**Attending Registered Nurse**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 1, 2021

12:00 – 1:00PM

Zoom

**Presiding:** Liz Mover, Christina Alexander

**Coach:** Gino Chisari

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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
| Welcome/Introduction to New/Returning ARNs | Christina and Liz called the meeting to order at 12:00PM with 14 ARNs present on Zoom.  | Noted |
| Harm Reduction Kit Roll Out with Christopher Shaw, ND, Addictions Consult Team | * Rising rates of IV drug use related overdoses and infection rates prompted practice update
* “Duet” multidisciplinary team – managing IVDU patients with endocarditis
* We have safer injection kits available at MGH for those patients who are injection drug users
* Kits are to be given to inpatients by ACT team only upon discharge
* ARNs can help identify patients appropriate for ACT consults (to be placed by RC)
* Kit is available at no cost to patients
* High rates of re-using the same syringe >5x, sharing syringes, using standing outdoor or toilet water to dissolve drugs
* Importance of having conversations with pts re: high risk for infection
* “I’m not here to judge. I just want you to stay safe.”
* Increases pt’s trust in healthcare system, facilitates counselling, decreases harm
* Debunked myth of kits encouraging the IV drug use behavior
 | (Separate attachment for powerpoint presentation in e-mail) |
| Open Forum/ARN topics of interest | * ARN Portal is live!
* Voalte Me app currently restricted for ARN group
* Frustration amongst many ARNs who carry two devices for daily communication
* Considerations include ever-changing list of over 120 ARNs, PHI/HIPPA with personal devices, newly launched Epic charting on Voalte devices
 | * Any feedback or suggestions for adding content to ARN portal is welcomed. Please e-mail Christina or Liz.
* Liz and Christina will e-mail a survey to ARNs to assess current Voalte use and potential for ARN use of Voalte Me app in the future
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| Check In | * Speakers for “Bridging the Gap Between Primary Care Nurse Leaders and ARN Discharge Process” were unable to join us
* Liz’s term as ARN co-chair will be ending in a few months.
* Call-for-nominations for next ARN co-chair will go out in early January.
* Next appointed ARN co-chair will begin their term in March 2022.
* Self-nomination or nomination of colleagues is encouraged.
 | * Christina is following up for future Primary Care/ARN meeting collaboration
* Thank you to Liz for doing an amazing job leading the ARNs for the last two years!
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