

## Health Ministries Network and Christian Health Care Center Offer Care Transitions for Faith Community Nurses

In Whatcom County, like other counties across the US, patients are leaving hospitals “quicker and sicker.” As many as 20 percent of patients experience medical complications within days of discharge that take them back to the hospital. Common post-discharge problems include adverse drug events, infections, worsening of chronic conditions, and inability to get help for basic needs.

To address 30 day post discharge readmissions, HMN has entered into an agreement with the Christian Health Care Center to pilot the Community Care Transitions Model developed by FCNs.

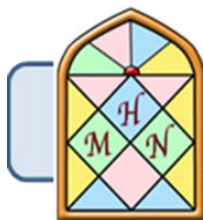
Christian Health Care Center Care Transition nurses will mentor 1-2 FCNs during multiple six-week training periods spread throughout 2017 and 2018. The desired outcomes for this pilot program are: 1) mentor eight Faith Community Nurses using the CHCC Care Transitions Model, 2) build structured Care Transition programs in seven local congregations, 3) monitor and report the HMN Care Transition interventions and outcomes.



CHCC Care Transition nurses received a Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center “Peace Builder Award” in 2015. The CHCC Care Transitions Model is now being used at Western Washington University in the “RN to BSN” Program.

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