

The Missouri Coalition Celebrating Care Continuum Change

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed by Congress in 2010 requires that all nursing homes develop Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) programs, ensuring that homes continuously identify and correct quality deficiencies as well as sustain performance improvement. While the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has yet to promulgate the specific regulatory requirements, many homes are already initiating or improving their QAPI processes.

Since research has demonstrated a correlation between culture change efforts and improved clinical outcomes, higher occupancy rates, and improved resident, family, and staff satisfaction, it makes sense that culture change serve as a cornerstone for your QAPI program (See [open letter to Missouri's long-term care leaders](#) from DHSS Section for Long-Term Care Regulation Administrator Matt Younger).

There is no better way to stay abreast of the latest culture change happenings than to get involved with Missouri's State culture change coalition, [MC5](#) (Missouri Coalition Celebrating Care Continuum Change). With 12 regional groups that meet regularly around the state, regardless of where you live, there is one meeting within easy driving distance for you.

As an added benefit, MC5 has recently attained Training Agency status from the Missouri Board of Nursing Home Administrators, and has begun offering FREE nursing home administrator and Social Workers CEUs for regional meetings attendees.



East Central (Rolla)meeting attendees participate in a networking exercise prior to a presentation by Primaris Program Manager Alexis Roam introducing the Using MDS 3.0 as an Engine for High Quality, Individualized Care Learning Collaborative that MC5 and Primaris have teamed up to bring, beginning in January 2014. It's not too late for your team to join!



Route 71 (Nevada) attendees learn about Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes Campaign tools from Advancing Excellence Field Operations Manager Carol Scott



Northwest region (Saint Joseph) attendees learn about new dining practices



East (St. Louis) attendees learn about Music and Memory training and resources



2013 Culture Change conference

Visit www.momc5.com to see upcoming meeting locations and dates near you!