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Greetings!

Welcome to the December 2011/January2012 edition of the National Health Foundation's (NHF) Newsletter! NHF's e-News & Information is a bi-monthly e-publication designed to keep interested parties up-to-date on current projects, special events, and activities taking place at NHF.

Grand Opening of the National Youth Transitions Center

NHF is excited to announce the grand opening of the National Youth Transitions Center (NYTC) in Washington, DC. Developed by The HSC Foundation, the NYTC will, for the first time, bring multiple organizations together in one space to provide much-needed transition services for youth and young veterans with disabilities. The NYTC will also stimulate discussions on and opportunities for research and public policy.

Over the past two years, NHF has been working closely with The HSC Foundation in Washington, DC to develop the collaborative of involved organizations. In addition, NHF has helped develop the infrastructure that will be in place to support the collaborative nature of the center. All organizations involved are committed to the philosophy of the building:

The National Youth Transitions Center is a community of individuals and organizations that share the goal of empowering youth and young veterans with disabilities to create a self-directed path to adulthood and independence, and to participate in and contribute to the community. Guided by their common mission and desires, community members

commit to open dialogue, the provision of responsive services, continual growth, shared outcomes, and creating or enhancing partnerships that result in effect solutions benefitting youth and young veterans with disabilities. The National Youth Transitions Center community is united by shared values and a desire to be stronger together.

For more details, please contact Danielle Cameron, Director of National Development for NHF at dcameron@nhfca.org. You can also find additional information here: http://www.nhfca.org/dcoffice.aspx

NHF In The National News

National Health Foundation recently published two articles regarding our work with hospital-based palliative care programs.

The first article, entitled ***Palliative Care Services in California Hospitals: Program Prevalence and Hospital Characteristics***, was published in the Journal of Pain and Symptom management.

The second article, entitled ***Characteristics of Palliative Care Consultation Services in California Hospitals***, was published in the Journal of Palliative Medicine.

Please click on the links below to read both articles.

Palliative Care Services in California Hospitals: Program Prevalence and Hospital Characteristics Article

Characteristics of Palliative Care Consultation Services in California Hospitals Article

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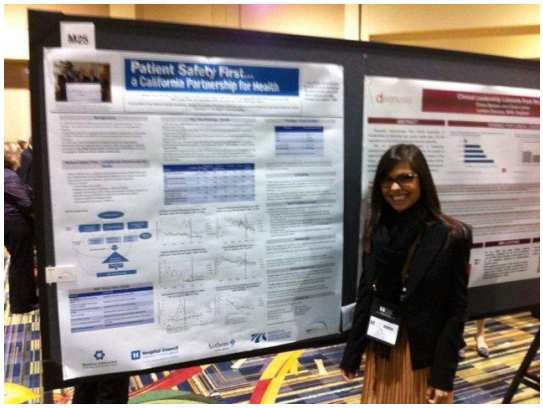

Mia Arias, NHF Program Director

On December 6, 2011, NHF Program Director Mia Arias presented a poster on Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's 23rd Annual National Forum. With nearly 6,000 healthcare leaders in attendance, the Forum is a premier event showcasing some of the most innovative contributions to improving patient safety. As the evaluator and project manager for Patient Safety First, NHF plays a critical role in the design and delivery of this initiative. Patient Safety First is the largest patient safety initiative in the nation, with 160 hospitals participating from across the state. First year results have demonstrated significant declines in rates of hospital acquired infections and sepsis at participating hospitals as well as cost savings totaling over $11 million.

NHF will continue working with its partners Anthem Blue Cross and California's Regional Hospital Associations in 2012 to to make strides in improving patient safety.

The National Health Foundation's mission is to improve the health of the underserved by creating systemic solutions to gaps in healthcare access and delivery systems. To do this, NHF strives to address those issues that are most important in our community, such as: chronic disease prevention and management, uninsured families, and gaps in the healthcare delivery system.

In addressing barriers to healthcare access, the National Health Foundation provides

services such as research, evaluation, facilitation, colloboration, training and education, and web-based technology support to hospitals, health plans, government agencies, nonprofits, community business organizations childcare providers, and other community service organizations.

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