NURSING EXECUTIVES COUNCIL
Thursday, August 11, 2016
12 – 1:30 p.m.
TMC 2450 Board Room
2450 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77021

**Council Members Present:**
Carson Easley, MHMRA Harris County
Therese Highnote, Katy ISD
Kelly A. Irving, Michael E. Debakey VA
Lynette Dorsey, Michael E. Debakey VA
Avni Cirpili, Menninger Clinic
Karen K. Meyers, Memorial Hermann
Ainslie Nibert, Texas Women’s University
Liisa Ortegon, Houston Methodist
Lorraine Frazier, UTHealth

**Guest Speakers Present:**
Greg Lardner, VP, CastleBranch
Travis Hunter, Manager, CastleBranch

**TMC Members Present:**
Tatum Boatwright, Marketing Associate
I. Welcome & Introductions – Lorraine Frazier, UTHealth & Liisa Ortegon, Methodist Hospital

- The meeting commenced shortly after noon. Everyone present went around the room and introduced themselves.

II. Guest Speaker: Comprehensive Clinical Compliance – Greg Lardner, VP of Sales & Travis Hunter, Director of Sales, CastleBranch

- CastleBranch was invited to join the TMC Nursing Executive Council to present a solution for a problem that has been around the medical center for many years. CastleBranch is a controlled and credited
background check organization that is aimed to create a single platform built to streamline the student clinical experience process. This platform, Bridges, integrates the solutions you need from any device throughout the clinical journey.

- The problem that the council found with this platform is with the imputation of the data and the validation process. CastleBranch would need to work with the administration team from the institutions and their quality assurance team to review the documentation from the students. Another important component of this platform is to make sure the data is a primary source and the institutions do not absorb any additional costs.

- The annual fee for this platform ranges anywhere from $70-$170 for the student’s background checks and the immunization records. TMC institutions will begin a pilot platform and then it can be less than a year to implement to the other members. The members that will be participation in the pilot.
  - Houston Methodist
  - Texas Women’s University

- Any questions institutions might have for CastleBranch can be sent to Travis Hunter, Director of Sales (travish@castlebranch.com)

III. Texas Team Future of Nursing Tool Kit: Carson Easley, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD

- Carson shared with the council current tactics for the advancing committee in creating the nursing tool kit. Through this committee, a survey was completed by Education & Practice committees on knowledge of IOM recommendations. After the completion of the
survey, they were able to identify 8 key components that will work on to help nurses. The current tactics for this committee include seeking additional resources, marketing and conducting an additional survey in the Fall of 2016.

- Harris County has 28,000 nurses that are practicing within our district. This is the largest number of nurses in Texas.
- Overall, a majority of the nurses answered that they would like the tool kit to help teach the IOM recommendations to contain links to resources. This way they will be able to use the tool kit to gather data. The kit will allow users to find information as it pertains for practice roles, education, leadership, research and much more.
- The website to access this tool kit is below:
  - [http://www.txteamFONtoolkit.org](http://www.txteamFONtoolkit.org)

IV. TMC Wainderdi Emerging Nurse Leader Award

- Selection Committee – Volunteers
  - We will need 3 members from the TMC Nursing Executives Council to volunteer to be a part of the selection committee for this award. This committee will meet after the application deadline and select the winner of this award.
- Application Due: Friday, August 26, 2016 by 5 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony: November 3, 2016
- The TMC will be giving a $2,000 scholarship to an emerging nurse leader. All applications must be due on August 26 to Jody Childs, jcchilds@texaschildrens.org.
V. Announcements & Updates

- Nursing Leadership Institute 2016 – Applications are due ASAP
  - If you have any questions about the 2016 Nursing Leadership Institute, please contact Margaret Pung (Margaret.m.pung@uth.tmc.edu).
  - You may also find hand outs and the application attached to the council highlights.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- **Council Members**: As this council is about to begin a new year, please send any goals you would like to see the council work towards in 2017. All suggestions can be emailed to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu).

- **Council Members**: If you would like to be a part of the TMC Wainderdi Emerging Nurse Leader Award selection committee. Please contact Jody Childs (jccchilds@texaschildrens.org) and Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu).

- **Council Members**: If you have any questions about the Texas Team Future of Nursing Tool Kit, please contact Carson Easley (carson.easley@mhmrharris.org)

- **Tatum Boatwright**: Send an email to the CNO’s of the member institutions to gather the data for the requirements for student orientation for their individual institutions. If you know this information, please email this to Tatum Boatwright (tboatwright@tmc.edu)
Next Meeting:

November 3, 2016
12 – 1:30 p.m.

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