COMPASS Community Resource Network
Position Description

PURPOSE
This group will function as a resource network, with the goal to connect and integrate medical and social services to help patients optimize independence, recovery, and health. Members of this group will help recently discharged stroke patients in our community achieve optimal recovery by connecting them to local support services the clinical team may not be aware of.

MEMBERSHIP
Members are specified community-based service providers whose mission aligns with the goals of stroke survivors. For the purposes of the study, the community resource network is meant to have diverse representative but remain small in size. It is suggested to include a core group of 10-20 CRN members for the COMPASS Model.

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES
The community resource network plays a key role in the success of COMPASS, an effort to provide comprehensive medical care and relevant support services to stroke survivors. Responsibilities include:

1. Being responsive to calls from the Post-Acute Stroke Care Coordinator when they ask for assistance in connecting patients to the community-based services they need to optimize recovery.
2. The Post-Acute Care Coordinator will first consult the COMPASS Community Resource Directory to identify community resources for stroke survivors. If they have a patient who cannot access the community-based programs in our directory, they will contact resource network members for alternative ways we might provide the necessary services. (For example, if a patient needs meals delivered but cannot pay for them and Meals for Wheels has a wait list, the PAC might contact their FaithHealth contact or another member of their network to help find a congregation that can provide meals for a limited time period.)
In turn, the Post-Acute Stroke Care Coordinator will:

1. Reach out to resource network members, only as needed, and with clear requests.

BACKGROUND
Gaps have been identified in post-acute care for stroke patients. Forty-two percent (42%) of stroke patients were not referred to any post-acute care service (Gage, et al. U.S. DHHS 2009). The COMPASS Study, was funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (“PCORI”), is designed to:

- Address the needs of stroke survivors and their caregivers for optimal recovery
- Connect hospitals, community providers, and community agencies for improved chronic disease management
- Develop an individualized care plan for each patient.

The COMPASS Study evaluated the effectiveness of comprehensive post-acute stroke services, a patient-centered intervention uniting transitional care management services and early supported discharge in stroke patients discharged directly home. This was a state-wide initiative, involving 42 hospitals.

EXPECTED BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP
We hope resource network members will benefit from participating through:

- The hospital’s efforts to work with you to make the referral process go more smoothly
- Increased awareness among patients and caregivers about how the services you offer help individuals in our community
- Potential of working with other community leaders to find solutions for making community-based resources more accessible to patients and caregivers.

We know that patients in our community will benefit from your participation. You will be helping them access the resources they need to find their way forward to independence and health after a stroke.