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Commitment to Action

MRSA Survivors Network is happy to announce their support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths by 2020 (0X2020).

MRSA Survivors Network is dedicated as a catalyst for change, awareness, support and education. I founded MRSA Survivors Network in 2003 and was the first patient/consumer advocate to raise the alarm about MRSA, C. difficile, sepsis, HAI’s and AMR in the U.S. and work globally with fellow advocates and organizations.

MRSA Survivors Network worked with then IL state senator Barack Obama to initiated legislation to mandate public reporting of healthcare-acquired infections and patient/RN ratios in hospitals. In 2006 MRSA Survivors Network initiated legislation for MRSA screening and reporting in Illinois and the bill passed in 2007, the first in the US. Five other states followed with MRSA screening legislation and 30 states now have MRSA reporting laws. In 2011 MRSA Survivors Network initiated and help pass the MRSA Death Certificate bill in Illinois that mandated MRSA, C. diff and VRE be put on death certificates if it is a contributing factor or cause of death. I have worked on three federal bills for MRSA screening and public reporting.

As a committed organization, MRSA Survivors Network will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by the following:

1. Spread the mission of 0X2020 to MRSA Survivors Network.
2. Disseminate Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS) to MRSA Survivors Network members and partners.
3. Participate in applicable PSMF workgroups.
4. Partner and aid in social media efforts surrounding World MRSA Day - Oct. 2 and World MRSA Awareness Month - October (founded by Jeanine Thomas).

We at MRSA Survivors Network are excited to announce the commitment and adherence to zero preventable deaths by 2020.

Sincerely,

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