Please take a moment to review all of the amazing things going on with HomeTown Health and HomeTown Health University. We encourage each of our member hospitals, as well as our HTH Business Partners, to explore all of the opportunities available to you to either get connected or remain involved with your healthcare peers in the HomeTown Health hospitals!

Please contact a HomeTown Health team member if you are interested in joining the HomeTownJ listserve.

For all of the upcoming events, current news and publications, business partner and member hospital information, and educational programs, please visit the HomeTown Health and HomeTown Health University pages at hometownhealthonline.com and hthu.net.

**Membership Access**

Are you utilizing your resources?

HomeTown Health member hospitals have a multitude of resources at their fingertips at no additional cost to the facility! Please remind your team to explore the links below and register for upcoming webinars included in their hospital membership.

As an associated member, through an awarded grant program, hospitals have access to resources outlined on their grant resource page. Please encourage your team to explore the grant link below for more information on resources included in our current grant programs.

If you would like more information on your hospital’s access to education and resources, please contact one of the HomeTown Health team members and we would be happy to answer any questions or provide additional information as needed.

Remember to review what you have access to, and share the resources with your team:

- **Webinars**
- **Grants**
- **HTH Value Added Services**

**Leadership Program**

Welcome Class of 2017

On behalf of the team at HomeTown Health, we are excited to welcome our 2017 Executive Leadership Class. Please email jennie.price@hometownhealthonline.com as soon as possible if you have questions or interest in nominating one of your team members.

As of January 2017, our class includes:

- Michelle Murphy, ED Manager Appling Hospital
- Jon Green, CEO Bleckley Memorial Hospital
- Sandra Herndon, CFO Bleckley Memorial Hospital
- Josh Forbes, Environment of Care Manager Effingham HealthSystem
- Karen Harden-O’Neal, HIM Manager Effingham HealthSystem
- Tony Waters, IT Director Emanuel Medical Center
- Clay Jones, Regional Director ER Hospitals
- Lauren Adair, Account Manager (GA/MS) Evident (Healthland/CPSI)
- Evelyn Leadbetter, Network Services Manager HomeTownHealth
- Karie Spence, HR Director Miller County Hospital
- Lindsay Smith, Practice Manager Emanuel Medical Center
- Recya Patel, Health IT Analyst Azalea Health

**Boot Camp Information**

Thank you to all of our Florida hospitals that participated in the Tallahassee Managed Care Consortium Boot Camp in January. Participants can find their conference material by clicking here.

We are so excited to see all of our Georgia Managed Care Consortium participants in Macon, Georgia, in February! Please be sure to review all of the event and registration information here. If you have any questions, please contact the HTH MCC Program Director at sandy.sage@hometownhealthonline.com.

**Monthly Florida Updates**

Florida Rural Hospital Webinar

HomeTown Health is hosting a monthly Florida Rural Hospital Webinar on the 4th Wednesday at 11:00am/10:00am Central.

Updates are shared each month on topics like Medicaid, Medicare, Telemedicine, and more!

If you have additional topics you would like discussed, please contact our team.

Not registered? [REGISTER HERE]

**Coming Soon**

Have you registered yet? Click the links below for easy registration!

**GA Monthly Medicaid Webinar:** February 1st @ 10:00am Eastern

**Monthly Medicare Webinar:** February 8th @ 10:00am Eastern

**CEO Day at the GA Capital:** February 9th 8:00am - 3:00pm

**Managed Care Standards & Training:** February 9th @ 2:00pm Eastern

**RSBM CAH Webinar:** February 23rd @ 11:00am Eastern

**HTH Navigation**

HomeTown Health Interactive Maps:

The Georgia and Florida interactive maps are wonderful tools to utilize when planning facility visits or reviewing hospital demographics.

Click for Georgia  Click for Florida
**WHAT IS 2017-18 SHIP?**
Hospital Transformation Consortium

The goal of the 2017 - 2018 Hospital Transformation Consortium is to build a group of hospitals and other stakeholders that work together to support hospital collaboration, while creating a community of shared best practices in transforming areas of Quality & Data Reporting & Financial Processes. With both HCAHPS scores and quality becoming public, a new level of transparency in quality is forcing a transformation of practices. It is imperative that rural hospitals focus on improving quality measures and scores, not only because of the effect on their reputation, but also because of the increasing tie to payment.

Improving Financial Processes & Payment reform, creates incentives for health care providers to improve the continuity and coordination of care, leading to both lower costs and better patient outcomes. Payers are moving to better align incentives, reward quality and encourage integration and coordination of care. In the midst of large scale transformation, the financial team, with its greater inherent challenges for small rural hospitals, face an even greater challenge to keep up and shift their focus.

**Objectives include:**

- Transform areas of Quality such as CAHPS, Quality Reporting, and changing models of payment for both hospitals and physicians based on results
- Address Financial Process top areas of need, including Pricing Transparency, Developing a Clinical Documentation Improvement Program and ongoing Cost Report education
- Increase collaboration within communities between those involved in quality and those focused on finance, including physicians and other health care providers
- Create a hospital community across state lines of shared best practices among small rural hospitals as they explore the transforming, new models of care at various stages.

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**ANNUAL EDUCATION**

Explore how HTHU can help...

Need help streamlining your annual education or new hire orientation? We can help! Explore all of the HTHU.net possibilities within the School of Clinical/Staff Compliance, or contact one of the team members for more information.

Personalize your hospital dashboard with hospital-specific educational courses, or pick from a variety of HomeTown Health University courses, that meet all of your annual education or new hire orientation needs. Compile all of your student data with our user-friendly learner and program reports, exported neatly for your evaluation via Excel.

Let us work with you to relieve some of the educational burden through HTHU.net!

**ON-DEMAND EDUCATION**

**What to look for in 2017...**

- “Everything you need to know about Medicare Appeals” will provide a deeper understanding of the Medicare appeals process with specific instructions on each of the five levels of appeals.
- A HIPAA educational course with a “Release of Information” focus will be released in February 2017.
- Revenue Cycle Management Recertifications will also be released this year!

**CAH TRAINING**

Don’t forget to join us quarterly!

HomeTown Health is offering this quarterly CAH Series to help hospitals stay on top of the latest changes in billing requirements. The experts in the field, Dale Gibson and Leanne Layne come together to share their knowledge and expertise in the world of CAH reimbursement and billing.

The next webinar will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 from 1:00pm - 2:30pm Eastern. More information and registration details can be found by clicking here or visiting the events calendar.

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**SPRING CONFERENCE**

**Mark Your Calendar**

Watch your email for more information on the upcoming 17th Annual HomeTown Health Spring Conference in Savannah, Georgia.

If you have any event questions throughout the planning process, please contact HomeTown Health’s Event Planner, Susan Wiese, at susan.wiese@hometownhealthonline.com

**BUSINESS PARTNER HIGHLIGHT**

Ask the Industry Experts

Interested in learning more about the HomeTown Health Business Partners?

Click here for a full list of Business Partners and HomeTown Health’s Business Partner Program.

Business Partners interested in joining us in Iowa, please contact Chris Denson, HTH Business Partners?

For more information on hospital turnover, please review Becker’s Hospital Review Executive Moves page

Interested in Georgia healthcare breaking news? Check out Georgia Health News

Interested in Florida healthcare breaking news? Check out Health News Florida

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**TURNOVER REPORT**

Resources to Stay Connected

As turnover in Georgia and Florida rural hospitals occurs, HomeTown Health will continuously assist in keeping you current and connected.

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