

Blackstone Valley Community Health Center

Central Falls Office on Health

**Central Falls Fire Dept.
Emergency Medical Service**

**Memorandum of Understanding between Blackstone Valley Community Health Center and
Central Falls Emergency Medical Service**

Purpose

To promote collaboration between Blackstone Valley Community Health Center, Inc (BVCHC) and Central Falls Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

Goals

1. Aims to make sure Central Falls residents use Central Falls Fire Department Emergency Medical Services appropriately.
2. Creates a process of collaboration between the Central Falls Fire Department Emergency Medical Services and primary care clinician caring for Central Falls residents.

Principals of BVCHC and CFEMS

1. On scene conversations will take place onsite between Central Falls Emergency Medical Services and Blackstone Valley Community Health Center Clinicians.
2. Hospitals will not be tasked with medical care that can be provided in a primary care environment.
3. Primary Care response time will be no longer than the medical control response time (five minutes).

Implementation

The Central Falls Mobile Integrated Health Unit can be utilized by Central Falls residents enrolled in Blackstone Valley Community Health Center. The mobile integrated care process exists to create collaboration between Central Falls Fire Department Emergency Medical Services and Blackstone Valley

Community Health Center clinicians for patients who will call EMS instead of requesting home health services. The process will be developed collaborating between EMS, BVCHC, and the Central Falls Office on Health, and monitored in meetings and as part of the Central Falls Multidisciplinary Team.

EMS Process

1. Identify the patients problem is primary care responsive not ALS level of care.
2. Establish primary care clinician is Blackstone Valley Community Healthcare
3. Page or call the BVCHC identified clinician. If response time is more than 5 minutes, patient will be transferred to the hospital.
4. Exchange clinical information
5. Collaborative decision
6. Transport to relevant place
7. Blackstone Valley Nurse accepts transfer of care
8. EMT on scene is free to make his or her best professional decision about patient care at all times.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. The Central Falls Multi-Disciplinary Team the Central Falls Neighborhood Health Station will be responsible for quality management.
2. The Central Falls Fire Department is responsible for treating and transporting the patients on-site, writing the RI EMS report, and maintaining the equipment.
3. The primary care clinician must discuss the treatment plan with EMS and provide care upon arrival at BVCHC.
4. The patient is responsible for accepting the services offered by the mobile integrated care team. Patients may decline and choose hospitalization.

Records and Reports

1. Central Falls Neighborhood Health Station will collect and analyze the data needed to determine the efficacy of the MIH.
2. EMS will keep all records of services performed on-site and in the ambulance via EMS run report.
3. Blackstone Valley Community Health Care, Inc. will keep a record of all treatment performed there, as well as the EMS summary report.

Maintenance

The Central Falls Fire Department will be responsible for the maintenance of equipment and EMT training. Blackstone Valley Community Health Care, Inc. will provide medical direction.

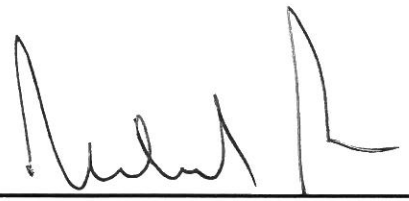
Updates

Central Falls Neighborhood Health Station and the Central Falls Fire Department have the authority to update the MOU as necessary, in collaboration with all parties and subject to consensus by participating authorities. Any updates or changes will require the signature of each participating entity. Updates may be made on an addendum page with an attached new signature page verifying the understanding of changes.

Termination

This MOU may be terminated by any party upon issuance of written notice to each other party, no less than 30 days before the proposed termination date. The 30 day notice may be waived upon mutual written consent of all parties.

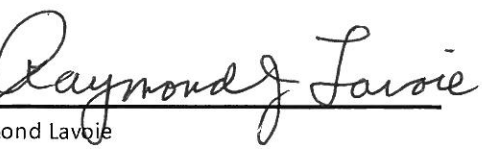
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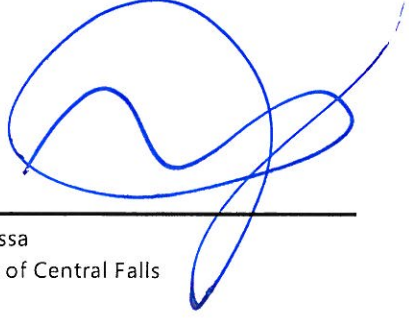
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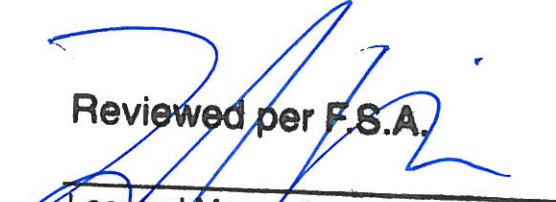
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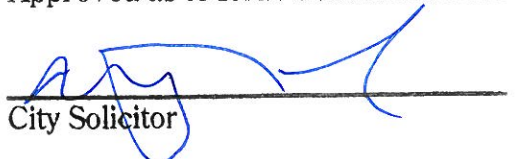
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