



DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 19, 2010
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:

Barb Forest
Hazel Yakich
Lori Encil
Duane Buchanen
Arlene Gear
Carolyn Cybulski
David Harvey, guest, by teleconference

1. Welcome and introductions made. Hazel distributed new pamphlets for the VON day centre, since they have relocated to the old Davey Home. Marketing strategies were discussed.
2. The At Risk Driver Program is being "launched" at the SSM Police Services building tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. with all media outlets in SSM being invited. In addition, there will be a meeting at the Group Health Centre tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. hosted by Dr. Ianni to review processes and strategies to deal with driving and dementia.
3. Declining membership was discussed. At the Pan Northern Geriatric Conference in October, a sign up sheet was created for people who were interested in joining the Dementia Network. Carolyn contacted the 7 people who signed up and emailed the terms of reference, but no one responded back indicating interest. In addition, there have been several resignations from the Dementia Network: Cynthia Farquhar, Chantal Evans, Patty Greve, Barb Harten, and Sue Hamel-Laford. CCAC representative has conflicts with the meeting day/time. Strategies were discussed for increasing membership. Carolyn will follow up with identified agencies and individuals.
4. David Harvey, Chief Member Services Officer for the Alzheimer Society of Ontario, joined by teleconference to present the results of the Rising Tide study. The slides that David used are available on the Alzheimer Society website and can be downloaded for presentations if any members are interested in presenting the findings of the study to other groups. Discussion took place regarding initiatives that could take place locally as a result of the report. David advised that a national consensus conference on prevention will be taking place this year with the goal of developing packages for local use in communities.

5. The Ontario Dementia Network will be meeting face-to-face in the spring. Carolyn will attend.
6. Future agenda items were discussed. Carolyn will contact a bank representative and ask her to present at the next meeting regarding financial abuse issues. It was also decided that the presentation from the pharmacy representative would be placed on hold, and also that the Care Map needed to be reviewed (may be within the mandate of the Education Committee).
7. Round table reports:
 - Arlene stated that there is an upcoming PIECES session in March/April.
 - Lori stated that Dr. Joanne Clarke met with GHC physicians. Dr. Clarke will be in SSM approximately every 12 weeks (next here in June).
8. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.