



MBS Matters

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Service

National Start Walking/Rolling Day

Over 700 people participated in National Start Walking/Rolling Day. 17 facilities/office sites had EXCELLENT participation, of those the following MBS Rehab departments joined in:

Gracy Woods I
TRISUN Care Center Corpus Christi
TRISUN River Ridge
The Plaza at Mansfield

TRISUN Coastal Palms
TRISUN Westwood
TRISUN Temple Living Center West



The Plaza at Mansfield participated with 37 residents.

Monica Leija, Rehab Tech at TLCW, was team captain for National Start! Walking/Rolling Day. She organized the whole building to get involved with this event. Residents, rehab staff as well as department heads and staff participated. Monica mapped out a route for everyone to walk through the community to "visit" our neighbors. Everyone involved had a great time and the question remains when Monica will do this again. A great big thank you goes to Monica for her hard work on this event!

-Roni Perez



Monica Leija wheels a resident (center) as the group strolls through the community.



Participants of National Start! Walking/Rolling Day at Temple Living Center West.

Upcoming Events

- * Austin, TX
 - o Fan Drive, June 26
- * Corpus Christi, TX
 - o Relay for Life, June 19-20
- * Ft. Worth/Dallas, TX
 - o Habitat for Humanity, June 6
- * San Angelo, TX
 - o Relay for Life, June 5-6

Service (continued)

Annual Resident Picnic

Sundance Inn held their second annual resident picnic at Landa Park near the Comal River in April. The therapy team assisted residents with lunch and activities in the park. Residents enjoyed feeding ducks and fish in the Comal. The event was rewarding for residents and everyone involved. It was a great way to spend a day at the park

-Crystal Boerner



Rolando Acevedo assists Ms. Butler off the van wearing her hat.

Rehab Therapy and CNAs Collaborate

'We at Meadow Creek are extremely fortunate to have a Rehab team who participates in every event we undertake - for the improvement in the quality of life and quality of care for our residents, in our staff retention efforts, in our philanthropic endeavors, and overall, to achieve our Pillar Goals. As an example, we had a 3-hour CNA Camp in April where our CNAs progressed through a series of stations where their skills were checked off. Our very own Heather Braden, DOR, checked our CNAs' skills of transferring, gait training, appropriate use of assistive devices, and much more! She's a great teacher and the CNAs really enjoyed the attention and encouragement they received (. . .) Heather and her team are gems, and we at Meadow Creek greatly appreciate their camaraderie, teamwork, and collaborative efforts!'

-Sheila Chambers, Administrator at Meadow Creek

Therapist Spotlight

Donna Boulette, M.S., CCC-SLP, CCC-A has been a speech language pathologist for 21 years and an audiologist for 29 years. Donna services both Meadow Creek Nursing Center and Regency House Care Center in San Angelo with MBS Rehab. As an audiologist, Donna provides assistance to patients who need hearing aid consults in response to nursing request at our Trisun facilities in San Angelo. Donna also actively participates in the screening process at Meadow Creek and Regency House. Ms. Boulette is very creative when it comes to treatments for patients. She has worked closely with Trisun Meadow Creek to implement and utilize a media center for residents to enhance cognitive skills, "surf" the internet, shop online, and send and receive emails. On April 7-8, Donna prepared materials for and completed education of all the CNAs at Meadow Creek. The CNAs completed competencies in areas of Diet Consistency, Positioning of Residents for Meal Time, Communication, Aspiration, Vomiting, and Heimlich Maneuver. In addition, on April 13 Donna Boulette reviewed and provided feedback to Juli Simmang for MBS Rehab's SLP Skilled Documentation Resource draft to be placed on the V: drive. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Thanks Donna!

-Heather Braden

Leadership Development Programs

Harden Healthcare recently hosted 2 Leadership Development Programs. One was LDP, Harden's original Leadership course, at which MBS Rehab had 2 attendees. They were Juli Simmang, Director of Clinical Services and Wendy Schroeder, Financial Analyst. This was a 3 day event full of leadership development activities, 360 Feedback and a Myers-Briggs personality analysis. The second was LDP 2, a follow up to the original course. Shanni Ponce, Vice President of Operations, attended this seminar. This seminar/workshop is also filled with leadership activities, 360 feedback and other "new" activities! LDP is designed to help individuals grow in their leadership roles. Please congratulate these employees on completing these programs.

-Tricia Fox

People

Shanni Ponce is now our first ever “Vice President of Operations” for MBS Rehab! Please congratulate Shanni on her new and “well deserved” title. Shanni had taken the role of Director of Operations to a higher level and the title of Vice President is much more appropriate for the job she performs. Thank you Shanni for all you do.

-Tricia Fox

Shanni Ponce and Ethel Gacasan both completed their Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix April 4th, 2009 at the Long Center, in Austin, Texas. Shanni was also selected to be one of the speakers for the University of Phoenix 2009 commencement program. We are very proud of Shanni and Ethel’s achievement and their contribution to MBS Rehab.

Congratulations Shanni and Ethel!

Kelsey Sugarek, rehab tech at River Ridge, for acceptance to Occupational Therapy school at UT Galveston this fall.

Congratulations Kelsey!

Quality

Rehab Smart has certainly had its share of issues as of late! I realize how frustrating this must be to everyone in the field as it slows down your efficiency and productivity. We at the RC have been working with Voltaic to correct these issues. First, Voltaic is working on “migrating” Rehab Smart from a Windows based server to a Linux based server. Linux is what Rehab Smart was actually intended to run on. Switching to Linux is expected to increase the speed of the program. Secondly, Voltaic is working on “Optimization”. This will be some changes in the format of the program which will also increase the speed of Rehab Smart. It is expected that the move to Linux servers and the Optimization Project will be completed around May 21. While we fully expect to have a smoother end of month, we will definitely be monitoring and assessing the changes that are being made to see if further modifications are needed.

-Tricia Fox

Finance

PeopleSoft is in full swing! We now have 3 full months of financial statements from our new PeopleSoft program. All DORs and Region Managers are able to view and print their monthly statement of operations through this program. Each month I will notify each Region Manager and DOR when the financial statements are ready for viewing. At that point, each person will review their statements for any possible corrections/revisions. Anyone who feels their statement has a need for corrections will notify me. (Eventually you will notify Wendy Schroeder!) Once corrections are made and statements are final, you will be notified again. At that point you can print and file your statements in a secure/confidential location, or you can just view them in PeopleSoft.

-Tricia Fox

Growth

MBS Rehab would like to welcome 14 new full time, part time and PRN employees who joined us in April:

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| * April Herklotz | * Alyssa Black | * Bridget Dean | * Myra Delacruz |
| * Nikosi Darnell | * Jeff Alexander | * Lisa Smothers | * Royce Dalton |
| * Alafia Choilawala | * Deborah Chanley | * Doug Allen | |
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