

# Presentation to Texas Senate Health & Human Services Committee Healthy Aging Study

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# Partnership Between a AAA/ADVRC and Healthcare Systems to Improve the Health of Older Adults and their Family Caregivers

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# AAA/ADVRC & BSWH Partnership

Provide community-based services to address multiple determinants of health

- Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer’s Caregiver Health
  - Published data available
- Chronic Disease Self-Management/Diabetes Self-Management
- Community Living Program
  - Published data available
- Community Research Center for Senior Health
  - Tools and supports to support all communities in evidence-based health programs
  - EvidenceToPrograms.com
  - One of 23 Centers in the US funded by NIH

# National leaders in community-based care transitions programs

- Texas ADRC Evidence-Based Care Transitions Program
  - Funded by Administration on Aging Demonstration project at Scott & White Memorial (2011-2013)
- Central Texas Community-Based Care Transition Program
  - Funded by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (2013-2015)
  - Four hospitals – BSWH Memorial, BSWH Hillcrest, Hamilton General, Metroplex Adventist)
- Central Texas Care Transition Program
  - BSWH- Temple & Metroplex (2015- Current)

# Central Texas Care Transition Program

- Integrates 2 evidence based care transitions models that reduce 30 day readmissions to the hospital -- the **Care Transitions Intervention** and the **Bridge Model**)
- BSWH and ADVRC contribute staff that are co-located in the hospital and community
- 10 BSWH staff (MSW & discharge advocate) complete patient risk assessment using cutting edge technology
  - Patients referred to ADVRC for person/family-centered transitional care
  - Access to Title III in-home services
- Technology is used to facilitate partnership and patient care
  - **Care at Hand**
  - Patient-centered, mobile care coordination platform
  - Enables real-time communication between community-based coaches and nurse consultants to address full breadth of reasons for readmissions

# Thank You

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# Community Living Program

- Provide community-based LTC services for older adults at high risk of nursing facility placement and not Medicaid eligible
- Jointly conceived and implemented between Baylor Scott & White Health (formerly Scott & White Healthcare) and the Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center
  - Additional support services from community-based aging service providers and other key LTC stakeholders

# CLP Program Components

- Individualized Plan of Care
- \$750/month for 10 months for consumer-directed purchasing of formal care services (respite, homemaker, emergency response, support groups)
- 6 Home Visits + 3 Phone Calls
- If older adult was admitted to hospital, they were offered an evidence-based transitional care program (CTI)
- Caregivers received components of an evidence-based caregiver support program (REACH II)

# Findings from CLP

- 191 participants enrolled from hospital and ADRC
- 9/143 (6%) older adults were admitted to a nursing facility at 10 months
- Older adults had fewer physician visits, ER visits, hospital stays and total nights in hospital and improvements in depression at 12 months
- Caregivers had improvements in depression and caregiver burden at 12 months

# Implications for Texas

- Our partnership between healthcare and a community-based service organization (ADVRC) was instrumental in the design, implementation and outcome of the program
- Multiple stakeholders from both settings (e.g., hospital discharge planners, home care service providers) were consulted in the design of the program and their input had a direct impact on the services provided

# The Care Transitions Intervention® (CTI)

- Developed by Eric Coleman, MD, MPH
  - University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine
- Evidence-based, patient-centered 30 day intervention
- Designed to improve quality of care and safety for patients during care transitions

# Bridge

- Developed by Bridge Model National Office (BMNO; originally known as the Illinois Transitional Care Consortium, ITCC)
- Evidence-based, social work-led, telephone-based intervention
  - Home visit available if patient is at high risk of re-admitting
- Model emphasizes collaboration among hospitals, community-based providers and the aging network

# Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer's Caregiver Health II (REACH II)

- Clinical trial sponsored by the National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- 6-month intervention
- Intervention had a meaningful impact on quality of life and rates of caregiver depression were halved