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Stockton Center on Successful Aging Announces First Wednesday Professional Lecture for April 4 at Stockton

*Genesis HealthCare and The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA)
present: "Connecting Hospital and Community:
The Importance of Effective Discharge Planning"*

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Stockton Center on Successful Aging (SCOSA) announces the next professional workshop in the First Wednesday series designed to help professionals working with older adults, scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Campus Center Trustee Room (CC-BOT) on the Stockton Campus at 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway.

The workshop is titled ***Connecting Hospital and Community: The Importance of Effective Discharge Planning*** and presented by Michelle Walmsley, MSW, LSW. An Adjunct Instructor of Gerontology at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Walmsley also teaches "Introduction to Gerontology" and "Aging and Health" in the undergraduate Gerontology Minor at Stockton. She is an alumna of Monmouth and Virginia Commonwealth universities. Walmsley has been a medical social worker in hospital and community settings, director of social services in long-term care, and Supervisor of the Atlantic County Adult Protective Services Unit.

The presentation will address the importance of integration of community service coordination and discharge planning as our older population grows and as elders live longer and depend on a growing array of changing community resources to successfully age in place. This session will explore new and innovative ways to connect clients with community resources and services while addressing the challenges and reasonable expectations and goals of discharge planning, while encouraging positive organizational and/or departmental changes to develop a plan for your aging clientele to age successfully.

The seminars, designed for professionals, para-professionals, and other caregivers who work