



DEMENTIA CARE NETWORK ALGOMA STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Alzheimer Society of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District
633 Albert St. E.
Sault Ste. Marie, ON

MEETING SUMMARY

Present:

Nicole Jensen – NE Specialized Geriatric Services (guest)
Kim Rossi – NE Specialized Geriatric Services (guest)
Vicky Roy – Alzheimer Society (guest)
Duane Buchanen
Suzanne Hanna
Harold Clayton
Barb Forest
Arlene Gear
Carolyn Cybulski

Meeting Summary:

1. Arlene welcomed members and guests. Introductions made.
2. Kim and Nicole provided information regarding the new Northeast Specialized Geriatric Services, including evolution of the program, recruitment of Dr. Jo-Ann Clark, Geriatrician, and services provided. In addition to Dr. Clark, the team includes 2 RNs, 1 physio, 1 OT, 1 resource educator, and clerical staff. Dr. Clark will do face to face visits for the initial assessment (either home visit or in space provided at SAH). Follow-ups can be done via telemedicine. It is believed that Dr. Clark will travel to SSM approximately every 12 weeks given sufficient referrals. To date, of the 400 referrals received, only 3% have come from Sault Ste. Marie. One team member will be assigned to each region (Shaen is the team member for Algoma), and may travel to SSM to conduct in depth geriatric assessments. NE SGS wishes to enhance and not duplicate existing programs. NE SGS also offers educational opportunities via telemedicine – contact Deana Stephen if you wish to have your name on the notification distribution list. (deana.stephen@city.greatersudbury.on.ca)
3. Barb and Carolyn provided information on the At Risk Driver Program. This is a police notification system for persons who have had their licenses suspended but continue to drive. It is an initiative of the dementia network and will be administered by the Alzheimer Society and SSM Police Services. SSM Police Services also hopes to bring OPP on board so that it can be available across Algoma district. They are hoping to do a media event on the program in January. Barb and Carolyn will develop an education plan so that community agencies are aware of the program.

4. Carolyn provided an update on the Ontario Dementia Network (ODN) which is a provincial group with representation from the 14 regional Dementia Networks across the province. Carolyn represents the North East Dementia Network Coalition. To date there have been two teleconference meetings, mostly to determine the role of the ODN. In order to do this, the ODN Coordinator has sent out a survey to all local and regional dementia networks, asking for background information on each network's accomplishments and needs. The survey was completed by members, and Carolyn will forward to the ODN. Members also discussed the question from ODN about whether or not we wished to adopt the Champlain Dementia Network's logo. Members felt that the Dementia Network Algoma has its own logo which is now branded and identifiable, and is a fixture on our website and newsletters. However, members agreed that for purposes of consistency among dementia networks, our network would be willing to adopt the Champlain logo as a secondary logo.

5. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.