Breast Resource Assessment (B.R.A.) Project

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Clinical alignment = Moving from independent & individual to collective & team

- Breakdown barriers for partnership
- Recognize the common goal
- Identify areas for improvement in provider & patient resources
- Advocate for change that improves care at each site & system-wide

Outreach to providers of breast care in the MH system through local site visits & an online survey

Assess local & regional breast care resources
Enhance communication & collaboration with providers
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Breast care at MaineHealth member hospitals has existed largely as independent, clinical practice sites.

Collaboration amongst current providers of breast care has been limited to individual, provider-initiated engagement with the existing MaineHealth Breast Workgroup, attendance at local/regional conferences and provider to provider case discussions.

Study

Survey

Tour

Site visits

Next Steps

Survey of services & needs response rate: 46% (13 of 28)

Opportunities
1. Increase provider resources
   - Regional breast provider directory
   - Regional breast cancer treatment guidelines
   - More face to face networking
   - More access to breast specialists, etc.
2. Improve patient resources
   - Improved access to behavioral health, genetics, plastics, stereotactic biopsies
   - Increased financial assistance
   - Assisted transportation

- Revision of the MH Breast Workgroup
- New roster (i.e. provider directory, face to face)
- New scorecard goals (i.e. system wide tumor board)
- Improved dissemination of information
- Future exploration into expansion of services (i.e. behavioral health, genetics, plastics, transportation)
- Continuation of Breast Cases over Brunch (regional CME)
- Recruitment of MH Breast Program Coordinator