Retention at a Women's Residential Treatment Facility

Fayette Companies
Peoria, IL

Baseline Data

- >Terminations < 2 days = 10.5%
- >Terminations 3-7 Days = 10.4%
- >Total Terminations < 1 week = 20.9%

System Issues Identified by Walkthrough, Focus Groups and Client Survey

- >Sense of being processed rather than welcomed
- >Initial Isolation, Ioneliness and fear
- >No one to talk to on first day staff or peer
- ➤ Not allowed to call family to let them know how I am doing

Initial Change Process

- Enhanced Peer support at admission and revision of role of "peer sponsor"
- Addition of day time clinical support position to provide orientation and rapid room assignment
- Provision of client choice: May spend time with staff or a peer, may attend groups with peer or be allowed some time to rest alone

Initial Change Process

- > Allow first night call to family
- > Family or friend allowed to be a part of the admission process
- Provision of map and directions to family and friends to assist in finding the facility for visiting days

ADMISSION TO NEW LEAF SURVEY

Survey Questions	Pre (n=26)			Post (n=20)		
	Agree	Undecided	Disagreed	Agree	Undecided	Disagree
Staff helped me to understand what was going to be expected of me	39%	23%	39%	85%	10%	5%
*I was offered to call my family or friends to let them know how I was doing.	35%	4%	62%	80%	5%	15%
I was able to go to my room and put my clothes and personal items away soon after arrival.	50%	8%	42%	95%	0%	5%

^{*}Wording of question was altered from pre to post.

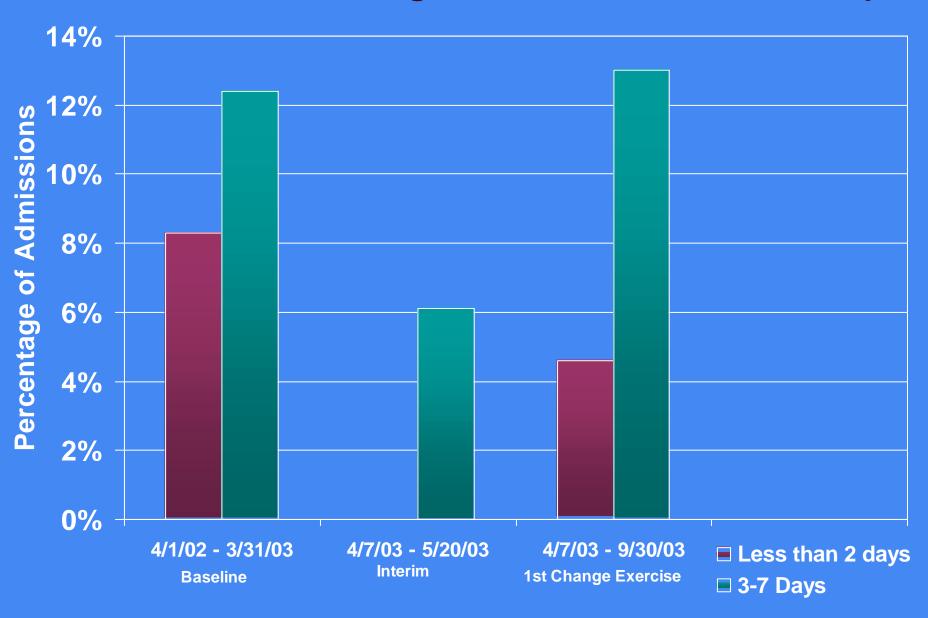
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Survey Questions	Pre (n=26)			Post (n=20)		
	Agree	Undecided	Disagreed	Agree	Undecided	Disagree
I felt alone and isolated.	39%	8%	54%	15%	20%	65%
I needed someone to talk to – staff.	54%	15%	31%	NA	NA	NA
A staff member was available to talk to and ask questions.	NA	NA	NA	90%	5%	5%
I needed someone to talk to – peer.	62%	19%	19%	NA	NA	NA
A peer was available to talk to and ask questions.	NA	NA	NA	90%	10%	0%
Staff helped me to feel comfortable.	46%	27%	27%	90%	10%	0%

Note: NA equals not asked at both time points

The Honeymoon Period

New Leaf Discharges in First Seven Days



Errors?

Allowing the two consumers on Pl team who served as Peer Sponsors during the five week period to complete the program rather than hiring them as permanent peer sponsors or ???

A closer look at the data by reason for discharge

New Leaf Discharges in First Seven Days

	Baseline 4/1/02 – 3/31/03	Interim 4/7/03 – 5/20/03	1 st Change Exercise 4/7/03 – 9/30/03				
TOTAL	55 (20.7%)	2 (6.1%)	23 (17.5%)				
Less than 2 days	22 (8.3%)	0	6 (4.6%)				
3 – 7 days	33 (12.4%)	2 (6.1%)	17 (13%)				
REASON FOR DISCHARGE							
AMA	32 (58%)	1 (50%)	14 (61%)				
Transferred to Lower Level of Care	15 (27%)	1 (50%)	8 (35%)				
Transferred to Detox	2 (4%)	0	0				
Other	6 (11%)	0	1 (4%)				
TOTAL ADMITS	266	33	131				

AMA Discharges by Admission Day of Week

- ➤ Monday 1 (7%)
- > Tuesday 2 (13%)
- > Wednesday 1 (7%)
- > Thursday 4 (27%)
- > Friday 7 (47%)

Let's do some more changes

- Total Elimination of "blackout" week for phone calls and visitors
- Provision of a welcome package of stationary, envelopes and stamps
- > Recovery Vouchers
- Verbal praise from all program staff for any positive behaviors
- Moratorium on Friday admits

New Leaf Discharges in First Seven Days

