

Clay County Hospital and Nursing Home Grant Report

October 25, 2017

Reduction of Employee Injuries Related to Lifting and Movement Initiative

The goal of this initiative is to reduce and prevent injuries to Clay County Hospital and Nursing Home Staff due to the lifting and movement of patients. The facility has very few lifts which must be shared. Employees become impatient while waiting for a lift and will go ahead and lift a resident or patient, which in turn has the potential to injure the staff as well as the person being lifted. As our committee met and discussed how we could best utilize this grant, the decision was made to use the money to order additional lifts and a lift scale. During the first 6 months of 2017 there was 3 back injuries from lifting and movement of resident. In July we obtained 2 lifts for the nursing home and a lift scale for the hospital. Instruction on the use of each lift was given to employees then they were placed in use. In August we had education on Back Injury Prevention for employees lifting and moving patients. Results as of this date we have had no back injuries from lifting and movement of resident or patients. Plans are to continue to do mini education sessions each quarter with employees.

January 12, 2018

There has only been 1 back injury in the nursing home since August 2017. This was a not a lost time injury and did not acquire medical treatment. We will continue with emphasis on back safety and education. Our goal is set at zero back injuries.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this grant and make our facility a safer place.