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HASC, Orange County Collaborate to Submit Mental Health Grant Proposal

HASC and the County of Orange collaborated in recent weeks to develop an SB 82 Triage Grant proposal to expand and improve response times for patients experiencing psychiatric emergencies in Orange County. The grant proposal was submitted to the state last week to meet the established deadline. If funded, the grant will fund positions in the community and in hospitals that are designed to expedite treatment for patients in the most appropriate care settings, avoiding hospitalization whenever possible.

The grant submission culminates weeks of strategic, collaborative discussions that were facilitated by HASC for hospitals and the county.

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Hear from top experts in the field of palliative care at this year's conference. For full information and registration, see story on [page 2](#).

Data Collection Taking Place Now for Workplace Wellness Survey

We would like to invite you to participate in the *HASC Workplace Wellness Survey*. This survey is designed to collect information from health care organizations across the state on the strategies, design, objectives, incentives, measurement, evaluation, and communications they are using in their workplace wellness programs.

Survey data collection began on January 6, 2014, and runs for approximately four weeks.

The survey should be completed by a human resources director, manager, or other administrator who has direct

knowledge of the health care organization's employee wellness initiatives, participation, health plans, incentives, and outcomes.

Report highlights will be presented at the HASC Health Care Provider Wellness Conference to be held on June 12-13, 2014 in Anaheim. Participants who complete the survey by the deadline will be entered into a raffle at this conference to win a *Zip™ Wireless Activity Tracker*, the latest fitness device from *Fitbit* to track steps, distance, and calories on your computer, to help you meet your personal activity goals.

The cost to participate in the survey is \$150 per entity. System discounts are also available. Participants will receive a complimentary copy of the report. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ben Teichman at ben@futuresense.com or (619) 501-6178.

We thank our sponsors: Anthem Blue Cross and Keenan HealthCare.

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2014 Palliative Care Conference Will Focus on Transitions across Acute Care Settings

Grow your expertise in palliative and supportive care at the 6th Annual Palliative Care Transitions Conference, February 25, 2014, at the Hilton Pasadena. Register online now at <http://www.hasc.org/palliative-care-2014>.

Learn about the latest evolution of palliative care transitions across pre- and post-acute care settings by hearing speakers equipped to share experiences from varied perspectives on how best to deliver care to patients with advanced disease. The conference will provide an updated framework for future regional networks of integrated, coordinated patient transitions for all acute, post-acute and physician providers and payers. Attendees will represent providers at various stages of palliative care program implementation, sharing multidisciplinary team and multi-agency collaborative best practices. Specific clinical challenges facing this patient population, and early data demonstrating steady progress toward the triple aim in several local continuum delivery models in Southern California, will stimulate further movement of transforming payment and delivery

reform efforts.

Topics and speakers include:

The Palliative Care Evolution in Coordinated Care Integrations
Charles von Gunten, MD, Ohio Health
Health Policy Issues

Judy Citko, JD, Executive Director, Coalition for Compassionate Care
Clinical Challenges with Depression Comorbidities and the Palliative Care Patient

Scott Irwin, MD, PhD, Director, Psychiatry & Psychosocial Services, UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, Director, Palliative Care Psychiatry, UC San Diego Health System, Associate Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, UC San Diego School of Medicine

Care Transitions Programs – Where Does Palliative Care Fit In?

Catherine Bannerman, MD, Torrance Memorial Health System, and Josh Luke, PhD, FACHE, VP, Post-Acute Services, Torrance Memorial Health System

The Triple Aim in the Care Continuum: Is it Achievable?

Susan Stone, MD, Associate Director, Palliative Care Services, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and Martha Jones, Vice President, Regional Care Man-

agement, HealthCare Partners

Attendees can also participate in breakout sessions on the following topics:

Program Certification and Clinician Credentialing

Helen McNeal, Executive Director, CSU Institute for Palliative Care at California State University San Marcos and Parkview Community Hospital Team (to be named)

Cultural Diversity

David Kessler, RN, Palliative Care Consultant; Carlos Priestley, Chief Operating Officer, Providence Little Company of Mary – San Pedro; and Natalie Moy, Director, Patient Care Management, Riverside County Regional Medical Center

C – Difficult Conversations

Michael Hunn, Senior Vice President/Regional Chief Executive, Providence Health & Services – Southern California; Finly Zachariah, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Department of Supportive Care, City of Hope; and Alice Gunderson, Patient and Family Adviser, St. Francis Medical Center

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