

PEAK 2.0 TIMES

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Note from PEAK 2.0 Coordinator

PEAK 2.0 Participants -

The new PEAK year is off to the races! I just returned from the KACE conference and was so excited about how many of you I am started to know. I'm also encouraged by the way the conversations about person-centered care have changed. We are at a whole new level of deep conversations on making it happen for elders. Bravo to all of you. In this issue, we will highlight the cores people are working on this year, review the letter that was recently issued on self-serve access to food, and announce the PEAK 2.0 winners for 2015-16. We love to hear from you, so please stay connected!

Laci Cornelison & the PEAK 2.0 team

ANNOUNCING THE 2014-15 PEAK 2.0 WINNERS

Person-centered care home (Level 3):

Parkside Home of Hillsboro, KS
Schowalter Villa of Hesston, KS
Lone Tree of Meade, KS

Sustained person-centered care home (Level 4):

Dooley Center of Atchison, KS
Pine Village of Moundridge, KS
Medicalodge Columbus of Columbus, KS

Mentor home (Level 5):

Brewster Place of Topeka, KS
Evergreen Retirement Community of Olathe, KS
Meadowlark Hills of Manhattan, KS
Pleasant View Home of Inman, KS

Congratulations to all the winners! Homes that received awards will receive a plaque and visit from Secretary Bruffett in the months to come.

Self-Serve Access to Food

Recently, you received an email with the attached message:

PEAK PARTICIPANTS

I am writing to make you aware of some changes to the way PEAK homes are being evaluated. The changes are the result of discussions between the PEAK team and the KDADS Survey Certification and Credentialing Commission (SCCC). Representatives of the PEAK program and the SCCC sat down together and discussed the 24/7 self-serve food criteria. As a group, it was determined that “self-serve” should be removed in the interests of resident health and safety. Multiple food options should still be available on a 24/7 basis for residents.

For homes that have already addressed the criteria or want to continue to pursue self-serve food access, they may still do so, but they need to be doing careful, deliberate, and individual care planning along with routine continuous assessment of the acuity of the residents in their home to be sure that self-serve access is still advisable in their current circumstances.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this decision.

Sincerely,

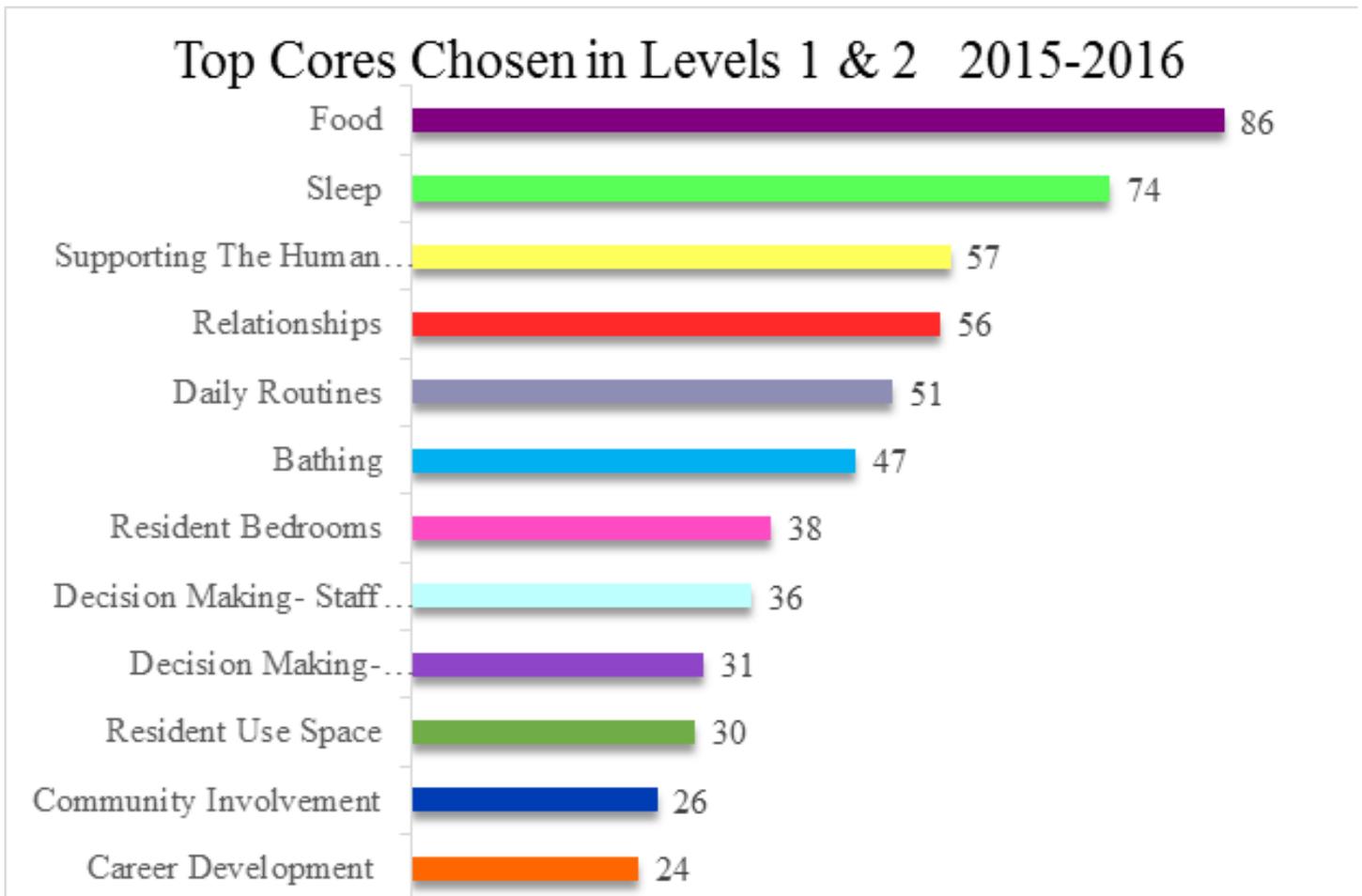


Rhonda Boose
Facilities Reimbursement Manager

The content of this letter was put together collaboratively by the survey and credentialing team and the PEAK 2.0 team. The PEAK 2.0 team is actively working with the survey team to develop further guidance on this issue, so be on the lookout for more information.

Laci Cornelison & Audrey Sunderraj

What are level 1 & 2 homes working on in 2015-16?



You can see that the food core continues to be the top selected core. After learning at the KACE conference that residents of nursing homes rank the quality of food as a major source of their overall satisfaction, it just makes sense. Food is important to our residents!

To all of you actively working on your action plans, it can become easy to lose momentum. Look for ways to introduce a new energy or motivation to your teams. It might be visiting another home, a small prize for hitting a milestone along the way, or a video that gets your team pumped to keep moving ahead. Keep your eyes on the final destination and don't get stuck in the details along the way!