Promoting the “R” in RVU - Relationship Valued Unit: Enhancing Health Care Provider Engagement and Promoting a Healthy and Well Clinical and Learning Environment

Central Theme
Trusting relationships between patients and the health care team, health care team and leadership, and among the health care team members are foundational to promoting psychological safety, engagement and commitment, and mitigating burnout and loneliness thus promoting the Quadruple Aim

Goals
- Promote Relationship Oriented Programs addressing all domains of well-being
- Involve all stakeholders and the Clinical Learning Environment to include Leadership of UME & GME, Hospital leadership of the Clinical Health Care Team
- Develop and create the learning environment through Education, Empowerment and Engagement, Interventions, Evaluation, and Innovations

Model
Maslow’s hierarchy is a rubric for resilience and wellness focused on the development of healthy individuals and organizations. We will focus on cultivating relationships and a sense of belonging among individuals by recognizing challenges of medical care in an open forum, as well as individual self-actualization

Key Participants
- Physicians: academic, clinical, residents, fellows
- Medical students, nurses, PA students
- Allied health: PA’s and NP’s
- Inter professional team
- C Suite leadership
- GME and UME leadership
- Medical staff leadership
- Community physicians

Primary Needs
- Understanding and promoting physician and trainee engagement and well-being
- Providing resources for physicians and trainees that help them promote their own well-being
- Discovering and developing personal and organizational approaches to prevent and address physician and trainee distress
- Striving to create a workplace culture that is energy replenishing
- Promote Relationship Oriented Programs

Dimensions of Wellness
- Spiritual, Emotional, Intellectual
- Intellectual, Environmental
- Social, Environmental
- Social, Financial
- Physical, Environmental

Institutional/Organizational Level
( Clinical and Learning Environment, UTCOMC & EHS)
- UTCOMC & EHS partnership and Well-being Memo and policy
- Kick off Conference by National and Local Leadership
- Needs assessments with longitudinal survey every other year
- Created a dedicated webpage
- Created Well-Being Task Force with regular interactive meetings
- Created Resident Advisory Committee with regular interactive meetings
- Created LifeBridge Program to address mental and behavioral well-being
- Aligned well-being metrics with EHS strategic plan
- Addressed Organizational Security issues
- Lean methodology approach to address uniform communication
- Working with CIMO to address EHR related issues
- Committed Financial support for Well-Being Activities
- Incorporated well-being questions in annual program evaluations
- Meeting with each Department to discuss Well-Being Survey Questions
- Created Well-Being Resource Flyer for domains for well-being and shared interdepartmental resources
- Created safe spaces to engage and encourage voice and agency eg regular Town Halls, social events
- Standing Agenda item at all GMEC
- Promoting educational Value, recognize excellence in teaching
- Research, presentations and publications
- Financial Stability WebEx Series

Department Level
- Engage and empower department leadership to address and innovate regarding specific department issues
- Provide resources and financial support for each department
- Departmental details available on website

Individual Level
(Personal)
- Ensuring availability of adequate food and water, parking, call spaces to all learners while at work
- Dedicated and scheduled Education: Sleep Alertness & Fatigue Education in Residency
- Food as Medicine: What the evidence suggests about the most common diet trends Nutrition – Physiological needs
- Financial literacy and planning
- Narrative Medicine and Reflection
- Discounted and onsite gym resources
- Launched the self-assessment tool, Mayo Clinic Well-Being Index, provided to our faculty, residents and fellows and staff
- Information of campus and community well-being resources

Details available at http://www.comchattanooga.uthsc.edu/wellness