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Belle Terrace Continues To Focus on Resident-Directed Care

Belle Terrace in Tecumseh, Nebraska continues to actively participate in the Great Plains T.R.A.I.N. Collaborative as part of an effort to improve the quality of life and quality of care in Nebraska nursing homes. Belle Terrace is one of a select group of nursing homes across the state selected to participate in the collaborative and completed the third learning session of an intensive collaborative model on August Select 17-18 in Select Lincoln, Nebraska. The vision of the collaborative is to profoundly change the face of long-term care in Nebraska by embracing resident-directed care. This model of care will ensure consumers have a voice in the care they are provided.

Belle Terrace was recently given the unique opportunity to learn from national, long-term care cultural change leader, Marguerite McLaughlin. McLaughlin is Manager of Educational Development at Quality Partners of Rhode Island and has over 20 years of experience in long-term care specializing in individualized care/culture change and dementia care. She was responsible for the oversight of the national pilot project "Improving Nursing Home Culture" funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2004 and 2005.

McLaughlin spent the majority of the two-day training providing collaborative members the tools and information needed to effectively transform the workplace, care and environment practices within their organizations. Participants were able to draw upon McLaughlin's experience with the pilot project and learn what other homes across the nation are doing to improve the quality of care and quality of life for residents. Collaborative members were also provided information on adult learning, effective communication approaches and the importance of sharing data as an internal and external motivator for transformational change.

Belle Terrace is striving to implement the resident-directed model of care, which will ensure that residents have a voice in determining their daily life experience in the home. Nursing homes involved in the Collaborative are beginning to demonstrate this change through the testing of interventions and the implementation of innovative approaches. Through this model of care, nursing homes are able to enrich the quality of life for the residents by improving the care and prevention of pressure ulcers, restraints, chronic pain and depression.

"The Great Plains T.R.A.I.N. Collaborative is a great approach for nursing homes to learn from one another and share processes that are working. The stories the homes are sharing during our learning sessions and through their storyboards are inspiring and extremely valuable as we collectively work to improve care. Belle Terrace is commended for their participation and commitment to the process," said Greg Schieke, Senior Vice President of CIMRO of Nebraska.

"Improving the quality of care in our nursing home has always been a priority," said Sharon Colling, Administrator of Belle Terrace. "We enjoy the opportunity to work with nursing homes across the state who share the commitment to the process and aspire to provide exceptional care. Participation in the Great Plains T.R.A.I.N. Collaborative supports our goal of achieving excellence through extensive training, development and community involvement. We have been pleased with the results so far and look forward to continuing to learn and evolve through the process."

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