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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Awards New Contract to HRET**

*Will focus on engaging and promoting interactions in care transitions*

CHICAGO – July 9, 2015 –The Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) of the American Hospital Association (AHA) was awarded a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to strengthen care transitions. The purpose is to create an online community designed to foster sharing and learning between individuals in the care transitions field.

“Huddle for Care” seeks to accelerate the spread of ideas across the country by creating an online forum in which those involved with transitional care programs can share effective strategies to overcome the main challenges associated with providing high-quality care transitions. It is intended to allow users a live, real-time platform to help them convey learnings and best practices on a national level. Huddle for Care will feature web-based content, live interaction and a listserv community to provide users an opportunity to learn from and connect with others doing similar work to improve transitional care.

“We are excited to again work with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation,” said Maulik Joshi, HRET president and AHA associate executive vice president. “This online community will provide function and form to the visions our groups have for the spread and sustainability of key learnings from our work in transitional care and readmissions.”

“Transitioning out of the hospital to a home or other setting can be challenging for both patients and providers. With the creation of Huddle for Care, health care professionals across the country will have a much-needed open, online community to share best practices and learnings to improve the experiences of patients as they leave the hospital and to advance the field of transitional care,” said Kate Weiland, program officer at the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. “We are looking forward to partnering with HRET on this meaningful project.”

The AHA and HRET currently utilize a range of online resources, including websites, listservs, social media and webinars, to support large-scale national improvement projects that target many topics, including care transitions. HRET will have two subcontractors involved with this project including gravitytank and Center for Case Management.

“Based on HRET’s prior experiences facilitating communication between care providers, HRET sees Huddle for Care as a vital resource for those seeking to improve care transitions,” said Joshi. “Both HRET and the Moore Foundation believe that through the shared learnings and continual education Huddle for Care will provide to care transition implementers, the patient experience will in turn be improved during periods of transitions.”

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### **Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET)**

Founded in 1944, the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) is the not-for-profit research and education affiliate of the American Hospital Association (AHA). HRET’s mission is to transform health care through research and education. It focuses on identifying and exploring key issues affecting the health care delivery system. HRET’s applied research focuses on improving quality, eliminating disparities, improving care coordination, improving leadership and governance, conducting data analysis and supporting the spread of improvement. Through AHA’s Hospitals in Pursuit of Excellence (HPOE) strategy, HRET has helped hospital leaders to accelerate performance improvement by disseminating best practices, producing actionable reports and toolkits, conducting leadership development programs and implementing national improvement projects. For more information, visit [www.hret.org](http://www.hret.org).

### **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation**

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation believes in ideas that create enduring impact in the areas of environmental conservation, patient care and science. Intel co-founder Gordon and his wife Betty established the foundation to create positive change around the world and at home in the San Francisco Bay Area. Visit [moore.org](http://moore.org) or follow @moorefound.