



Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.

**Vermont Emergency  
Department Suicide Prevention  
Quality Improvement Initiative  
*Care Management Directors  
Meeting***

**March 15, 2022**

# Project Overview

*(recruitment flyer)*

# Sample Metrics

*(metrics handout)*

# Project Steering Committee Responsibilities

- Attend monthly meetings (1 hr.)
- Review program materials on as-needed basis
- Engage, share thoughts, and resources
- Communicate opportunities for improvement
- Help provide strategic guidance & troubleshoot barriers
- Ensure the project work coordinates and aligns with other ongoing work
- *Help make this program a success*

# Project Steering Committee Membership

- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
- Rutland Regional Medical Center
- University of Vermont Medical Center
- Copley Hospital
- Gifford Medical Center
- Rutland Mental Health Services
- Center for Health & Learning – Vermont Suicide Prevention Center
- Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems
- The Vermont Department of Health – State Office of Rural Health
- Department of Mental Health
- Independent Psychiatry
- *Adding ADAP, Department of Children & Families*

# VPQHC Staff Supporting this Project

- Hillary Wolfley, Associate Director
- Patrice Knapp, Strategic Quality Improvement Consultant
  - *Former hospital Quality Director at midsize hospital in Vermont*
- Lyndsay Sykes, RN QI Specialist
  - *Former Nurse Case Manager at Vermont Critical Access Hospital*
- Mary McQuiggan, QI Specialist
  - *Former inpatient psychiatry social worker at midsize hospital in Vermont*

# Hospital Recruitment Outreach Plan

Network/Group	Outreach Description
ED Directors & ED Nurse Managers	Target recruitment group <b><i>Complete (presented to ED Directors on 3/18/2022)</i></b>
Quality Directors	Informational; ensure aware of mock survey opportunity Present at March VPQHC QD Meeting
Care Management Directors	Informational – Present at March VPQHC CTL Meeting
CNOs	<b><i>Complete (presentation on 2/28)</i></b>
CMOs	Informational – executive summary via email
CEOs	Informational – executive summary via email
CFOs	Informational – executive summary via email
1:1 Meeting with hospital teams	Offered to all; <i>began 3/9/2022</i>

# Hospital Recruitment Status as of 3/10/2022

Organization	Enrollment Status	Notes
Copley	<i>Enrolled</i>	
Gifford	TBD	
Mt. Ascutney	TBD	QD out on vacation until 3/15
North Country	<i>Enrolled</i>	
NVRH	<i>Enrolled</i>	
RRMC	<i>Enrolled</i>	
SVMC	TBD	Call scheduled for 3/11/2022 with ED Nursing Director, QDs
UVMHN-CVMC	TBD	ED Director sent message it's under review
Springfield	TBD	ED Director out until 3/8; QD reviewing
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	<i>Enrolled</i>	
Grace Cottage	<i>Enrolled</i>	
Northwestern Medical Center	TBD	
UVMHN-Porter Medical Center	TBD	
UVMMC	TBD	



# Questions?



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## Question from private funder to EDs:

*Reducing access to lethal means is an important suicide prevention strategy. There may be resources available to provide Vermont Emergency Departments with medication lock boxes and gun locks that EDs could then give out to their patients at their discretion. Would your ED be interested in this opportunity?*