

MAHQ Quarterly

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Quote

“Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.”

Mohandas Gandhi



Maureen Leary, Senior Program Coordinator from Healthcentric describes role of QIN/QIO during MAHQ Fall Program at Maine Medical Center.

MAHQ Fall Program Delivers Diverse Agenda

By Jeff Gregory

The Maine Association for Healthcare Quality held its Annual Fall Education Program on November 4th at Maine Medical Center's Dana Education Center. The agenda included a diverse array of topics and speakers.

Eva Quirion, NP, PhD talked about the opioid crisis within the state and the recent law passed in the legislature limiting the dosage and length of time that opioids can be prescribed. There is also mandated education for providers on the use of opioids. Dr. Quirion emphasized that good communication is key to improving the current crisis. Dealing with the psychological factors with patients is also important. Educating the patient on why the law is in effect while not diminishing the real impact of pain on the patient's quality of life.

There were also good presentations from Maureen Leary, Amanda Gagnon from Healthcentric Advisors

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2016 President's Message Trudy Rairdon

As I close out my term as President of the Maine Association for Healthcare Quality I must give thanks. Thanks to all my friends that I have made along this journey. My fellow members of the MAHQ Board: Immediate Past President and Bylaws Chair – Beth Dodge, President Elect and Program Chair – Shelly Shibles, Treasurer and Finance Chair – Rhoda Lanzara-Dalfonso, Secretary – Susan Curtis, Members at Large – Cindy Swift, Courtney Lovely, Andrea Poulos and Sue Devoe, Committee Chairs – Communications – Jeff Gregory, Membership – Betty Ann Cyr, Nominations – Lisa French. All the MAHQ members over the years and all the peers I have met attending the NAHQ meetings. I have learned so much from you all and appreciate your helpful advice, direction and support. (Continued on page 2)

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Recertification Cycle

The field of healthcare quality is subject to rapid and frequent changes so each recertification cycle is 2 years in length.

The cycle begins January 1 of the year following the completion of the certification examination or prior recertification cycle. The cycle ends on December 31 of the second year. During each 2-year cycle, 30 CE hours are required.

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on making use of the QIN-QIO and Medication Safety. Shawn Taylor, RN and Jeanne Benger, RN from Maine Medical Center had a very informative presentation on improving workplace safety.

Jeff Austin from the Maine Hospital Association provided a thorough update on the current legislature and a preview of the 128th Legislature. Some highlights from this presentation included both Maine and national ballot issues. Based on ratings from AHRQ, Maine still ranks very high in overall healthcare quality nationally. Although not number one in the rankings this year, we are still in the top ten.

Got News? We need articles/photos for future MAHQ Quarterly newsletters. If you have anything that you would like to share from the world of healthcare quality, please send to Jeff Gregory, MAHQ Communication Chair @ gregoi@mhc.org

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2016 was such a busy year! Three successful educational sessions with many CEUs obtained for our members. Our Spring session was a virtual sharing of the national session offered by the National Association for Healthcare Quality. Our Summer session where we join in with the Maine Hospital Association and recognize our Distinguished Member (Congrats again to Betty Ann Cyr!). Our Fall Session was recently held and was a very interesting day with a variety of interesting speakers.

I look forward to continuing my involvement in the MAHQ Board (at a slightly slower pace...) as the Immediate Past President. If you are thinking about joining our Board please do, it is such a rewarding and educational process. Again, Thank you to you all! Trudy

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