



Community EMS

West Valley Fire District

In Partnership with

Yamhill Community Care Organization



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Introduction to Community EMS

- **Community EMS:**
 - Our model developed in response to experience coordinating care during a wildland fire in 2013
- **Our goals:**
 - Empowering and educating the patient and caregivers
 - Coordination of care/partnerships
 - Create sustainability
- **Also Known As:**
 - Mobile Integrated Health or
Community Paramedicine**



Empowerment & Education

53 year old female with significant COPD history

Previous Experience:

- Multiple intubations pre-hospital over 11 years
- Several hospital stays, lasting several days
- Skilled nursing facility stay lasting 1 month in 2014
- In 4 years, patient transported 17 times by WVFD; average ambulance transport bill was \$2,000

Current Experience with Program:

- Decrease home oxygen use
- Significant increase in activity
- Patient lost 30 lbs.
- Significant decrease in ambulance transport
- Significant decrease in hospital stay



Empowerment & Education

75 Year old female with dizziness and low blood pressure

- Frequent ED visits over a two week period including one inpatient stay.
- Determined medication error causing the symptoms.
- Once medications resolved, ED and Inpatient hospitalization stopped.



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Referrals & Feedback

- **Feedback from Patient #1:**
 - **“You have been the one that has been helping the most.”**
- **Dr. Kelly Crawford, DO with Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Clinic, McMinnville**
 - **“The Community EMS program has improved my understanding of my patients and my ability to care for my patients and most importantly has improved the health of my patients.”**



Partnerships

- **Willamette Valley Medical Center**
 - Post discharge follow up
 - Medication reconciliation
- **Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center**
 - Blood draws for patients on certain blood thinners
 - Medication reconciliation
- **Physician's Medical Center**
- **Yamhill CCO's Community Health Hub**
 - Coordination between partners regarding care, including staff from VGMHC, Project ABLE, Community Health Workers, and Provoking Hope



Sustainability

- **Contracts**
 - WVMC
 - Yamhill CCO
- **Oregon Health Plan**
 - Creating policy change to receive reimbursement
- **Medicare**
 - Chronic Care Management Services
- **Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde – Shasta Insurance**



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Conclusion

- Empowering & educating the patient & caregiver(s)
- Coordination of care/partnerships
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