





2012 Health Care Reform Symposium The Brooklyn Hospital Center

Service Excellence Through Teamwork and Collaboration January 19, 2011



# Service Excellence – Why we do this...

### **Steering Committee Co-Chairs:**

- Tony Howell, Vice President, 1199 SEIU
- Dr. Richard Becker, MD President & Chief Executive Officer – TBHC



### Service Excellence Vision

The Brooklyn Hospital Center provides exceptional service in a caring and compassionate environment.

Every person. Every moment. Every day.





# Service Excellence Our Differentiator and Our Promise!

### **Service Excellence Goals**

- Patient Satisfaction Top 10% within our peer group
- Employee Satisfaction Top 10%



# How will we get there...

**A Shared Commitment** 

Clerical

**Physician** 

**Technical** 



**Nursing** 

Support

Volunteer

**Union & Management Collaboration and Teamwork** 

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# First thing first – Service Excellence Overview Sessions

- Delivered by union and management leaders
- Nearly 90% of TBHC's staff participated
- Participants from various departments, levels and shifts attended the session
- New hires attend the sessions after joining TBHC



### Service Excellence Model

- Claudette Spencer, Organizer, 1199 SEIU
- Kelli Cobb, Director, Organization
   Development & Talent Management, TBHC

# **Key Milestones**

- Service Excellence Kick off June 16, 2010
- Six to nine month review March 2011
- Blue Ribbon Events August 2011
- Blue Ribbon Event January 2012



### Service Excellence Team

**Home Care** 



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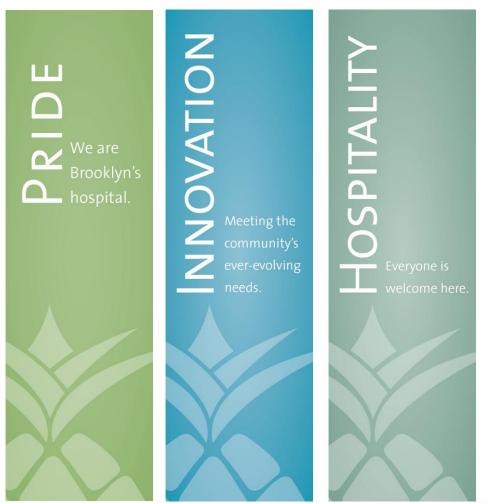
Service Team

# Communications Driving Service Excellence

- Visual: Banners, Posters, Buttons, etc.
- Web: mytbhc.org, tbh.org
- Netpresenter
- Newsletter: mytbhcnews
- Dialogue: Two-way communications
- Outreach: Build TBHC brand awareness through advertising Every person. Every moment. Every day.



### Banners



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### Posters





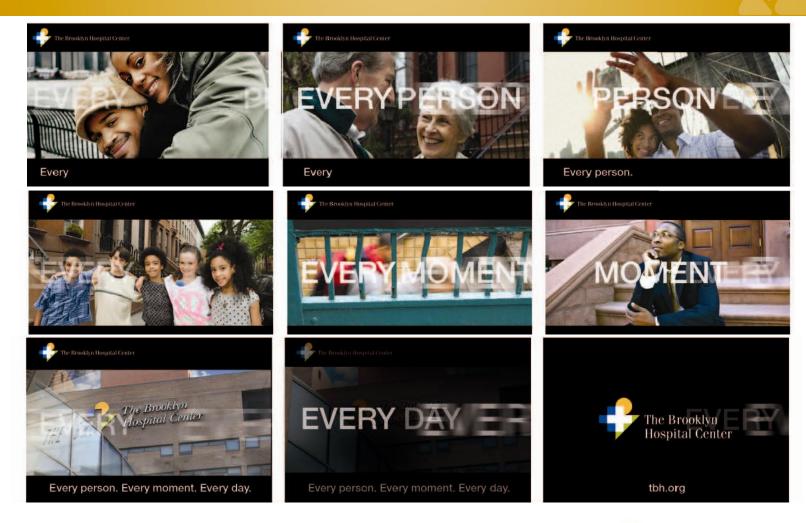


### Standards of Excellence Brochure





# Advertising Campaign



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## Our Story

- Service Team Highlights
  - Employee Engagement
  - Standards and Rewards & Recognition
  - Leadership and Staff Development
- Evidence Based Tactics



### Service Team Highlights



# **Employee Engagement**

### Service Team Co-Chairs:

- Collette Barham, Delegate, 1199 SEIU
- Joseph Guarracino, Senior Vice President,
   Chief Financial Officer, TBHC



## Employee Engagement – Team Focus

- Ensure leaders engage with staff to create viable action plans that will improve their respective work units
- Empower employees to provide suggestions on how to address customer service and process issues
- Engage work units in addressing interdepartmental challenges and "hand offs"



### TBHC EOS 2011 Overall Results

- Very positive results; improvement on nearly every survey item
- Most improved survey items include:
  - Respect
  - Communication (including the feeling that ideas and suggestions are seriously considered)
  - The perception of the fairness of pay
  - Employee safety
  - Work-life/personal-life balance and job security
- Overall, the Commitment Indicator Score improved from 3.73 to 3.83 (a statistically significant difference)



# How did The Brooklyn Hospital Center do compared to the National Average?

TBHC Employee satisfaction grew

2.5 TIMES FASTER

than the National Healthcare Average!



# What drives engagement?

- Communicate, communicate, communicate!
  - Security commitment score increase Joseph Guarracino
  - Manager Domain score increase –
     Collette Barham



# Standards and Rewards & Recognition

### Service Team Co-Chairs:

- Marcia Ellis, Delegate, 1199 SEIU
- Jilma Saddler, 1199 SEIU
- Joan P. Clark, Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning, TBHC
- Venra Mathurin, Director,
   Labor and Employee Relations, TBHC



# The story behind the pineapple – the universal sign of hospitality

The pineapple has long been a popular symbol of hospitality, welcome and friendship.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus brought the fruit back from his voyage to the Carib Islands. To the Carib people, the pineapple symbolized hospitality, and the Spaniards learned they were welcome if a pineapple was placed by the entrance to the village.

This symbolism spread to Europe, then to Colonial North America, where a fresh pineapple was placed in the center of the table to show welcome and hospitality to a visitor.

Today, The Brooklyn Hospital Center has embraced the pineapple as an expression of our premiere standard — **HOSPITALITY**.



# How it all began – Standards

### Standards Team

Founded in 2010, its focus was to provide an important foundation for the Hospital as it establishes behaviors, practices and expectations about how all staff interacts with our patients, their visitors and one another.

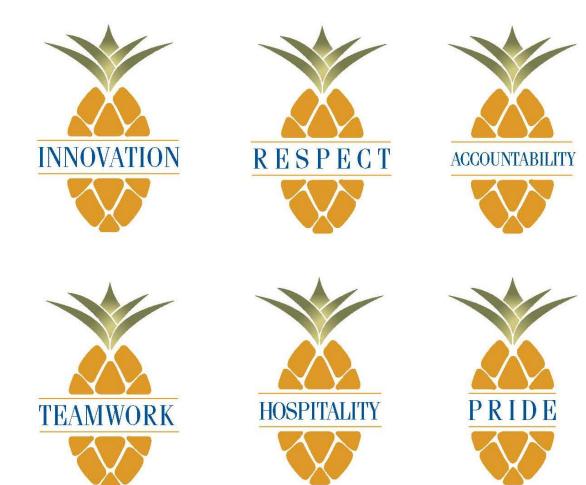


### What we did

- Created the Standards of Excellence:
  - Innovation
  - Respect
  - Accountability
  - Teamwork
  - Hospitality
  - Pride
- Established expected behaviors associated with these standards
- Developed competencies for each standard which are now a component of the revised performance evaluation and appraisal process
- Incorporated the standards and behaviors at New Employee
   Orientation all new hires are required to complete an attestation acknowledging their awareness and acceptance



### Standards of Excellence



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# How it all began – Employee Rewards and Recognition

### **Employee Rewards & Recognition Team**

This team was responsible for developing processes and ideas that help the organization build reward and recognition into the daily practices of leaders and employees and link such rewards to favorable behaviors.



### What we did

- SUMMERFEST 2010 10 Weeks of Performances
  - Non-Profit Organizations/Performers
  - Variety of Cultural Themes
- Employee Milestone Recognition Events 2009, 2010 and 2011
  - Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Patient Driven Applause Cards
  - In-House Program driven by Patient's perceptions
- Press Ganey Program
   This program recognizes the units which during a quarter:
  - 1) received the highest score, and/or
  - 2) showed the most improvement



### Awarding Behaviors and Patient Satisfaction

#### INNOVATION - RESPECT - ACCOUNTABILITY - TEAMWORK - HOSPITALITY - PRIDE

- Press Ganey Program is based on patient satisfaction scores and other key metrics.
   Employees on winning units all receive plain gold Service
   Excellence pins
- Applause Card Program Pins representing each standard will be awarded to individuals who embody the behaviors associated with each standard

Service Excellence Pineapple Vase



Pineapple vase to be placed in case and prominently displayed in TBHC's mezzanine







## Bringing Service Excellence to life

- Applause Cards and Press Ganey winners are announced by:
  - Posters in the Cafeteria and the Main Lobby
  - Netpresenter Pictures of Applause Card winners are displayed on the Hospital's internal electronic messaging system
  - Celebration Event Blue Ribbon Events are attended by staff and senior leaders of management and the union



### **Evidence of Success**

- Applause Card Program Raising the bar for performance
- Upward movement in the Employee Satisfaction Survey
- Positive involvement of staff in the Hospital's Donations Program



## Journey continues...

- Employee Driven Peer-to-Peer Program
- Applause Card translation into different languages
   cultural diversity initiative
- Off site Recognition Program using the Patient Satisfaction surveys – similar to the internal Press Ganey program which focuses on quality initiatives and will measure the most improved and highest scoring ambulatory program
- Attendance Recognition program



### Results

#### The Recognition Program is contagious

- The program has grown from 289 Applause Cards received in Q3-2011 to over 500 cards received from patients in Q4-2011
- We are striving to get certain behaviors into our cultural DNA
- Everyone walks the talk and contributes to the culture of excellence

At The Brooklyn Hospital Center we know that this takes Every Person. Every Moment. Every Day.



# Leadership and Staff Development

Service Team Co-Chairs:

- Geraldine Burns, Delegate, 1199 SEIU
- Elena Heinzer, Learning and Development Manager, TBHC



# How it all began

#### **Leadership & Staff Development Team**



#### **Vision**

• Create the **culture of continuous learning**, **knowledge sharing**, and **improvement** that will inspire every TBHC employee to exemplify Service Excellence behaviors every moment, every day.

#### Mission

 Develop the learning environment and supporting infrastructure to encourage TBHC employees to build knowledge, skills, and abilities that promote Service Excellence and outstanding care.

The Brooklyn Hospital Center

Keeping Brooklyn healthy.

Service Excellence Every person. Every moment. Every day.

# Starting with the basics

### Hospitality X 3 Learning Sessions

- Hospitality
- Five Good Phone Habits
- Dealing with Difficult Customers



Video skits from Hospitality



# Starting with the basics (cont.)



Fundamentals of teamwork – "Magic Ball"





# Yes, we did it

- New Hire Orientation "Your Journey Begins"
- Leadership Academy
- Online Orientation for Incoming Housestaff
- Cultural Diversity Program
- Key Words at Key Times Can Make Dealing with Difficult Customers Easier
- Webinars and Review of Best Practices (e.g., "Driving Negativity Out of the Workforce," "FISH! Philosophy," "Leadership: Creating Culture and Sustaining Performance," etc.)



# We strive for best results

- Learning Session Evaluations
- Phone Skills Survey (i.e., Mystery Shopping)
- Significant improvements on nearly all Employee Opinion Survey items
- Enhancement Sessions
- Selection of Applause Card
   Winners for demonstrating
   Innovation, Respect, Accountability,
   Teamwork Hospitality, and Pride





# Our story...to be continued

- Expand learning opportunities for leaders, nurses, residents, etc.
- Check in with the learning participants and their managers to identify what is working well and what needs to be changed
- Provide continuous support to other Service Teams



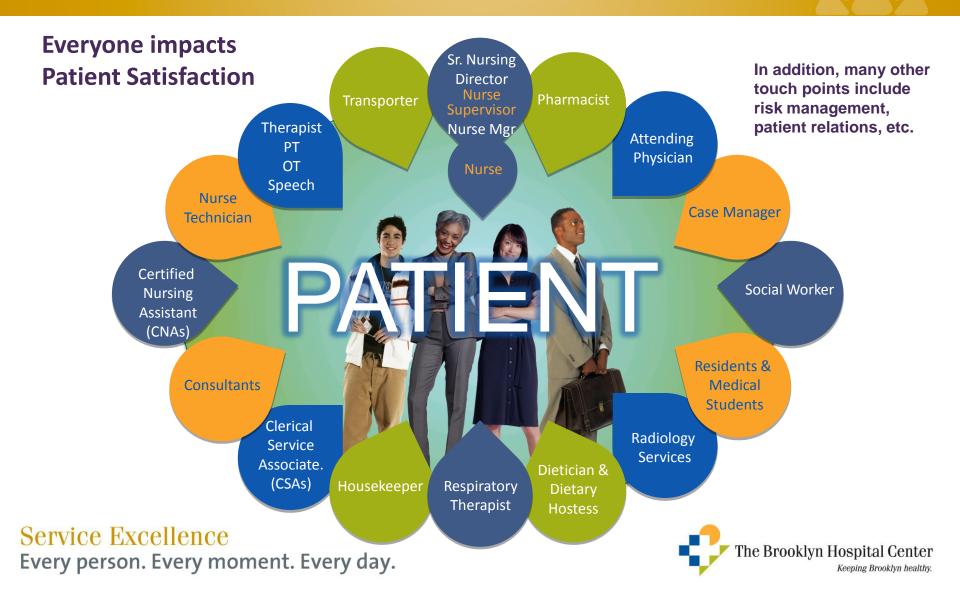
## **Evidence Based Tactics**

### Service Team Co-Chairs:

- Mary Welch, Registered Nurse, Labor & Delivery
- Patricia Winston, Senior Vice President,
   Chief Nursing Officer



# TBHC Care Team Different Touch Points



## Nine Principles: Our Roadmap to Success

- 1. Commit to Excellence
- 2. Measure Important Things
- 3. Build Culture around Service
- 4. Create and Develop Leaders
- 5. Focus on Employee Satisfaction
- 6. Build Individual Accountability
- 7. Align Behavior Goals and Values
- 8. Communicate with all levels
- 9. Reward and Recognize Success



## Patient Satisfaction

### In Healthcare we have:

- Great Purpose
- Worthwhile work
- Ability to make a difference



## **Patient Satisfaction**

### Excellence occurs when:

- Patient perceives the care to be delivered by a competent, caring individual
- When their care is individualized



## Patient Care Strategies

## Six essential patient care strategies:

- 1. Hourly Rounding
- 2. Individualized patient care
- 3. Bedside shift reports
- 4. Discharge phone calls
- 5. Daily Huddles
- 6. White Boards



# **Hourly Rounding**

## Why is Hourly Rounding Important?

- Improves Clinical Outcomes
- Decreases Risk
- Increases Patient Satisfaction
- Increases Employee Satisfaction



# **Hourly Rounding**

## Few numbers where rounding occurs

- Falls **1** 50%
- Pressure Ulcers 14%
- Patient Satisfaction 12 mean points
- Call Light use \$\blacksquare\$ 38%



# **Hourly Rounding**

## Rounding will occur:

- on the nursing units,
- in the ED,
- in the diagnostic areas,
   by managers, supervisors and staff.



# **Hourly Rounding Metrics**

MEASURE	Measure Descriptions	Target	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Patient Rounding	# of rounds every day/shift/ patient	100%							
Appropriateness of Rounding	Observation of staff for appropriateness	100%							
Unit White Board Completion	% White board completion	100%							
Patient Call Back	% of call backs from patients	100%							
Patient Hand Off	% 2 shifts 7pm/7am	100%							



# Lessons Learned and "Next Steps"

- Sophia Rowe-Fowling, Delegate, 1199 SEIU,
   Communications Service Team Co-Chair
- John Lasky, Senior Vice president, Human Resources, TBHC



# Lessons Learned and "Next Steps"

- There is no alternative to true cooperation
- Every aspect of the process must be evidence based
- It is impossible to over communicate
- Buy-in and constant involvement from the President and CEO, union and senior leaders
- Measure and track progress
- Be flexible and nimble, but never lose the sight of the goal!



## Sweet Taste of Service Excellence







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# Thank you!





## **Appendix**



## Reference Guide for Telecommunications

### Answering Phone Calls at The Brooklyn Hospital Center Reference Guide for Telecommunications



Smile and the world will smile with you!



#### **Positive Attitude**

- Always act professionally and demonstrate a positive attitude throughout the call
- Speak in a calm and respectful manner regardless of the volume of calls received or customer's level of irritation
- Never raise your voice, argue or yell at the customer
- Use customer's last name, e.g., Ms. Dias, Mr. Mousse, if appropriate
- Never put your needs ahead of your caller's.
   Your callers should be your top priority

#### Quality of Service

- · Always provide prompt and efficient service
- · Take ownership of the complaint
- Develop a solution oriented attitude. "Here is what I can do for you. These are your options."

#### **Greeting Customers**

- . Discontinue any conversations or activities typing, eating, chewing gum, etc.
- · Answer the telephone within three-four rings
- · Greet the caller with a warm welcome "Good morning," "Good afternoon," "Good Evening," etc.
- Provide your name and department, then ask "How may I help you?"

#### Example:

Receptionists "Good marning, The Brooklyn Hospital Center. This is Rita Williams. How may I help you?"
For Internal Calls

Receptionist: "Good morning, Department of Surgery. This is Rita Williams. How may I help you?"

#### Transferring Calls

- Explain why the caller is being transferred
- Provide the caller with the phone number of the person to whom he or she is being transferred,
  if appropriate

#### Example:

Patient: Can you please transfer me to Dr. Pelligonni's assistant?

Receptionist: One moment please while I place you on hold. (Can you please hold while I get the phone number for you?)

In a few seconds...

Receptionist: I am transferring you to Dr. Pelligonni now. In case we get disconnected, his direct phone number is 123-123-1234. (Would you like the doctor's direct phone number?)

The operator transfers the patient to Dr. Pelligonni.

#### **Ending Calls**

Thank the caller for calling and wish the caller a nice day, if appropriate

#### Example:

Receptionist: Thank you for calling. Have a nice day!



## Hospitality X 3 Learning Sessions – Evaluation

# QUESTIONS	1-2 (Strongly Disagree)	3 (Neutral)	4-5 (Strongly Agree)	AVERAGE SCORE
LEARNING CONTENT				
1 The learning session met my expectations	1%	13%	87%	4.3
2 The learning experience will be useful in my work	2%	8%	90%	4.4
3 The learning objectives were identified and followed		7%	92%	4.5
4 The provided handouts were helpful		8%	91%	4.5
5 My colleagues will benefit from the knowledge I gained		9%	88%	4.4
6 There was sufficient opportunity for interactive participation		6%	93%	4.5
7 The format allowed me to get to know other participants	1%	10%	89%	4.4
FACILITATORS				_
8 The facilitators were knowledgeable about the topics	2%	5%	93%	4.5
9 The facilitators were well prepared for the session	2%	6%	93%	4.5
10 The facilitators encouraged active participation	2%	2%	96%	4.6
11 The facilitators answered questions in a complete and clear manner		3%	96%	4.6
12 The facilitators used a variety of training methods	2%	6%	93%	4.5
13 The facilitators were respectful of the different skills and values demonstrated by the participants	1%	2%	97%	4.6
FACILITY				
14 The meeting room and related facilities provided a comfortable setting for the learning session	4%	15%	82%	4.3
15 The location for the session was convenient for me	1%	10%	89%	4.4
16 The tools and equipments during the sessions worked well	1%	6%	94%	(4.5)
17 The sessions lasted about the right amount of time	6%	9%	85%	4.3
GENERAL SATISFACTION				
18 I was generally very satisfied with all aspects of this learning event	0%	5%	95%	4.6
19 I plan to share the information I received during the learning session with my coworkers	1%	6%	92%	4.5



# Hospitality X 3 Learning Sessions Insights from the Participants

- "Love this training!"
- "Thank you. Please arrange more workshops."
- "It was very interesting and helpful."
- "It is very important to get everyone on board to be helpful and conscientious."
- "I enjoyed the "home video", very attention grabbing."
- "Good learning tools eye opening."
- "It was a great interactive and informative session."
- "Very helpful and reinforced a lot of my work habit."
- "I truly enjoyed the session and look forward to TBHC new changes."

- Why Service Excellence...
- Patient Satisfaction
- Employee Satisfaction
- Service Excellence Infrastructure
- Standards of Excellence
- What does Service Excellence mean to <u>YOU</u>?



# Why Our Employees Support Service Excellence Video presentation







# Service Excellence at The Brooklyn Hospital Center Video Presentation







# What is Service Excellence? Service Excellence at a top ranked hospital

### Service Excellence is ...

- 1. Focusing on customers and quality of care and service
- 2. Owning our actions
- 3. Teamwork
- 4. Communicating effectively
- 5. Taking ownership
- 6. Striving for improvement John Hopkins' hospital website
- 7. Pride in ourselves, feeling respected and valued for our individual competence in the work we do



## Why Service Excellence?

- It is our differentiator it is our promise!
- Our patients deserve the best possible healthcare service
- Our Hospital's viability depends on our ability to consistently deliver the highest quality outcomes
  - Patient Satisfaction
  - Employee Satisfaction
- Our Service Excellence goals will ensure that
  - TBHC is the best hospital to receive healthcare
  - TBHC is the best workplace for healthcare professionals
  - TBHC stays healthy



# Standards of Excellence Provide a foundation for our Hospital



#### **EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION + PATIENT SATISFACTION**















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# Service Excellence Current Infrastructure

# Service Excellence Steering Committee Co Chaired by TBHC President & CEO & VP 1199 SEIU

- Sets direction and guidance for the overall strategy for Service Excellence.
- Comprised of staff (including delegates and others), Union and Hospital leadership.

### Service Excellence Service Teams

#### **Co Chaired by TBHC Management & Union Delegate**

- Subsets of the SE Steering Committee. Positioned to drive results in a particular area of focus (i.e., Standards and Employee Rewards and Recognition, Employee Engagement, Leadership and Staff Development, etc.)
- Comprised of staff (including delegates and others), Union and Hospital leadership.



## Service Excellence Sample Achievements

- Service Excellence Vision
- Service Excellence Service Standards
- Created Service Excellence infrastructure
  - Union and Management
- Over 500 employees participated in customer service skills workshops
- Implemented employee recognition programs
- Employee Satisfaction continue to trend upward
- Patient Satisfaction shows signs of improvement
- 90% participation in SEO sessions Catch the Wave
- Laid the groundwork for the implementation of evidence-based tactics such as leadership rounds, daily huddles, discharge phone calls, etc.



# Service Excellence What is your personal commitment?

- Service Excellence will help position TBHC as a destination provider of top-quality healthcare for the people of Brooklyn and greater New York
- Your contribution is critical for Service Excellence
- What is your personal commitment to support our strategy for change?
- What action will you take in support of our vision for Service Excellence?



### **Execution of Proven Tactics**

- Weekly Leadership Rounds
- Daily **Team Huddles** on each shift
- Weekly Structured Department Meetings
- Viable Employee Survey Action Plans
- **Performance Appraisals** (SE Standards and the associated behavioral competencies have been incorporated into the 2012 appraisals)



### **Execution of Proven Tactics - Patient Care Units**

- Rounding In Patient, Hourly, Rounding in other settings, etc.,
  - Scripting of "Key Words at Key Times"
  - Educate patients and family on rounds; nurse manager rounds with each nurse doing rounds, weekly
- **Discharge Calls** Striving for 100% using a script
- Thank You Cards To patients To be signed by the unit staff who cared for the patient
- **Service Recovery** Leadership will develop a Service Recovery script to be implemented by staff development
- White boards To be used consistently

