

Meet the Greater Rochester Nursing Home Quality Consortium's QAPI: The Meliora Project

Building on the success of the last three years in collaborative learning, the Greater Rochester Nursing Home Quality Consortium (GRNHQC) applied and received funding again by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to expand upon its quality improvement work grounded in Lean Six Sigma (LSS) methodologies. Called the Meliora Project, Latin for *ever better*, GRNHQC's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) continues to teach the core LSS curriculum to interdisciplinary teams for analyzing, identifying and addressing quality care issues and will now encompass nursing homes in the greater Finger Lakes region.

The current training cohort has chosen topics related to infection control and includes various goals such as to reduce urinary tract infections, antibiotic resistant infections and respiratory outbreaks. Using data analysis, teams will continue to refine this topic according to how it manifests in their particular environment, creating home-specific problem statements and systematically studying how interventions affect their self-determined performance outcomes. For more information about joining a training cohort or serving on the advisory council during Meliora's 2012-2015 project period, please contact Project Director, Tobie Olsan, PhD, MPA, RN, at Tobie.Olsan@urmc.rochester.edu or call 585-275-5828.

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