

**The New England Alliance
In Conjunction with District One
of the American College of Health Care Administrators
Fall Regional Conference**

Portland Regency Hotel & Spa

20 Milk Street

Portland, ME 04101

Wednesday, September 20th – Friday, September 22nd, 2023

9 CEUs for Administrators!

Wednesday Evening	Informal Gathering in the Tavern	Armory Lounge
	All following functions to be held in the Atlantic Room/General Session Area	GSA
Thursday 8:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
Seminar 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (3.0 CEUs)	<p>Seminar: “How staffing can affect your 5 Star rating and Collaborating to Learn, Adapt, and Accelerate Improvement” This seminar will review a basic understanding of the current CMS 5-star rating and discuss the challenges in achieving and maintaining an overall 5-star rating. Specific to this presentation will be the effect of facility staffing in achieving the goal of a 5-star rating. In this current struggle of challenged staffing in the provision of Senior Health Services, strategies will be discussed to achieve the highest star ratings in each staffing component and how staffing can make or break a facility’s overall star rating. During this interactive session, participants will learn how Legacy Lifecare used the COVID-19 pandemic as a mandate to employ continuous improvement strategies to respond to the urgency of the moment. It allowed us to critically analyze how we do our work, find new ways to collaborate both internally and externally, and adapt to a rapidly changing environment. In addition, specific tips and guidelines will be shared on how to engage different stakeholders to tackle problems and accelerate improvement.</p> <p>Speakers: Ron Anglo, CCO Legacy Lifecare PHD-C, RN – Ron is a registered Nurse with more than 25 years of clinical and managerial experience in Skilled Nursing Facility settings with background as a former Registered Civil Engineer and High School and College Math teacher. Katherine S. Santos is the Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) at Legacy Lifecare (LL), a leading and innovative network of nonprofit senior care organizations (Affiliates) that provide high quality and compassionate post-acute and residential care in Massachusetts.</p>	
Thursday 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Buffet Luncheon	
Seminar 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (1.5 CEUs)	<p>Seminar: "International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative (IDDSI) Engagement for Team Leaders: Promoting the Standard of Practice" The International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative, IDDSI, has earned recognition across the United States and throughout the world as “THE” standard of care for those who benefit from texture modified food/liquids. Ten years in development, IDDSI prioritizes safety for all cultures, settings, and ages, improving communication and patient outcomes during transitions of care. Additional benefits of IDDSI implementation can include optimized quality of care with improved resident satisfaction and reduced unplanned weight loss. With increased attention to measurement & consistent food production, waste can be minimized, and staff efficiency improved, with possible benefits including improved expense control. Across the world, as well as within local communities, people speaking the same language of IDDSI are providing quality care and support to individuals with swallowing problems (dysphagia).</p> <p>Speakers: Mary Rybicki, MS, RD, LDN is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with diverse clinical and management experience in post-acute care settings. Katrina Woodward, MS, CCC-SLP, CDP is a speech pathologist and Chief Administrative Officer of New England’s mobile Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) provider, SDX Dysphagia Experts.</p>	
Seminar 2:45 PM – 4:15 PM (1.5 CEUs)	<p>Seminar: “Value-based Payment Models & Long-term Care Resident Populations” Skilled nursing facility and assisted living facility operators have the opportunity today to participate in multiple value-based payment models for their long-term resident populations. Speakers will discuss how these models work and how skilled nursing facility and assisted living facility operators may consider participating. The models discussed will include: Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs, ACO REACH (ACO Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health), ACO REACH - High Needs, and I-SNPs (Institutional Special Needs Plans).</p> <p>Speaker: Chris Wasel, President, Marketing & Strategic Partnerships for Vantage Healthcare the largest physician practice of its type in New England providing services to skilled nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.</p>	
Thursday 4:15 PM	The New England Alliance-District One of ACHCA Meeting	
Thursday 5:00 PM	Cocktail Reception	
Friday 8:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	
Seminar 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (3.0 CEUs)	<p>Seminar: "UNH Panel on Long-Term Care Workforce Development and Educational Institution Partnership" Panel of educators in the University of New Hampshire’s College of Health and Human Services who study various aspects of workforce development. Each panelist will present current topics of specific interest to the role of the university in preparing the future long-term care workforce.</p> <p>Speakers: Corazzini: role of the public research university in healthcare workforce development partnerships. Bonica: The school-to-work transition and emerging adulthood – how to address the challenges of hiring and retaining young people leaving school (high school or college) and entering the workforce while navigating the tasks of emerging adulthood. Braswell: Discuss the benefits of partnering with a baccalaureate nursing program from the facilities and program’s perspectives. Highlighting the complexity of the needs of the residents provides rich opportunities for learning assessment, management of complex health problems, and working within an interdisciplinary team. Harkless: Integrating learners from all levels of nursing and other professions into LTC is needed to prepare the future workforce. Models for this learning integration are varied and include, among others, the Teaching Nursing Home, and the Dedicated Education Unit models. What are these models? How do they work in LTC?</p>	
Conference adjourns at noon (Hotel check-out 12:00 PM)	Thank you for your support!	



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