

## **New York/Vermont Magnet Hospital Consortium**

### **2019 Annual Report**

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In March 2019 the New York / Vermont Magnet Hospital Consortium met via WebEx with 29 participants. The meeting began with Maureen Altieri and Jane Stratton sharing their attempts to contact Vermont colleagues from Magnet designated hospitals and those on the Magnet journey. Rutland Regional Medical Center has now been added to the email distribution list and the University of Vermont Medical Center, which is on the journey, will be contacting us when an MPD is named.

The New Jersey Magnet consortium had invited the NY/VT Magnet consortium to a meet and greet at the October 2018 Magnet Conference in Denver, Colorado. Those who attended enjoyed the camaraderie, networking, and hearing about the foundational structure New Jersey has built over the years.

The consortium webpage has been built and was reviewed. There was discussion regarding sharing conference pictures and including examples of SOEs that have been accepted. Pat Edwards shared a link for a free EBP course and discussed the opportunity to participate in a 2019 Delphi research study. There was also discussion of the new 2019 Magnet Application Manual. Consortium members also shared the idea of all sitting together at the Magnet conference and many members arrived early to the MPD session which enabled us to have a professional presence.

In June 2019 the annual in-person meeting had 33 consortium participants; half attended in-person at the Center for Nursing at the Foundation of NYS Nurses, Inc. in Guilderland, New York. The Center for Nursing has been very generous throughout the years in sharing their space with the consortium. The 2019 annual Magnet conference in Orlando, Florida was discussed. In addition, Dr. Lynn Newberry, Education and Outreach Program Manager for the ANCC Magnet Recognition Program provided members with a power point presentation on the Magnet Recognition Program. She included information on ADAM and ADAMplus, challenging SOEs, and tips on presenting evidence. She also held a question and answer session.

Twenty-two consortium members participated in a teleconference in October 2019. It had been decided not to meet during the annual Magnet conference, but we would connect soon after to share our experiences. The feedback discussed included the majority describing the conference as lacking structure and feeling disjointed. Timing was a major factor as the MPD session conflicted with the research session and the MPD session ended without a Q & A component. Maureen Altieri offered to contact Maureen Lal, the ANCC Magnet Program Director. Suggestions for discussion included having more of a workshop style with group work, changing the time and day, recognizing the MPDs in the general session, and presenting some of the problematic SOEs.