Enhancing Care of Indigent Populations

Implementation of a Care Manager Core Competency Training Program

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Objectives

- Introduce Marshfield Clinic and its Community Health Access (CHA) program
- Describe the Core Competency Training Program (CCTP) and its implementation for the CHA program
- Demonstrate impact of the CCTP through baseline and follow-up outcomes
- Identify the potential impact of a CCTP on nurse care manager skill development in preventive health



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Marshfield Clinic



- Over 40 centers throughout northern, central and western Wisconsin
- 750+ physicians in 80 medical specialties and subspecialties
- 361,436 patients served per year
- Patients seen from every county in WI, every state in the nation, as well as 25 foreign countries



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Community Care and Community Health Access Program (CHA)

- Helps under- and uninsured patients receive preventive and primary healthcare services on a regular basis
- Administrative costs supported by state and federal grant funds
 - Patients approved for 6 months of Community Care are referred for CHA Case Management, helping them to:

Navigate the health care system more effectively

- Understand the importance of preventive health care
- Self-manage chronic conditions



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CHA and Case Management

Case Managers are trained nurses who promote patient empowerment by providing:

- Information
- Support
- Tools

As Case Managers help patients become effective self-managers, they carry out many roles:

- Care Coordinator
- Health Educator
- Coach & Motivator
- ✓ Change Agent

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Care Manager Core Competencies

The Core Competency Training Program (CCTP)

- Helps assess the needs of the Nurse Case Managers in order to build their skills
- Provides a quantitative way to assess and enhance quality on an individual and team basis



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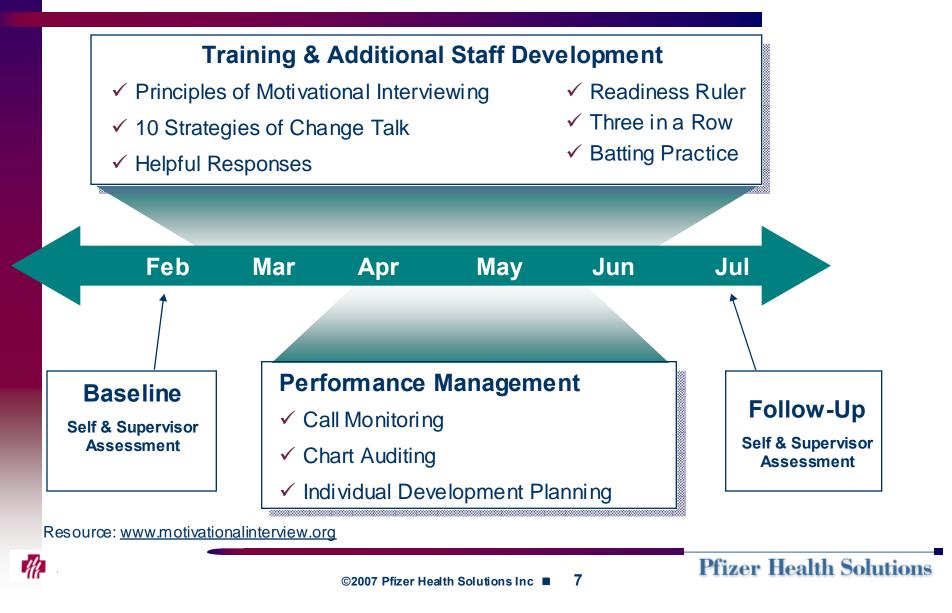
CCTP Assessment Tools

Knowledge & Skills Inventory	Examples of the specific knowledge and skills associated with each of the core competency domains for new and experienced Case Managers	Sup & CM Assessment
Interviewing Guide	Guidelines for conducting interviews to help assess competencies of the candidate	H
Chart Audit Tool	Format for assessing the completeness and quality of documentation	Ĭ
Call Monitoring Tool	Guidance on how to assess the quality of a Case Manager's telephonic interactions with a patient	
Staff Development Planning Tool	Documentation and guidance to establish a plan for individual and team development	T



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Developing Staff Competencies



Competency Assessment Results

Self Assessment

Competency	Baseline	Follow-Up	% Change
Professionalism and Teamwork	4.3	4.7	9%
Clinical Competence	3.9	4.2	7%
Problem Solving Skills	3.8	4.3	12%
Communication Skills	4.2	4.4	4%
Technical Abilities	3.4	4.4	23%

Supervisor Assessment

Competency	Baseline	Follow-Up	% Change
Professionalism and Teamwork	4.0	4.3	7%
Clinical Competence	3.9	4.2	7%
Problem Solving Skills	3.6	4.0	10%
Communication Skills	3.0	3.7	19%
Technical Abilities	4.1	4.5	9%



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Key Benefits

- The Core Competency Training Program:
 - Provided quantitative and qualitative means for staff selection
 - Provided a practical and consistent process to assess the quality of case management services
 - Helped identify areas for further individual/team development
 - Contributed to continuous quality improvement (CQI)
 - Contributed to overall program success



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Conclusion

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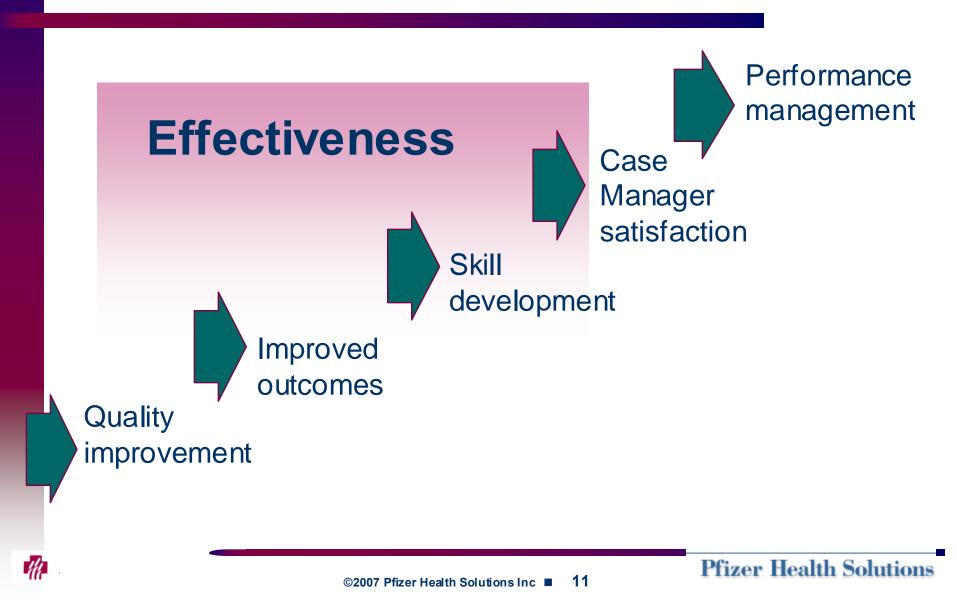
- A Core Competency Training Program is needed to:
 - Meet the challenges of disease management settings
 - Create a standardized method of assessing practice
 - Provide a framework for development of Case Manager core competencies



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Next Steps—





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