



## Campaign Newsletter October 2005

### **Production News**

September was a very busy month for the Crosskeys Media® production team.

- At the Medical College of Georgia we continued to document how this institution has completely transformed itself by directly involving patients and families in redesigning all aspects of care. This story will appear in program 1, *The Hospital*.
- As reported last month, the day before Hurricane Katrina hit we finished production in Louisiana on efforts to address the needs of people with chronic conditions such as congestive heart failure and diabetes. We are now strategizing how to include the post-Katrina recovery efforts into program 2, *Chronic Disease*.
- We completed production on program 3, *Community by Community*, in September. This program features the unique collaborative effort among acute care facilities in Pittsburgh, PA to combat hospital acquired infections throughout the city, and efforts in Whatcom County, WA to address the needs of patients throughout the community dealing with chronic diseases. A "rough cut" will soon be submitted to the programming department at PBS as they consider a national airdate for the series.
- For Program 4, *Champions of Change*, we documented portions of The Institute for Healthcare Improvement's *100,000 Lives* campaign bus tour featuring Dr. Don Berwick.

### **Campaign News**

#### **Coalition Leaders Call**

On October 25, DCI will host a facilitated teleconference with leaders and others involved in RAM coalitions. The call will take place from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (ET). The purpose is to share information about the outreach campaign and provide examples of some of the exciting work being planned in communities around the country. We encourage you to call in and ask questions.

Several PBS stations and Quality Improvement Organizations will make brief presentations. They include Larry Jopek of WEDU/Tampa and Dave Ruscitti, Florida Medical Quality Association; Gail Thomas Strong, WFYI/Indianapolis and Ellen Murphy, Health Care Excel; Jennifer Trotter, New Mexico Medical Review Association and Tish Bravo, KNME/Albuquerque; and Jennifer Lawson, WHUT, Washington, D.C.

Marc Boutin, VP of Policy Development and Advocacy, National Health Council, and Carolyn Pare, CEO, Buyers Health Action Group, who serve as co-chairs of the Coalition Subcommittee, will also participate.

We hope you can find time to get involved in the call. Just follow the link <http://www.ramcampaign.org/pages/confreg.asp> and fill in the registration form. The registration deadline has been extended to Friday, October 21. Registrants will receive an agenda, call-in information and a companion PowerPoint™ presentation that can be easily downloaded.

### **Coalition Activities**

Each month we feature several RAM coalitions and their efforts. This month we showcase groups that are underscoring the patient- and family-centered care theme through their RAM projects.

#### **Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET), Lincoln, NE**

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) has decided to focus on patient- and family-centered care and patient safety. The goal is to inspire consumers, with a special emphasis on seniors, to be proactive in meeting their own health care needs and those of their families. The station is working with CIMRO-Nebraska, the state Quality Improvement Organization, and a coalition of 17 other organizations including the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, the state chapter of AARP, the Nebraska Division of Aging, Nebraska Office of Public Health and Nebraska Association of Home and Community Health Agencies, among others.

NET will produce segments for its weekly news magazine, *Statewide*, and hold community screenings to engage key stakeholders throughout the state. Other activities will include the participation in health care trade association conferences, the selection and promotion of local *Champions of Change* and a statewide media outreach effort.

#### **WEDU, Tampa, FL**

WEDU is focusing on diabetes prevention and management within the Hispanic and Latino communities. Coalition members include the Florida Medical Quality Assurance, Inc. (FMQAI), the state Quality Improvement Organization; the American Diabetes Association; and the Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative that consists of many citywide health care organizations.

The RAM campaign has involved local and statewide stakeholders, health care professionals, community organizations, non-professional caregivers and consumers. WEDU, in collaboration with FMQAI, produced *Diabetes & You*, a 30-minute program that addressed the dual issues of diabetes prevention and treatment. The program featured a roundtable discussion with providers and a diabetes expert from the Harvard School of Public Health and footage of patients who provided personal advice on how to manage the disease. (This program aired on September 26.) Subsequent broadcasts will include a viewer help line staffed by volunteers from the American Diabetes Association. Callers will receive a bilingual booklet that addresses questions about prevention and treatment of diabetes. WEDU will distribute the program to other Florida PBS stations.

WEDU also expects to hold community screenings and discussions, develop a statewide promotion plan and produce complementary local radio programming.

### **Media Subcommittee**

Several members of the Media Subcommittee met with DCI in late September. They provided guidance on important campaign message points as well as reviewed key reporters and editors. They also provided suggestions for campaign spokespersons

that will be selected from the National Partners. Thanks to Gillian Ray, National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, for helping lead this effort along with Rick Wade, American Hospital Association; Richard Deutsch, American Health Quality Association; and Paul Skowronek, Alliance of Community Health Plans, for their participation in this most recent meeting.

If you would like to learn more about the media relations activities please call or email Barbara Lohman.

### **Campaign Newsletter**

We appreciate your help in spreading the word about RAM. In fact, the number of newsletter subscribers is steadily growing. If you haven't already done so, please forward this newsletter to your members, colleagues and friends and ask them to come on board!

### **RAMcampaign.org**

Another easy way to introduce RAM to your members and colleagues is to suggest they visit [RAMcampaign.org](http://RAMcampaign.org) to learn more and get involved in this initiative. On this site we make a point of featuring the important work of our National Partners. For example, we are constantly updating the RAM Calendar of Events to include educational and training opportunities National Partners are conducting around the country. The News section also features press releases and other Partner information. If you have anything you feel would be appropriate for the site, please contact our webmaster, Allan Childers.

### **Who to call**

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