

June 30, 2019

Rick Combs
Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau
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Re: Annual Patient Safety Report per NRS 439.877
Humboldt General Hospital

Dear Director Combs:

Pursuant to NRS 439.877 Humboldt General Hospital (HGH), is required to annually submit to your office a summary of its Patient Safety Committee Activities including information relating to the development, revision and usage of patient safety checklists and patient safety policies and a summary of the annual review conducted for the prior 12 month period. The following information is being provided in conformity with this requirement.

Establishment of Patient Safety Checklists: Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 439.877 the Patient Safety Committee adopted Patient Safety Checklists. These checklists are reviewed and modified as necessary based upon outcome and performance data on a yearly basis. Currently, HGH utilizes and monitors compliance with checklists covering numerous patient areas. These include Hand Hygiene, Patient Identification, Code Blue Cart Inspection, Central Line Insertion, (etc.) Checklist. Checklists are available for review upon request.

Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Protocols: In conjunction with the checklists, HGH has developed and implemented policies, procedures and protocols to ensure compliance with the letter and intent of the checklists. A list of the current policies covering the above- referenced checklists include, but are not limited to the following:

Patient Safety

- Patient Safety Checklists.
- Patient Safety Plan

Hand Hygiene and Infection Control

- Hand Hygiene

Emergency Carts

- Crash Cart Maintenance Procedure

Patient identification

- Patient Identification

Fall Prevention

- Fall Prevention (Acute)
- Falls (Long Term Care)

Patient Discharge

- Discharge Planning Program
- Discharge Instruction from The Emergency Department

Policies are available for review upon request.

Patient Safety Compliance: During the calendar year 2019 the hospital Patient Safety Officer in conjunction with the hospital Quality Management and Risk Management Departments and Nursing leadership conducted reviews of staff and physician compliance with established patient safety checklists, including the ones referenced above. These reviews included direct surveillance, clinical process reviews and root cause analysis.

Patient Safety Committee: The QAPI/Patient Safety Committee meets monthly to review Sentinel Events, patient safety summary, quality measures report, and checklist adoption. Minutes are available for review upon request.

If you have any questions regarding the hospital's patient safety checklists or its quality programs, please feel free to contact me at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



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