**Attending Registered Nurse**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Sept 1, 2021

12:00 – 1:00PM

Zoom

**Presiding:** Liz Mover, Christina Alexander

**Covering Coach:** Brian French

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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 10 participants present on Zoom. | Noted |
| Revised Search Policy – now the “Personal, Room and Belongings Searches and Securing Belongings of Patients at Risk of Harm to Self or Others” with Brian French and Robin Lipkis Orlando (Director of Patient Advocacy) | * Original policy from 2018 has been revised * Revision largely driven by increased number of safety reports of pt self harm & staff assault events * Standard approach across hospital units * Pt must consent to search or belongings stored off unit (White 115) * Applicable for pts deemed high risk for self harm/harm to others, Section 12, combative pts, those w/ safety risk flag or acute care plan * Policy includes scripting for how to talk to pt about belongings search/securement * Police & security does the search * RN documents reason for search in EPIC- this will trigger flag on discharge * Print pt wristband to attach to bags * If pt requests a certain item, it must be searched by Police & Security * Need to Know flowchart will be added to policy as appendix in future |  |
| Issues/Challenges with Outside Transportation with Rachael McKenzie, ND Case Management | * Fallon Ambulance contracts with MGB * Contract up at end of Sept * Massive shortage of EMTs and trucks is a nationwide crisis * Delays in ambulance transport is widespread * Time EMTs arrive on floor to discharge time is tracked. Average time ~25mins. * SNFs can’t accept pts if transportation to HD, XRT, appts etc. is not secured * No increase in reimbursement from Medicare/Medicaid in many years * Fallon “Earn as you Learn” program hires students as EMTs * Ambulance supervisors are on site at MGH * CM gets 3x/day e-mail about ambulance delays. Communication with staff RN/ARN as soon as they hear. * Safety reports are greatly appreciated for gathering data to escalate issues to upper MGB leadership |  |
| Check In | * No issues or concerns | Noted |