## Improving Patient Care via Improved Communication

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### Needs of Hospital

OGovernment mandate to decrease ALC

ONeed to safely discharge complex patients with mitigated risk

OLimited LTC bed availability

OWinchester is a bedroom community with a high Senior demographic

#### **Needs of Retirement Homes**

OChange from Well Seniors to Transitional Care
OEnsure ability to offer quality care to patients at discharge from hospital

# Call to Action What we did

### Accomplishments

- O Successfully formed Committee
- **O** Mutual Respect
- O Trust
- O Collaborative Learning
- O Review successes and challenges
- O Developing systems: Transfer sheet
- O Safe discharges with mitigated risk
- O Safety net: CCAC, Hospital, Retirement Homes, Hospice, Medigas

### Conclusion

OWe have been able to positively impact patient care through an initiative that is low tech & low cost

O Responding together to meet the changing needs of our community