

In case you missed the first Montana Nursing Home Sharing Call on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the recording and transcript have been posted to our website: <http://mpghf.com/QIO/montana-nursing-home-support-call-webinar/>

Or go to [www.mpghf.org](http://www.mpghf.org), click on Medicare Quality Improvement Tools & Resources and then scroll down to either Nursing Home Quality Improvement or to Webinars. The webinar is under both headings.

Highlights from the Webex include:

- **Memory Bridge:**
  - Dedicated to keeping people with dementia connected to other people
  - Connecting elders with our youth through the use of students in the nursing home
- **Presentation from Manny Garza, Health Exploratory Careers Instructor at Helena High School**
  - Students certified in first aid/CPR and as a nurse's aide
  - Exposed to medical careers through job shadows and guest lectures from Helena's health care community
  - How rural communities can get started:
    - Contact Renee Harris at Office of Public Instruction to assist with certifying a science or health teacher who could make their school district eligible for Carl Perkins Funds. At Helena High these funds are used to pay RNs to teach the CNA portion of the program. These students enter their clinical site with knowledge of: ethics, medical law, anatomy & physiology and other foundational standards. Students enrolled in such a rigorous program and are typically very responsible. Contact information for Renee: 406-994-6986 [rharris3@mt.gov](mailto:rharris3@mt.gov)
    - Elizabeth Romaine, Coordinator for High School Relations at Flathead Valley Community College, has introduced an online nurse's aide program. Contact information for Elizabeth: 406-756-3923 or [eromain@fvcc.edu](mailto:eromain@fvcc.edu)
- **George Bewick, Rocky Mountain Care Center, Administrator**
  - Working towards incorporating a day care at their facility
  - Provide child care at free or low cost to help reduce staff turnover and increase staff stability
- **Requested future trainings from Mountain Pacific related to:**
  - Working with Dr. Al Power to bring more dementia training to Montana nursing homes
  - Need for MDS and composite score training
- **Creation of a Montana nursing home list serve to promote sharing**
  - Received feedback that an e-mail nursing home list serve would be a great way to share information

Looking forward to next Montana Nursing Home Sharing call scheduled for Wednesday August 26th at 1:00 MDT. Agenda will be forthcoming!