

Transition digest #4-08 (February 6, 2008)

1. Meetings and Conferences.

A. Save the date! May 21 - 23, 2008

Transitions Conference 4 - Participation:

Building the Skills for Participating in the Adult World

May 21 - 23, 2008 Toronto, Canada

For more information:

www.bloorview.ca/education/transitionsconference.php

What this conference is about?

An opportunity to network with field leaders, researchers as well as consumers at the cutting edge of Transition to adult services and all that this entails. Whether it is preparation for adult hood or creating change within a health service to accommodate these young adults -come along and find out more. 51 presentations are scheduled into the conference from leaders in the field of Transition and Participation. Speakers from across Canada, USA, Sweden, Australia and the Netherlands will share their latest information about transition as it relates to the following streams;

- o Adult Living
- o Health Care
- o Recreation and Socialization

Please share with your colleagues

[Felicity Sloman]

2. Request for Information

A. The American Academy of Pediatrics' National Center of Medical Home Initiatives is interested in learning about state and clinically-based programs focused on transitioning youth from the pediatric healthcare community into adult healthcare provision.

If you know of such a program, please complete the following survey.

The survey can be accessed at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Sj8izpLo9g9Vj9OqQMwylw_3d_3d

Please feel free to forward this request to others who may be interested in providing their information.

We would appreciate receipt of this information by February 15, 2008.

Once compiled, results of the survey will be posted on

<http://www.medicalhomeinfo.org/>

Thank you!

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3. Resources

A. Healthy and Ready to Work teleconference resource materials and audio recording
The HRTW National Resource Center hosted a teleconference call on Feb 1, 2008.

Resource materials discussed during the call are available on the HRTW web site at:

http://www.hrtw.org/hrtwu/calls/020108_Materials.html

Materials include, but are not limited to:

- **State Efforts to Support Transition to Adult Life** ([doc](#))

Summary of state strategies to support transition to adult life-and some of the keys to their success-from the Champions incentive mini-grants

- **Improving Transition Services Through Integrated Services and Research for Youth with Chronic Conditions** ([ppt](#))

Presentation by Richard Roberts, PhD, at the Invitational Transition Conference 2008: Building on Interdisciplinary Research Agenda to Enhance Quality and Transition to Adulthood for Youth with Chronic Health Conditions, Minneapolis.

- **Fact Sheet: Interagency Articulation Agreement to Support the Transition Process of Students with Disabilities** (Florida) ([doc](#))

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Comprehensive interagency agreement executed by the Florida Department of , Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Blind Services; Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services; and, Florida Department of Children and Families/Mental Health.

- **Interagency Services Committee for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities: Initial Report** ([pdf](#))

Report detailing the work of Florida's Interagency Services Committee for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities (ISC). Describes the committee structure, membership, and ways of working.

An audio recording of the call will be posted to the HRTW website following the call. To access a recording of this call and other HRTW Topical Calls, go to:
<http://www.hrtw.org/hrtwu/index.html>

B The American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation is supporting efforts to improve the coordination of care for adults with chronic health conditions. In the Summer of 2007, the Foundation convened a Forum of more than 130 health care leaders who addressed the topic, "Coordination of Care: Missed Opportunity?" .

See:

<http://www.abimfoundation.org/dialogue/forum.shtm>

While this efforts does not focus on care for youth and young adults, it does identify and describe the forces and factors that contribute to the problems that young adults with chronic conditions encounter when they move into the adult system. This information helped me gain a better understanding of the state of affairs of chronic illness care within the adult system. This effort, and related activities, may provide opportunities to incorporate youth adult - transition initiatives within systems-wide efforts to improve care for those with chronic conditions.

Goals of the 2007 forum were to:

- Increasing awareness of the problems patients with multiple chronic medical conditions face when receiving care in the United States.
- Examining successful practice models of coordinated care and their effects on quality and efficiency.
- Identifying strategies to create the needed structural and financing changes to support radical improvements in care coordination.
- Identifying and coordinating the roles of organizations that can foster changes in care coordination

Reports available on the Forum web site include, but are not limited to

- [Care Coordination: Building Continuity In A Fragmented Health Care System](#)
- [Coordination of Care: Missed Opportunity? \(ppt 3mb\)](#)

Forum Presentations for all three days of the conference

And Supplemental Materials: from selected presentations and documents describing care coordination strategies provide greater detail on key points of interest.

- [Synthesis of the Literature on Care Coordination](#)
- [White Space or Black Hole: What Can We Do To Improve Care Transitions \(June 2007\)](#)
- [Taming Health Care inefficiency: Physicians & Others Explore Solutions \(September 2006\)](#)
- [Joint Principles Statement for the Patient Centered Medical Home](#) (Posted with permission of the patient-centered Primary Care Collaborative)
- [Transitional Care for Older Adults: A Cost-Effective Model](#)
(Mary D. Naylor, PhD, RN, LDI Senior Fellow, Marian S. Ware, Professor in Gerontology, University of Pennsylvania, Volume 9, Number 6)

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C. Inflammatory Bowel Disease Transition to Adult Health Care Guidance for Young People (an informational brochure from the UK - I think the design and format would appeal to young people)

http://www.ibdtransition.org.uk/downloads/IBD_Transition_Guide_Young_People.pdf

D.. Two site with great audio and video clips of young people talking about their experience of health and illness.

The first site was developed by an organization in the UK

www.youthhealthtalk.org

The second is a US site, focuses on Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease that includes discussions about talking with physicians, dealing with day-to-day hassles associated with a chronic condition, was of taking charge, and issue of privacy. While some of the discussions are specific to these two conditions, most is relevant to any chronic health condition or disability.

<http://www.ucandcrohns.org/>

(Please let us know about other video's that are available – especially if they are available on the web)

E. Several recent articles of interest

Moving on from paediatric to adult health care: An initial evaluation of a transition program for young people with cystic fibrosis Int J Adolesc Med Health 2007;19 (3):333-343 Craig, Towns, Bibby

and

Transition Care for young people with chronic illness Int J Adolesc Med Health 2007;19 (3) 295-303 Steinbeck, Brodie, Towns

and

Who Will Demand Access to Their Personal Health Record? A focus on the users of health services and what they want Healthcare Quarterly, 11(1) 2008: 92-96

Kevin J. Leonard, Mark Casselman and David Wiljer. Available on line at:

<http://www.longwoods.com/product.php?productid=19503>

4. Invite your friends

The Transition list is open to all with an interest in the issue of health care transition. If you know of others who would like to subscribe, let them know that they can sign-up for the list themselves.

They can join by going to the list sign-up Web page:

<http://hctransitions.ichp.ufl.edu/listserv.html>

They enter their e-mail address and name and hit the subscribe button.

When their subscription is approved, they get a set of instructions on how to use the list and access archived messages.

(Members need to be approved in order to prevent spammers from joining the list, and from posting unwanted messages. Also, all postings are reviewed by a moderator before being included in a digest.

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5. The Health Care Transition Community

And finally, 19 list members have joined the "Health Care Transition Community" (social networking site). That's up from 16 from three weeks ago. At this rate we will have a critical mass of individuals on that site in 2010.

The invitation to join stands. Go to:

<http://healthcaretransition.ning.com/>

And you don't have to post a picture if you don't want to...and you can view the page without joining.

If you want to participate - add information about yourself. To join the community you will need to sign up for the host Ning site (at no cost).

6. Topics for discussion and contribution

I invite all of you to think about resources - articles, web sites, videos, that might be of interest to your colleagues on the list. (The list now has about 1000 members with working e-mail addresses).

Or issues you would like to have list members comment on ...

You can send a message to the list by hitting "reply" or by sending an e-mail to

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Look forward to your future contributions to the list -

John Reiss, List Moderator

and

Felicity Sloman - Co List Moderator

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