



NH DHHS, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Collaboration to Promote Antibiotic Stewardship

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The Objective:

13 critical access hospitals (CAHs) implement the seven core elements of Antibiotic Stewardship

The Flex Program Quality Improvement (QI) Coordinator knew and formed relationships with:

- Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN): Vice President for Quality and Patient Safety- Foundation for Healthy Communities
- Quality Innovation Network (QIN)-Quality Improvement Organization (QIO): New Hampshire (NH) Program Director
- NH Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) & Antimicrobial Resistance (AR) prevention program:
 - Chief, NH Bureau of Infectious Disease
 - Antibiotic Resistance Coordinator

The same goal but different “jobs” to do:

- Flex Program’s job is to assist CAHs to implement Antibiotic Stewardship
- Partnership for Patients’ (HIIN) job is to improve Patient Safety
- QIN-QIO’s job is to implement Antibiotic Stewardship (ABS) in long term care and medical practices
- Bureau of Infectious Disease’s job is to implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for Antibiotic Resistance

Flex Program's Approach

- Set up time to meet and greet the key people in each group.
- Purpose of meeting: “How may I help **you**?”
- Asked what they do, and their plans for working with hospitals or related areas (e.g. swing beds, practices associated with CAHs).

Collaborative Activities in Flex Year 2017

Antibiotic Stewardship Symposium for healthcare organizations within the State of New Hampshire
Over 300 attendees

- NH Bureau of Infectious Disease, Partnership for Patients Program (HIIN), the New England QIN-QIO
- Flex Program's role: publicize and promote the event to CAHs

2017 Collaborative Activities continued

Statewide Antibiotic Resistance Advisory Workgroup

- NH Bureau of Infectious Disease, Partnership for Patients Program (HIIN), the New England QIN-QIO.
- Flex Program Role: participate in meetings and activities as appropriate, serve as liaison with CAHs, assure CAHs have and using tools

Flex Program Direct Activities

- Give leadership the data:

Antibiotic Stewardship survey components met in 2016 varied among CAHS.

Data displayed in a chart by hospital and distributed to NH CAH leadership to benchmark

- Build on current programs:

Program provides reimbursement for professional certifications-researched and added the Society of Infectious Diseases (SIDP) Antibiotic Stewardship Certification for pharmacists

Flex Year 2018 Planned Activities

- Continue to reimburse costs for SIDP Antibiotic Stewardship Certification for pharmacists
- Provide QI Stipends with support for Antibiotic Stewardship implementation projects
- Actively participate on Antibiotic Resistance Advisory Workgroup
- Maintain and strengthen key relationships

Questions?

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