Statement of Mutual Agreement for Capstone Project Guidance

The purpose of the “Statement of Mutual Agreement is to create a shared understanding among Elizabeth McCord, DNP candidate from the University of Arkansas, Mercy Medical Center of Northwest Arkansas and Dr. Audrey Weymiller, capstone chair, about the purpose and process of the proposed capstone project.

The title of the capstone project is: Improving Heart Failure Education Prior to Discharge: An Emmi Implementation Project. The purpose of this project is to improve education for patients with heart failure in cardiology clinics and hospitals using trained registered nurses and advanced practice nurses to help decrease the readmission rates of heart failure patients and improve quality of life. Specifically, this intervention will focus on educating patients about the pathophysiology of heart failure, correct use of medications, specific lifestyle changes, and parameters to monitor using an educational tool called Emmi.

The expected on-site activities will include meetings with nurses to discuss and collaborate, and administration of heart failure Emmi to patients with heart failure.

The designated Capstone Agency mentor will agree to participate in evaluation and approval of the proposal presentation of the final version of the project. She will attend (on campus or remotely) meetings.

No personal identifiers will be included. Elizabeth welcomes comments or suggestions from Mercy Health Systems, but reserves the right to publish findings and analysis according to nonbiased professional standards and principles of academic freedom. For any work of scholarly nature, Elizabeth agrees to follow Mercy’s preferences in how it is to be named (or not) in the work. A final report will be provided to Mercy Health Systems.

Student: _____________________________________________________________

Elizabeth McCord APRN

Agency representative with signature authority: ____________________________

Ginger Harper RN

Agency mentor: __________________________________________________________

Donna Murdock APRN

Capstone Chair: _________________________________________________________

Dr. Audrey Weymiller

Chief Nursing Office _______________________________________________________

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