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From: Avery, Courtney
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 2:27 PM
To: Constantino, Mike; Urso, Frank; Morado, Juan
Subject: Fw: Urgent Concern: Transfer of Oak Forest Inmate

FYI. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: Leslie Curtis [mailto:lcurtis@calnurses.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 02:01 PM
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Subject: RE: Urgent Concern: Transfer of Oak Forest Inmate

Dear Sharon,

Thank you for your prompt response. I will be sending out your email to the nurses that raised this concern. It is important that you communicate directly with the PPC before you move forward. I also want to remind you that the facility has been cited for not having a fire evacuation plan. It would seem to when you do decide that the facility is capable to take this type of patient that evacuation of this patient in case of a fire also be addressed.

We look forward to having future dialogue regarding the transfer of patients from Oak Forest to Cermak Health Services.

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"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without the thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.

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From: freyer, sharon [mailto:fresha@cookcountyhhs.org]

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 1:25 PM

To: Leslie Curtis; Lennon, Roz; Lennon, Roz

Cc: Dyson, James; 'cherri moore'; Tia Speat; 'Kent Ray (Human Resources)'; Maureen ODonnell1 (Human Resources); Maylone, Karen; 'randy ruff'; 'paultoya123@att.net'; Avery, Courtney; Francesca Obi; Mason, Terry; Ross-Jackson, Marsha; Tate, Deborah; Brenda Langford (shebanven@netzero.net); Diane Ellis CLC; Dorothy Ahmad; Francesca Obi; Imelda Allen (Imelda5555@yahoo.com); Joyce Robertson; Kathy McKinney; Laura Hancock; Malcolm Thornton; Marla Bagge; Nanci harwood; Patricia Taylor (Patt828@sbcglobal.net); Regena Ellis; Renee Partida (rypartida@gmail.com); Rochelle Lowe; Sharon McNeil; Tia Speat
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Hi Leslie,

We are currently evaluating the options to care for the detainee you refer to.

Prior to accepting this detainee we would make sure that we have the appropriate equipment and staff to care for him. To clarify, his level of care is custodial (nursing home). At this time, there has been no final decision as to his discharge plan.

Please call me with any further questions, Sharon

-----Original Message-----

From: Leslie Curtis [mailto:lcurtis@calnurses.org]

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 9:43 PM

To: freyer, sharon; freyer, sharon; Lennon, Roz; Lennon, Roz

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Importance: High

It has come to our attention that the system plans to transfer a Quadriplegic patient to the Cermak Health 3 North from Oak forest. The nurses have asked me to put you on notice that they are not competent to care for this type of patient. This transfer of these types of patient with the expectation that the current nurses assume responsibility for their care without training, orientation is a violation of the Nurses Practice Act and jeopardize the lives of these patients. The nurses are very concerned are mandated by the Nurses Practice act to advocate for these patients. Below is a short list of their concerns. A more complete list is forth coming.

1. There no policy or standard of care for a Quadriplegic within the Cermak Facility.
2. There is no 24 respiratory service on sight.
3. There has been no training of the nurses for caring for these patients. There are no policies in place regarding competency of the nursing staff or assistive personnel regarding to care for this type of patient.

4. There is no on-sight 24 hour support services: Including Respiratory, Physicians, and other supportive personnel.
5. Current shortage nursing staff shortage made worse by the shut downs days makes it impossible to provide safe quality care for this of this type.
6. No fire evacuation plan for the facility currently for ambulatory patients and inmates, it is unconscionable to add a Quadriplegic to the facility.
7. The unit is a infirmary and is not set up to care for acute patients. Currently when detainees acuity changes to a acute state they are transferred out of the infirmary to CCHHS acute facilities to provide the level of care required for any detainee.

The Nurses request that you reverse this decision immediately. Many CCHHS system professionals have advised the system that the Cermak Health Services is ill prepared to care provide this patient standard level of care required based on his high acuity and severity of his illness. Additionally there is a severe nursing shortage with the Cermak facility.

Please notify us within 24 hours if it is determined that you plan to move forward with this plan. If we do not hear from a member of the system regarding this issue within that time period the Nurses of NNOC will take immediate action on behalf of nurse's practice and the welfare of the patients involved. I can be contacted at any of the numbers below. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this matter.

Regretfully,

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