

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action/Goal	Assigned to	Due
Review/Approve minutes				
Review action items				
Presentation	<p>Presenter this month was Jodi Fisher, RRT, a COPD educator with Apria Healthcare. Jodi spoke on treatment of COPD and avoidable re-admissions.</p>			
	<p>For patients with chronic respiratory failure consequent to COPD, severe neuromuscular disorders, or severe restrictive thoracic disorders, Apria offers NIV (non-invasive ventilation) therapy. The primary goal of NIV is to reduce the work of breathing for patients in chronic respiratory failure.</p> <p>NIV can help patients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease the work of breathing and burden on respiratory muscles • Reduce daytime sleepiness and morning headaches • Improve sleep quality • Maintain or improve the oxygen/carbon dioxide levels in the blood • Inflate the lungs more fully • Enjoy a better quality of life 			
	<p>NIV can help patients to be more independent with activities of daily living and less likely to be hospitalized for breathing-related episodes.</p>			
	<p>NIV can play an important role in preventing recurrent hospital admissions for patients with</p>			

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	severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. In addition, today's technology allows patients to receive at home the same non-invasive ventilator support that they formerly could receive only at a hospital.			
	Jodi handed out packets to all participants. Apria coordinates care with the hospitalized patient and then follows them to the out-patient setting.			
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.			
Next Meeting	August 17, 2016			