

September 21, 2007

Potential Collaborating Organizations:

This is an invitation for your organization to apply for participation in a statewide collaborative to “*Establish a Just Culture for Patient Safety between Healthcare Providers and Regulators.*” Please complete and return the enclosed form by October 31. The collaborative is funded by a grant from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Participation is available to Missouri healthcare providers and regulatory agencies to come together to learn about a “Just Culture” for patient safety. A Just Culture strives to achieve an appropriate balance between a “blameless” culture and an “accountable” culture that supports patient safety improvement.

Participating organizations will:

- Receive nationally recognized training in a “Just Culture” for patient safety.
- Receive aggregated organization level reports of pre- and post-training knowledge of “Just Culture” concepts.
- Participate in networking opportunities with other collaborating organizations.
- Gain access to the Just Culture on-line community for nationwide networking.
- Have an opportunity for on-site consultation in a “Just Culture” for staff and others, such as the Board of Directors, medical staff, and management team.

The grant provides funding for up to 85 collaborating organizations, including both healthcare providers and regulators, at no cost except staff time and minimal travel expense to participate in the following aspects of the collaborative:

- A pre- and post-training assessment of the understanding of Just Culture concepts (30-45 minutes completion time).
- A statewide training and networking session for Champions/Key Contacts from collaborating organizations (1 day).
- Regional training and networking sessions of teams from collaborating organizations; teams to include, at a minimum, representatives from the C-suite, medical staff, nursing leadership, human resources and patient safety/risk management/quality (1 day)
- An opportunity to apply for additional on-site consultation to further facilitate implementation customized for your organization.

Enclosed is the following information:

- An overview of a Just Culture
- An Application Form to complete and return **by October 31**
- Statement of Support

Applications received by October 31 will be considered for acceptance into the collaborative. Applicants will be informed about acceptance into the collaborative in early November.

For planning purposes, tentative dates of collaborative activities are:

- **By November 30, 2007** – Completion of pre-intervention assessment (on-line survey of provider participants, interviews with regulatory participants).
- **Tuesday, December 11, 2007** – Training for Champions from collaborating organizations.
- **February-March, 2008** – Regional training sessions – locations to be determined based on location of collaborating organizations.
- **April-August, 2008** – On-site consultations (scheduled in coordination with participating organizations).
- **By September 30, 2008** – Completion of post-intervention assessment.
- **By December 31, 2008** – Final reports.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to apply for participation in this statewide collaborative to improve the culture of safety for Missouri healthcare.

If you have questions about the collaborative or your organization's participation in the collaborative, please contact Becky Miller toll-free at 888/935-8272 or via email to bmiller@mocps.org.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures