



DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA STEERING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 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, SMHS
Shawna Meyers (LSSU student on placement with SMHS)
Sharon Swain, Red Cross
Duane Buchanen
Hazel Yakich, VON
Lori Encil, GHC Geriatric Assessment Program
Karen Raybould, NECCAC
Carolyn Cybulski, Alzheimer Society
Harold Clayton, NSCSS (by phone)
Susan Clayton, St. Joseph's Manor (by phone)
Chris Sambol, SSM Innovation Centre (guest)
Kimberley Leclair, SSM Innovation Centre (guest)

1. Welcome and introductions made.
2. Chris Sambol and Kimberly Leclair presented an overview of the Innovation Centre, followed by a description of the new Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR). The VPR is a voluntary registry for those needing unique support in emergency circumstances (e.g., heat waves, blackouts). It is intended for those who live independently, have limited social supports, and who have vulnerabilities such as physical, auditory, visual, mental, and age-related disabilities. Start up is planned for late spring/early summer, with official launch in early fall. At this time, only SSM residents will be registered, but the plan is to eventually have the whole of Algoma district on the VPR. For further information, contact Kim Leclair at 942-6938 ext. 41, or by email at kleclair@ssmic.com.
3. Carolyn distributed the "10 by 20: Ontario Action Plan for Dementia" report. The private members' bill for the Alzheimer Advisory Council for Ontario was also discussed.
4. Duane provided an update from the Education Committee. The quantities and distribution of the newsletters were discussed. Red Cross noted good feedback from PSWs regarding the newsletter which is attached to employee pay stubs.
5. Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee were reviewed. Minor changes to goals were agreed upon. Membership was discussed and new members were suggested, which Carolyn will follow up on. The chair position was discussed, and it was agreed that Carolyn and Arlene will continue as co-chairs.

6. The Care Map for SSM and Central Algoma was discussed. Although not extremely out of date, some changes are required with the addition of new services and elimination of others. Carolyn will develop a draft for review at the next meeting. Duane stated that the Community Development Corporation may offer funding for printing. He will get an application form.
7. Round table:
 - VON (Hazel)
 - . This is VON week.
 - . Funding for bereavement program announced.
 - . Enjoying new location.
 - GHC (Lori)
 - . Will take geriatric assessment training in the fall.
 - . Remains 3 days per week.
 - . New doctors coming to GHC.
 - Red Cross (Sharon)
 - . Supportive Housing program going well – currently serving 35 clients.
 - . There have been 3 graduating classes of PA+2.
 - NECCAC (Karen)
 - . Team has expanded (e.g., new case manager to determine eligibility for services).
 - . New geriatric case manager will be starting soon for complex cases.
 - . Aging at Home program provides funding for 1.2 Nurse Practitioners.
8. Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.
9. Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 28 at 10 a.m.