

**DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA  
STEERING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
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	Regrets:	Duane Buchanen
	Hazel Yakich		Paula Sirie
	Sharon Swain		Harold Clayton
	Susan Van Atte		Phyllis Youmans
	Cynthia Farquhar		Gayle Cazalet
	Linda Sullivan (guest)		Barbara DelPaggio
	Carolyn Cybulski		Dr. James Chau
			Shelley McEachern
			Linda Toner, MOH
			Arlene Gear

1. Call to order and welcome.
2. Linda provided an update on the Dementia Network website located at [www.dementiaalgoma.org](http://www.dementiaalgoma.org). Data entry (services and agencies) will begin soon. 46 agencies responded to call-out for listings on the website. Linda encouraged group members to spread the word for more agencies to add their services. Links to agencies' websites can be added as requested. Promotion of the website was discussed. Media release was reviewed and approved by members – will be sent out when the official “go-live” date is decided upon (depending on when sufficient amount of data is entered). It was recommended that additional information about the background of the Dementia Network and its participating members be included in release to media. The Education Committee has made other recommendations re: promotion of website e.g. faxing to community partners, MOH, etc. Financial status was reviewed. From the \$5,000 funding from MOH, there is an anticipated balance of approximately \$500. Suggestions by members included: purchase of additional supplies (paper, envelopes, etc.) for future needs, laminated poster advertising the website for information display booths, and paying for additional training time by webmaster. A future project (no funding attached) could be running a contest for art students at Sault College to design a logo for the Network.
3. Linda provided an update on the Education Working Group. The primary activity of this group at present is the physician newsletter. The Ottawa Dementia Network publishes three newsletters per year (written by physicians for physicians), and is willing to forward a copy to us and allow us to modify it to meet our needs, provided they receive credit for content. A hard copy will be mailed to all physicians in Algoma, and the electronic copy will be available on our website. The committee is looking for sponsorship to fund this initiative. Linda also discussed the Shadows of the Mind Filmfest, at

which the movie "Iris" (about Alzheimer Disease) was shown. A panel presentation followed the film, in which the Alzheimer Society and other members of the community participated. 234 people attended the movie.

4. Carolyn provided an update on the Care Map project. The project has now wound-up, with Care Maps being created and distributed for Sault Ste. Marie/ Central Algoma, East Algoma, and North Algoma. French translation was done for the East and North versions. A client brochure, summarizing information on the Care Map, was also produced.
5. Priority-setting exercise done by the group last fall was reviewed. Action plan will be developed at next meeting. Members are requested to send other ideas to Carolyn, but current ideas include: develop plan for dementia education of crisis care workers (?Education Committee), lobby for improvements to system of care such as recruitment of geriatric psychiatrist, and request that CCAC provide report of referral tracking to this Steering Committee. Priorities that are decided upon should also be sent to the appropriate community partners. It was also recommended that the results of the priority-setting exercise be forwarded to Linda Toner.
6. Round table reports
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment: 12 noon