



## **DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA STEERING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, December 5, 2006  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District  
633 Albert St. E.  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

Present: Hazel Yakich – VON (Victorian Order of Nurses)  
Jim Dalgliesh – ACCAC (Community Care Access Centre)  
Duane Buchanan  
Paula Sirie – GHC (Group Health Centre)  
Barb Forest – SMHS (Seniors Mental Health Services)  
Suzanne Hanna – CLA (Community Living Algoma)  
Arnelda Pine – GRFN (Garden River First Nation)  
Hazel Robinson – ACCAC  
Arlene Gear – PRC (Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant)  
Carolyn Cybulski – AS (Alzheimer Society)

1. Welcome and introductions made.
2. Dementia Network Funding Proposal: Arlene circulated the list of themes for the funding proposal for the potential \$20,000 grant. The themes came from suggestions for projects submitted by dementia networks across LHIN #13. The final funding proposal was also circulated. The major project that our network was advocating did not make it to the final proposal. Questions still remain regarding who the lead agency/banker will be. Carolyn and Arlene will advise members when a decision is known regarding the outcome of the proposal. Representatives for the Project Steering Committee are being sought.
3. Distribution of PSW Newsletter: Concerns were expressed over whether or not the newsletter is being distributed directly to PSW staff. 1200 copies are printed three times per year. Recommendation was made that email distribution might be more appropriate for some agencies. Also recommended to poll participating agencies to determine their distribution practices and whether or not it is necessary to print 1200 copies. This information will be forwarded to the Education Committee for follow-up.
4. Alzheimer Awareness Month: Carolyn circulated a copy of the brochure for January 2007 awareness activities. The theme is "Heads Up for Healthier Brains".
5. Community Support Services Network: ACCAC previously was mandated to have a community advisory committee which provided a forum for community support services to explore common issues and raise them at the advisory committee. New legislation does not require CCACs to have these committees. However, LHINs may be developing advisory committees to

perform regional planning tasks. Carolyn reported that Thunder Bay has developed a community support services network. A section of the terms of reference relating to this network's purpose was read to the group. Further investigation of the benefits of a similar group for Algoma will occur over the next few months.

6. Round Table Reports:

- SMHS: - video conferencing with Wawa initiated  
- Dr. Burhan will be doing consults in SSM 2 days per month  
- funding approved for increased staffing at SMHS, perhaps to occur in spring 2007
- CLA: - more education/insericing occurring regarding aging and dementia as they relate to CLA clientele
- ACCAC: - Richard Jolie is the new CEO of the Northeast CCAC. Jim's tenure is completed at the end of December.  
- Hazel Robinson is a new supervisor with CCAC and will be replacing Jim on this committee.  
- Back room operations will be done more regionally than locally.  
- Health supervision has returned as one of the services provided by the CCAC.  
- Exploring the following initiatives: the use of videoconferencing for speech/language therapy; having a care coordinator located at GHC and working with a small group of physicians; and sharing a Nurse Practitioner with the GHC.
- VON: - Valerie Durnford is the new site manager for VON after the departure of Vanessa Williams.
- PRC: - Will explore the possibility of going through a tutorial on the Alzheimer Knowledge Exchange (AKE) at our next meeting.
- AS: - March 8 conference features 4 speakers including Dr. Eshleman who will be speaking on the link between Down's Syndrome and Alzheimer's disease. Brochures will be coming out soon.
- GRFN: - New long-term care nurse needed (RN). Position will be advertised.

7. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alzheimer Society. Members agreed that we should be offering teleconferencing so that members from the District can participate more easily.

8. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.