

How Can Value Change an Organization?

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Overview

Leaders are regularly called on to provide clarity to their colleagues and healthcare organizations. In doing so, effective leaders understand the value of palliative care from many different perspectives. They also strive to align it with the mission, vision, values and activities of the organization in which they are trying to build palliative care capacity.

This presentation exemplifies how the 5 Practices can be used to illustrate the value of palliative care within OhioHealth, a large, not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare system, located in Columbus, Ohio. Participants were invited to critique the presentation style and content as a way to review communication strategies and skills.

Strategies presented include:

- Understand the situation in the USA and OhioHealth.
 - Use peer-reviewed publications to illustrate the situation of end-of-life care in the USA, e.g., Teno 2013.
 - Use OhioHealth data to engage the audience and illustrate what is happening at OhioHealth, e.g., frequent readmissions of patients with COPD; insufficient overworked hospital-based palliative care services; late referrals to OhioHealth Hospice (very short lengths of stay before death).
- Model the Way with effective presentation skills.
 - Presentation skills are key strategies to 'model the way' and communicate ideas effectively (90% of the effect comes from the presenter – 60% use of body, 30% passion).
- Inspire a Shared Vision find common scenarios that are 'familiar' and speak to current realities.
 - Align with the healthcare systems mission: 'to move from volume to value'.
 - Identify a shared vision for patient care using clinical vignettes that illustrate existing tensions within the healthcare system, and suggest solutions.
 - Martha has 21 admissions in 24 months, illustrating the problem with ineffective transactional, rather than relational medicine. These admissions are very costly to OhioHealth as our insurers, i.e., Medicare, reduces payments when too many inpatients are being readmitted frequently.
 - Frank illustrates how early and home-based palliative care can be effective solutions to existing tensions.
- Challenge the Process utilize current scenarios to set the stage for change.
 - Justify the value of early and home-based palliative care using peer-reviewed publications, e.g., Enguidanos 2012, Teno 2004, Kelly 2013, Temel 2010, ASCO 2012.
 - Use this data to advocate for system-wide measures that monitor the use of palliative and hospice care services.

- Challenge participants to think about the healthcare system in which they would like to receive their care, e.g., "What do you want for your advanced illness experience?"
- Enable Others to Act.
 - Use familiar, evocative video vignettes to illustrate the core palliative care skills needed by all clinicians, that are risks to OhioHealth if not implemented, e.g., communication, symptom and distress management skills.
 - Use the story of the implementation of effective hand-washing to illustrate that change takes time.
- Encourage the Heart.
 - Engage participants from their hearts, using a touching patient story, e.g., Frank.
 - Demonstrate that the power to advocate and improve the system is possible, and that all have a role.

Objectives

After this presentation, participants will:

- 1. Describe how focusing on 'value' can change an organization.
- 2. Identify common change strategies, and relative effectiveness.
- 3. Critique the presentation construct:
 - What aspects of this presentation could be used to influence in your settings?
 - Concepts.
 - Presentational styles.

Important Teaching Points

- Value = quality / cost.
- Identifying patient values can help meet needs better; decreasing frustration for all.
- Identifying organizational values clearly will support improved patient safety and quality of care.
- Badly managed medical cases create quality and safety issues for patients, families and medical personnel.

Resources / References

- Film title and credits for OhioHealth video (NOTE: THESE ARE IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE BUT I BELIEVE SHOULD BE CLUSTERED BY TYPES OF REFERENCES; IS THIS CORRECT?)
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