

**DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA
STEERING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 28, 2003
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: Duane Buchanan, Family Caregiver
Barb Forest, Seniors' Mental Health – Sault Area Hospital
Paula Sirie, Group Health Centre
Harold Clayton, North Shore Community Seniors' Services
Phyllis Youmans, Family Caregiver
Susan Van Atte, ACMS District Health Council
Gayle Cazalet, North Shore Tribal Council
Sharon Swain, Canadian Red Cross Community Health Services
Hazel Yakich, V.O.N.
Linda Sullivan, Alzheimer Society (guest)
Arlene Gear, Psychogeriatric Resource Consultant
Carolyn Cybulski, Alzheimer Society

Regrets: Barbara DePaggio, Algoma Community Care Access Centre
Dr. James Chau, St. Joseph General Hospital
Shelley McEachern, Sault Area Hospital
Linda Toner, Ministry of Health

1. Minutes of September 8, 2003 approved.
2. Susan Van Atte provided a summary of the Provincial Dementia Network meeting attended by Susan, Arlene, and Carolyn. It was an excellent opportunity to network and see what other networks are working on. Susan reviewed the highlights of the various Alzheimer Strategies. In a conversation with Susan, Dr. Ken Leclair indicated that he felt that funding for PECs and PRCs would continue after the end of the 5-year strategy in March 2004. 36 local networks have been developed and are exceeding original expectations. This strategy, as well as the 9 others, are all in the process of being evaluated. The Toronto Dementia Network did a presentation of its website. The Algoma Care Map was displayed in a poster presentation. Sustainability of networks was discussed a lot, with the need for some type of funding to support them being a major theme. It was recognized that networks need to be working on projects in order to maintain interest in the group.
3. Linda Sullivan was present to provide information regarding the development of a website for the Algoma network.
Vianet: Domain address: \$13.50 set up fee, \$35 per year for dot org. address
Hosting of site: \$47.50 set up fee, \$25 per month ongoing
 - would give 100 meg. Memory to provide stats, daily back –up
 - password protect for security

- 5 megs data space available
 - 15 email boxes, unlimited email at domain
 - Shaw Cable: "light speed": \$25 per month site fee, \$29.95 per month service, \$29.95 one-time setup fee; one email box; \$1.99 for extra email boxes; **need to be networked to do this – substantial cost
 - Toronto Dementia Network has given permission to use their template (invested \$30,000 to develop) and will also train users; getting lots of hits from caregivers and professionals; will charge \$35 per hour for training and other work that needs to be done; Carolyn will get estimate of the amount of time required for training and approximate cost to use the Toronto template
 - Issues regarding disclaimer discussed
 - Carolyn questioned sustaining ongoing cost of website fees and manpower to maintain the site and update information
 - Some ideas to cover the cost: agency cost sharing (e.g. membership fee), use of summer/college students, sponsorship by agency/business
 - Dilemma – what if provincial site is developed? It was decided that we cannot wait for government to make this decision, since we have to use the dementia network money by March 31, 2004
4. Final decision made to use the dementia network funding for the development of a website using the expertise and template of the Toronto Dementia Network. Quotes will be obtained for networking. Arlene will ask the education committee if they wish to be involved in this project, and will ask if anyone on the committee wishes to receive training on the website.
 5. Gaps in service as identified by the Steering Committee last winter were reviewed. Members used the "dot exercise" to determine which are the priority issues that the network should be addressing. Carolyn will tabulate results for the next meeting.
 6. Round table reports deferred due to lack of time.
 7. Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 9 at 10:00**. Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.