



DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 20, 2007
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: Barbara Harten – Algoma Manor
Suzanne Hanna – Community Living Algoma
Sharon Swain – Community Health Services, Canadian Red Cross
Duane Buchanen
Barb Forest – Seniors Mental Health Services
Mary Tasz – Northeast CCAC
Arlene Gear – PRC
Carolyn Cybulski – Alzheimer Society

1. Welcome and introductions made.
2. The group discussed the draft Business Case to the LHINs, written by Scott MacPherson of the Alzheimer Strategy Transition Project. The document is intended to present the Dementia Networks of LHIN #13 to the LHIN and suggest solutions to address gaps/needs. The group felt that significant revision was required, specifically:
 - Document needs to be much shorter in length
 - Executive summary required
 - Summary of specific requests required
 - Glossary of terms required
 - Charts and statistical graphs should be included as appendices and not in body of document
 - Need to ensure that graphs are correct and that they include keys to explain the data
 - Insert inventory of services for each dementia network
 - Possible case study more relevant as introduction; do not include the story that currently serves as the introduction
 - Consider expressing plans in terms of phases; e.g., Year 1, Year 2
 - Review OPGA document (Barb F.) and Stroke proposal (Barb H.) for ideas
 - Add connectedness of agencies
 - Add focus on other priorities identified in IHSP (e.g., francophone, aboriginal, etc.)Carolyn has agreed to attempt a rewrite of the document taking these suggestions into consideration.

3. The group responded to the questionnaire on Regulating the Retirement Home Industry. Carolyn will put responses together with data from other groups and will fax in a combined response.
4. Carolyn read correspondence from the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario. Legislation has been drafted that will allow Dental Hygienists to self-initiate scaling and root planning, except where medical contraindications exist.
5. Arlene reported on 2 upcoming events:
 - Aboriginal Roundtable: March 21 and 22
 - Building Bridges Across the Continuum: May 8Carolyn reported that Sault College, in response to the information received from the PSW survey, will be offering a one-day "Excellence in Care" PSW workshop in the spring. There will be concurrent sessions that include: end of life care and the older adult, medication issues, stroke mobility, dealing with difficult situations, confusion and behaviour management, and infection control.
6. Round table reports omitted due to time constraints.
7. Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 23, 2007.
8. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.