 2007, making it the seventh leading cause of death in the US. Overall, the risk for death among people with diabetes is about twice that of people of similar age but without diabetes.
WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL: Joyce Newmyer, President of Washington Adventist Hospital, submitted her resignation as of the end of May. She accepted a position as Regional President and CEO with Adventist Health in Portland, Oregon. The role, for which she was recruited, includes overseeing multiple hospitals in Oregon and Washington.

ASBURY METHODIST VILLAGE: Forbes ranked Asbury Methodist Village of Gaithersburg as one of the 25 best places in the country to retire. The Forbes article noted that Gaithersburg is “111 miles northwest of Washington and thus outside the Beltway, town of 63,000 has rush-hour rail service to D.C. while sitting near the end of the capital’s subway system. Hospital and college campuses nearby.” Forbes also considered such factors as the unemployment rate and job growth, serious crime rates, taxes for retirees and air quality. The 1,300 Asbury residents are within easy walking distance of many shops and services, including Lakeforest Mall. They also enjoy a 17-acre Wildlife Preserve which boasts walking trails, a large pond and wooded areas filled with mature trees and songbirds.

JOSEPH CROSS HEALTH: The new Germantown Hospital to open October 2014 posted 600 full-time and part-time positions. The Gazette reported they had 3,400 applications for the new 93 bed hospital located on the campus of Montgomery College campus in Germantown.

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE: Terry Forde, shortly after being named interim CEO was named the permanent president and chief executive officer of Adventist HealthCare, Montgomery County’s first and largest provider of health care services.

JOHNS HOPKINS: Johns Hopkins Receives $15 Million Gift - The developer, Erwin L. Greenberg and his wife Stephanie Cooper Greenberg pledged $15 million to create the Johns Hopkins Greenberg Bladder Cancer Institute. The gift from Erwin L. Greenberg and his wife Stephanie Cooper Greenberg is part of $45 million, which includes gifts from Johns Hopkins University, federal funding and other philanthropic support, that will be used to develop the institute.

UNITED MEDICAL CENTER: David Small, interim CEO of United Medical Center and part of the team has been working to turn around the financials and perceptions of the Southeast D.C. hospital. The city continues to search for an operating partner and what to do next with the facility.

MARY WASHINGTON HEALTHCARE: President and Chief Executive Officer Fred M. Rankin, III, will retire Dec. 31, 2014 after guiding the Fredericksburg region’s leading health system through two decades of growth and advances in patient treatment, services, and technology. The MWHC Board of Trustees has formed a search committee to identify and screen CEO candidates. Over the next six to nine months, a national search for the next CEO will be conducted, and the board expects to announce the new CEO later this year.

MEDSTAR SOUTHERN MARYLAND HOSPITAL CENTER: The hospital was recently awarded the American Heart Association’s Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and Target: Stroke Honor Roll for the Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke program. These core standards are designed to minimize damage to the brain and optimize the chance of a robust recovery from stroke, the fourth leading cause of long-term disability in the United States.

CHILDREN’S NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER: Ranked as the 23rd largest children’s hospital in the country with 283 beds and 14,295 admissions.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE (DHCF): Announced on May 23, 2014 that it would exercise its contractual right to terminate six home care agencies from the District’s Medicaid program effective July 15, 2014. The six providers that will receive termination notices may appeal this decision by requesting a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings within fifteen (15) days of the date of the final notice of termination.

RIVERGENT HEALTH ALLIANCE: Announced that Raymond A. Grahe has been named the chief executive officer of Trivergent Health Alliance MSO, the management services organization that is a subsidiary of the alliance that includes Frederick Regional Health System and Western Maryland Health System.

LEADER OF AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION EARNS NATIONAL HEALTHCARE AWARD: B’nai B’rith International Awarded Rich Umbdenstock, president and CEO of the American Hospital Association June 10, 2014 with the National Healthcare Award. The gala was held at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC.

CURRENT ISSUES:

NEW HHS DATA SHOW QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS SAVE 15,000 LIVES & $4 BILLION IN HEALTH SPENDING: The Department of Health and Human Services announced that new preliminary data show an overall nine percent decrease in hospital-acquired conditions nationally during 2011 and 2012. National reductions in adverse drug events, falls, infections, and other forms of hospital-induced harm are estimated to have prevented nearly 15,000 deaths in hospitals, avoided 560,000 patient injuries, and approximately $4 billion in health spending over the same period.

CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP): CHIP provides health coverage to nearly eight million children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but can’t afford private coverage. Signed into law in 1997, CHIP provides federal matching funds to states to provide this coverage.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Among men aged 18–64, those who were married were more likely than cohabiting men and other not-married men to have had a health care visit in the past 12 months
- Marriage was associated with greater likelihood of a health care visit for both younger and older men, and for men with health insurance

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db154.htm

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MEASLES CASES IN U.S. HIT 20 YEAR HIGH:

The USA has the most measles cases in 20 years and the most since homegrown outbreaks were eliminated in 2000, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The confirmed case count for 2014, as of May 23, was 288 and growing, the CDC says. That number includes 166 cases from Ohio, where the biggest outbreak is ongoing – according to the state Health Department. The nationwide total is the highest since 1994, when 764 cases were reported, the CDC says. It surpasses the 220 cases reported in all of 2011, which was the most in the post-2000 era. Before the measles vaccine was introduced, the highest since 1994, when 764 cases were reported, the CDC says. It surpasses the 220 cases reported in all of 2011, which was the most in the post-2000 era. Before the measles vaccine was introduced, the highest since 1994, when 764 cases were reported, the CDC says. It surpasses the 220 cases reported in all of 2011, which was the most in the post-2000 era. 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The National Immigration Forum is excited to be joining HCNCA as a new associate. We are a non-profit based out of Washington, DC that has been in operation for over 30 years advocating for the value of immigrants to America. The National Immigration Forum created the Bethlehem Project to bring free citizenship services to the worksite, inspired by Bethlehem who in 1915 was one of the first US employers to provide free English language instruction to its immigrant workforce.

The Bethlehem Project works with businesses to offer citizenship services to their employees who are green card holders. We provide these employees with free informational assistance and deeply discounted legal assistance to become US citizens. Citizenship is a win-win for workers and businesses; bolstering workforce stability and aiding in workforce retention and internal and external reputation.

The Bethlehem Project is currently active in six cities across the country, including the Washington, DC metro area. We are completely funded by private foundations and donors for their work, so there is no cost to the employer or the employee. In just the last year and a half, we have already partnered with 67 businesses. A sampling of our business partners in the health care field includes Baptist Health Services and Citrus Health in Miami; AltaMed in Los Angeles and Palomar Health in San Diego. We are also proud to be a member of the South Florida Hospital & Healthcare Association in Miami. Some of our DC business partners include Hyatt Regency Washington and JW Marriott. We look forward to building more health care connections in our home city. The Healthcare Council is encouraging its membership to reach out to the National Immigration Forum to learn more about our work.

For more information, please contact Jennie Murray, Director of Integration Programs, at jmurray@immigrationforum.org or (202) 383-5986.
**Council Vision:** “To meet the challenges of tomorrow by working together today”...and thereby to facilitate the care of the sick and to promote education and prevention programs that ensure healthier communities.

**Mission Statement:** The Council’s mission is to promote and facilitate activities that result in the best quality of care to the sick and injured. The aim of the Council and its wholly-owned subsidiary, National Capital Area Shared Services, Inc., is to serve its membership in the development and promotion of programs and services that will enhance the members’ ability to operate their organizations economically and successfully with integrity and competency.

**“The Council”:** The Healthcare Council of the National Capital Area, Inc. is an organization of Providers of Care consisting of hospitals and allied health care facilities located in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC. The purpose of the Council is to provide for members “strategic and business advantages” that no single institution or system can efficiently or economically develop alone. Council activities are implemented through a structure consisting of the Chairmen of the Boards and the Chief Executive Officers of our member organizations. Divisions of specific activity have been formed to carry on the ever changing tasks at hand. These divisions develop information and improve performance using cooperative networking, meetings, surveys, group discussion and analysis and continuing education programs.

**Did You Know?**

**Biggest Disease Threats:**
Cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke and kidney disease - often found in tandem and associated with poor diet, obesity and lack of exercise - are among the diseases doctors regard as the biggest threats for the next 20 years or so.