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From: Jennifer Greenhalgh [mailto:JGreenhalgh@scha.org]

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 2:38 PM

To: Kester, Tony; Wolf, Anne

Cc: Dickinson, Gerry

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Importance: High

Mr. Kester and Ms. Wolf, I am the Director of Quality and Improvement Projects at the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA), <http://www.scha.org/>.

I am sure you are aware of our advocacy and our focus on safe quality care that is delivered in our statewide hospitals and of course, to our South Carolina (SC) patients.

As the leadership of the Office of Aging, I wanted to make you aware of a program that is available to our Long Term Care facilities throughout South Carolina. The information below talks about the **FREE national collaborative** for those facilities' teams.

Could you possibly distribute it to your contacts and encourage participation? You can also listen into the informational webinar yourself **tomorrow at 3:30pm EST**. The link is toward the bottom of the announcement.

Please call if you have any questions, I am excited to be able to bring this national partnership to SC and to our aging healthcare population.

Forward as needed too.

Thank you both for your consideration, Jenny



Dear Long Term Care (LTC) Leaders,

I am making contact today to let you know about a great opportunity to partner for the first time with the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) in a national collaboration to improve care for our patients.

As you know, SCHA is a professional association that supports all South Carolina member hospitals with their legislative, educational and staffing needs, in addition to patient safety and quality care resources. We work with our hospitals on several national, regional, statewide, and even local projects designed to improve patient care delivery and reduce harm to patients. For more information, take a look at our website: <http://www.scha.org/>

Now, we have an opportunity to collaborate with you, our statewide Long Term Care facilities, on the AHRQ national implementation of a Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) to reduce Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) and other infections in LTC facilities. Urinary tract and other avoidable infections contribute to re-hospitalizations, additional care and even death for South Carolina LTC facility residents. We would like to help!

In partnership with SCHA and the national program, we will provide your facility and your entire care team with a safety program focused on reducing facility-acquired infections, improving unit communications, developing processes and support for infection prevention activities.

The program is **free** and SCHA will coordinate all the activities of the project for you. In addition, we are offering on-site training, visits and team interactions which will be customized to each facility.

I have attached an informal factsheet with a simple explanation of the program.

If your schedule allows, please plan to participate in an informational WebEx this week. The WebEx will take place this **Friday, February 21st at 3:30pm**. It will be a great opportunity to hear about the project; I hope you can join us.

Here is the attendance information:

Participant Join Link: <https://www.yourcall.com/webecho/GuestLogin.aspx?ConfRef=90096952&Pin=3757>
Conference Date: 02/21/2014 Friday
Conference Time: 3:30PM Eastern Time
Dial in Number: 1-800-311-9402
Passcode: 328015

Please feel free to forward this information to anyone in a LTC that may benefit.

We'd love South Carolina to have a great showing!

For those facilities that will not have access to a computer during the webinar, I can send you a copy of the presentation slides before the call, so that you will have the opportunity to print a hard copy of the presentation and then just dial into the conference call.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your commitment to safe and high quality care for all of our South Carolina patients! Jenny

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