The Maryland Patient Safety Center announces its annual Call for Solutions.

For the last eight years, healthcare providers and organizations from throughout the Mid-Atlantic region have been submitting Solutions that improve quality and patient safety to the Center. Select solutions are published and placed on the Center’s website. Submitted Solutions that address all six categories are eligible for the Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation, the Distinguished Achievement in Patient Safety Innovation Award and the Circle of Honor for Patient Safety Innovation Award.

The winner of the Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation and the Distinguished Achievement in Patient Safety Innovation Award will be asked to present their Solution at the Conference. All award winners will be honored at a special reception the evening before the conference.

If you would like to contribute your patient safety success to the Center please describe the initiative, activity, or program according to the Submission Guidelines. Be sure to provide the following:

- Program or project description, including goals
- Process(es) implemented
- Solution identified
- Measurable outcomes
- Sustainability
- Role of collaboration and leadership
- Innovative attributes
- Related tools and resources

Patient Safety Solutions may be submitted by hospitals, long-term care organizations, home health agencies, and other related healthcare organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region. The Solutions must be related to patient safety, and can address clinical, operational, and/or performance improvements in your organization. We are also asking on the Application Form that you identify the focus area for your Solution.

A Selection Committee will identify recipients for the Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation, the Distinguished Achievement in Patient Safety Innovation, and the Circle of Honor for Patient Safety Innovation. In addition, all submitted Solutions can be displayed as a storyboard at the Conference.

The Solutions Application form is attached. If you cannot open the files, have any questions or need further information, please contact Kathy Batz at kathyb@marylandpatientsafety.org.
Application Form Deadline: November 8, 2013

Organization: 
Contact Person: 
Title: 
Address: 
Email: 
Phone: 

Solution Title: 

Focus Area: (please check all that apply)  
[ ] Communication  [ ] Falls  [ ] Patient Assessment  
[ ] Competency Assessment  [ ] Hand Hygiene  [ ] Patient Involvement  
[ ] Core Measure  [ ] Infection Prevention  [ ] Pediatrics  
[ ] Crisis Prevention  [ ] Information Technology  [ ] Pressure Ulcer  
[ ] Culture  [ ] ICU  [ ] Process Redesign  
[ ] Diversity  [ ] Laboratory  [ ] Surgical Services  
[ ] Education  [ ] Lean Operations  [ ] Teamwork  
[ ] Emergency Department  [ ] Medical Equipment  [ ] Workforce  
[ ] Environment  [ ] Medication Safety  [ ] Other (Please Specify)  

Please indicate your interest in the following:  
[ ] Yes, the Maryland Patient Safety Center has permission to publish this Solution and place it on its public website.  
[ ] We are interested in displaying a storyboard and participating in lunch time presentations. (storyboards will be on a shared table, and cannot be larger than 3 ft wide x 4 ft tall, and must be self-standing)  

Please complete the Submission and Application Form, including related tools and resources as attachments, and send to: 

kathyb@marylandpatientsafety.org by November 8, 2013.  

If you are unable to insert information, have any questions or need further information, please contact: 

kathyb@marylandpatientsafety.org
Submission Guidelines
Your submission must include the following information in order to be considered. In addition, the submission must be in Times New Roman, 12 pt font with standard margins. Word is the preferred format for all solution submissions. Solutions must be submitted via email to Kathy Batz, at kathyb@marylandpatientsafety.org by November 8, 2013.

Organization

Solution Title

Program/Project Description, including Goals: What was the problem to be solved? How was it identified? What baseline data existed? What were the goals—how would you know if you were successful?

Process: What methodology or process was used to develop the Solution?

Solution: What Solution was developed? How was it implemented?

Measurable Outcomes: What are the results of implementing the Solution? Provide qualitative and/or quantitative results to data. (Please include graphs, charts, or tools).

Sustainability: What measures are being taken to ensure that results can be sustained and spread?

Role of Collaboration and Leadership: What role did teamwork and collaboration play in the Solution? What partners and participants were involved? Was the organization’s leadership engaged and did they share the vision for success? How was leadership support demonstrated?

Innovation: What makes this Solution innovative? What are its unique attributes?

Related Tools and Resources

Contact Person
Title
Email
Phone

The Solutions selected to receive the Minogue Award for Patient Safety Innovation will reflect the following Award criteria:
• Be innovative
• Demonstrate measurable change
• Exhibit strong collaboration
• Exhibit strong leadership
• Advance the culture of patient safety
• Constitute a best practice with the ability to spread

SUBMISSION AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013. Faxed or Mailed Solutions will not be considered. All Solutions must be received electronically.