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PURPOSE

Leadership Talks

Littleton Adventist Hospital exists to extend the healing ministry of Christ by caring for those who are ill and by nurturing the health of the people in our community. Integrating sustainability principles in hospital operations is one way in which Littleton Adventist Hospital nurtures the health of this community. Littleton Adventist Hospital works to sustain the health of the environment to preserving human health. Further, as a leading hospital in the beautiful State of Colorado we consider conservation of natural resources and minimizing our hospital's and operations' impact on environment a cultural imperative and responsibility

SCOPE

Environmental Sustainability

GENERAL INFORMATION

Leadership Walks

Since the implementation of the formal hospital-wide sustainability program in November, 2008, Littleton Adventist has already been able to achieve the following accomplishments:

- Approved and formalized the sustainability program, with Leadership support and reporting to Community Board
- Added Sustainability education in the New Associate Orientation
- Received Energy Star award five years in a row (2008 – 2011) with over half million in savings. As the result, ongoing energy reduction savings are \$72,000 annually, until we implement renewable energy on campus.
- Established a SUD Reprocessing Advisory Committee in 2013.
- Considered as a model facility in Colorado in Rx and hazardous waste segregation and volumes, enabling LAH to keep CESQG status, as confirmed by CDPHE, Hazardous Waste Division
- Achieved RMW reduction by 42%, since 2006. LAH was the first Centura Health Facility to implement reusable sharps containers
- Eliminated bottled water in the cafeteria and catering and replaced Styrofoam with either compostable, reusable or recyclable disposables in the entire hospital
- Implemented single stream recycling throughout the facility and composting in the kitchen and cafeteria
- Implemented the Better Bites Healthy eating program, to compliment the Partnership for Healthier America program, adopted by Centura Health.

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- Organized successful annual Earth Day celebrations six years in a row (2010-15) and ongoing
- Organized a successful annual Office Supply Swaps and expanded to twice a year in 2015.
- Organized 11 successful Green Team events throughout the year, including a brand new Garden produce Exchange in fall of 2015.
- Designed and implemented an automated Food Waste Tracking program.
- Signed for the six HHI challenges
- Designated Director of Sustainability position for Littleton Adventist Hospital
- Mentored other Centura hospitals regarding sustainability and waste segregation
- Member of Colorado Environmental Leadership Program (ELP)
- Selected to represent the healthcare sector on Board of Colorado Environmental Partnership (CEP) – 2015-17
- Received the 2012 Practice Greenhealth (PGH) Partner Recognition and 2013 Partner for Change awards, 2014 and 2015 PGH Top 25 Environmental Excellence Award, and 2015 PGH Circles of Excellence in Waste, Food and Water.
- Nominated by CDPHE and selected as one of the 50 Green Colorado businesses in 2014.
- Joined Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact for healthy food service and received the Silver award.
- Optimized alternative transportation options for staff by partnering with “Way to GO” (Denver Regional Council of Governments) and conducted a sustainable commute survey among LAH staff.
- Challenged sister Centura hospitals in Bike to Work challenge in June 2015, and won for most miles. Sponsored Bike to Work Day as a refreshment stop with a full breakfast.
- Implemented “message from Green Team” segment in the electronic associate newsletter (E-Update).
- Included LAH sustainability information in LAH and Centura publications, LAH website, LAH YouTube video, Facebook, Twitter, ColoradoBiz magazine and Physician Newsletter.
- Presented our sustainability program to the CHI hospitals (May, 2015)
- Presented our sustainability program as one of the successes of LAH in the Adventist Health System annual report and in the JC cover letter for impending inspections.
- Included the LAH sustainability program information in the Timberline application for Rocky Mountain Performance Excellence and received “strength” rating from the surveyors.
- Calculated annual savings and ROI from all waste diversion programs (2013, 2014, 2015)
- Represented the health care sector in Colorado Environmental Partnership, to educate CDPHE, EPA, other businesses, and public regarding challenges faced by sustainable healthcare organizations, and to promote sustainability in Colorado hospitals.
- Listed as one of the 50 Greenest Hospitals in US by Becker’s review (2015)

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Leadership Envisions

- Implement both solar and wind energy on hospital grounds (fall 2016)
- Implement an Environmental Management Program (EMS), based on the ISO 14001 (2015-16), allowing us to proceed to the Gold level in ELP.
- Represent Centura Health in the Colorado Healthy Hospital Compact Advisory Committee
- Design an annual web-based sustainability reporting to public
- Continue to develop and improve already established sustainability programs on campus, as listed above.
- Continue to represent the health care sector in Colorado Environmental Partnership, to educate CDPHE, EPA, other businesses, and public regarding challenges faced by sustainable healthcare organizations, and to promote sustainability in Colorado hospitals.

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REFERENCES

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