

# PHYSICIAN

## **NEWS BRIEF**

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations  
February 23, 2015

### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#### **Palliative Care/Advanced Illness Management (AIM) Program Development**

Interdisciplinary meetings began in late January to work on Palliative Care Services for inpatients. The planning committee and task force are still being developed. If you are interested in participating with the development or would like more information, please contact Tracy Barger, MSN, RN at 989.583.6292 or [tbarger@chs-mi.com](mailto:tbarger@chs-mi.com).

#### **Save the Date...CMED in Saginaw March 18**

Join CMU College of Medicine for a community conversation with Saginaw-area physicians. This will be the first in a series communicating who we are, where we are headed and how to be involved. The evening will include networking, appetizers and a look at the CMU vision. Please join CMU on March 18, 2015 from 7-9 pm at Horizon Center. For more information, please contact Kristen Edgerton at [edger1kl@cmich.edu](mailto:edger1kl@cmich.edu).

### **BUSINESS UPDATES**

#### **Physician Practice Manager Meeting Rescheduled for March 19**

The February Physician Practice Manager meeting had to be cancelled due to the water issues at Mackinaw campus and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please join us on March 19 from 7:45 – 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Mackinaw campus, in the Lower Level conference room. Physicians, Office Managers and pertinent staff are welcome. The topic for this session will focus on the latest information regarding prior authorization for diagnostic tests, procedures and surgery. Breakfast will be provided.

### **ETC.**

#### **Covenant Nursing Excellence Awards – 2015**

Covenant is now accepting nominations for this year's Nursing Excellence Award. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize our dedicated nurses, who through their commitment to excellence are fulfilling our mission of Extraordinary Care for Every Generation. A copy of the nomination form is available in the Office of Physician Relations or on the intranet home page. All nominations must be submitted to Jenay Knochel – Administration, Cooper campus, **no later than Friday, March 27, 2015** (these nominations may be submitted by anyone). Nomination forms can also be faxed to 583.6550, or, send by email to [jknochel@chs-mi.com](mailto:jknochel@chs-mi.com). Please make sure both sides of the nomination form are sent. Recipients will be recognized during Nurse's Week, May 6-12.