

ATLANTA AREA COALITION
ON AGING & MENTAL HEALTH

WWHC 4th Floor Conference Room
9:00 - 10:30 am
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2010

Attendees:

Jane Hamil, Keith Hartman, Susan Peterson-Hazan, Debra Olander, Betty Root Johnson, Lisa Federico, Janet Fishman, Jocelyn Chen, Cathy T. Rambach

Introductions:

Susan Peterson-Hazan is introduced as a new member. She works with Emory's Alzheimer's Research Group.

Jocelyn Chen is introduced as a new employee of the Fuqua Center and a new member of the group.

The point of focus of this meeting is the workshop being planned for February 25, 2011. The workshop stems from the social work survey this group initiated. The goal is developing the workforce to care for the growing geriatric population in Georgia.

Aspects of the workshop that have been researched and are pending final approval:

- 1 - Title: This was decided at the last meeting:
Capacity to Care: Building Competency in Geriatric Mental Health.
- 2 - A/V: Cathy brought figures to the table which approximates the cost of videotaping the workshop by Emory A/V as \$1,000.00 (see attachment 1). She has reserved the date with Emory.
- 3 - How to pay for recording the presentation and for the training site: At the last coalition meeting, Dawn suggested we get sponsors for the event. She is not present at this meeting. We will need to begin the process of securing sponsors.
- 4 - Site: Jennifer Beamer has looked into obtaining a room at ARC for the workshop and cost breakdown for the room includes a cost for breakfast/lunch and the room cost. Once she gets this figure, she will confirm whether ARC is able to cover the room cost. The food cost would need to be covered by donation or registration fee. It was discussed this site is accessible, centrally located and has available parking.
- 5 - Advertising: Sue Fort has offered to do an E-Blast to the NASW-GA membership list. The group agreed we all have the opportunity to include many professionals outside of the NASW member list through our own contacts.
- 6 - Preliminary workshop schedule: Susan Peterson-Hazen is filling the Dementia Slot that is listed as TBD in the coalition minutes 8/18/2010.

The preliminary schedule:

8:00 AM -	Registration	
8:30 AM - 9:15AM	Overview of Aging	Dr. Nancy Kropf (Dean of SW at GSU)

9:15AM - 10:45 AM	Assessment and Diagnosis Of Older Adults	Eve H. Byrd, MSN, MPH,
10:45A - 11:00 AM	Break	
11:00AM - 12:30PM	Evidence Based Practices Psychosocial Intervention	Dr. Nancy Kropf
12:30 PM -12:45PM	Get Lunches	
12:45PM - 1:30PM	Aging Services Overview	Dr. Bulot Director - Division of Aging
1:30PM - 1:45PM	Break	
1:45PM - 2:45 PM	Dementia	Susan Peterson-Hazen <i>(formerly TBD)</i>
2:45PM -3:00PM	Laughter Yoga	Dawn Read
3:00PM - 4:00PM	Elder Law	Dianne O'Donnell
4:00PM -	Distribution of CEU Certificates	

Cathy will follow up with Sue Fort to get an update on items Sue agreed to be responsible for at our August 18th meeting. Cathy will copy those in attendance on what she sends to Sue. It was discussed that the next Coalition meeting is 12/15/10. Members expressed willingness to meet before if deemed necessary for workshop planning.

Other business:

Lisa Federico (GA Cares) elicited feedback from the group on ways of accomplishing more outreach with Mental Health providers and consumers about the services offered by GA Cares. She described GA Cares as a Medicare information service. Lisa further explained there is a lot of decision-making needed with Medicare and that every year more decisions need to be made. Her organization's mission is to see that consumers know about the benefits offered so they can make informed decisions. The group gave a lot of suggestions for advertising and outreach. It was pointed out that as a provider a website to access to give consumers information was the most helpful tool. Lisa will send Cathy a description of GA Cares for inclusion on the Fuqua website and for distribution to the coalition. Also, she will bring brochures to every meeting.

Susan Peterson-Hazan described the Alzheimer's Research Group that she works with. The research here is one of 31 funded by the National Institute on Aging. The clinical trials strongly focus on mild cognitive impairment. The studies include following subjects longitudinally beginning with the early stages to early middle stages of the disease. Many are followed throughout the disease process.

Please refer to the Fuqua website for August 18, 2010 minutes.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2010