

**Ontario Dementia Network
Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, June 7, 2011 – 12 to 1pm**

Participants:

Christine Wright – LHIN 1
Magdalen Carter – LHIN 2
Julia Baxter – LHIN -6
Marija Padjen – LHIN 7
Loretta Tanner – LHIN 9
Patti Dixon- Medora – LHIN 10
Kathy Wright – LHIN 11 – Co-chair ODN
Carolyn Cybulski – LHIN 13
Bill Dalziel – Co-chair ODN
Andrea Moser – OCFP
David Harvey – Alzheimer Society of Ontario
Jodan Ratz - Pfizer
Julie Springer-Aass – Pfizer
Melanie Milburn – Pfizer
Valerie McNeil - Pfizer
Linda LeDuc – ODN Planner - recorder

Regrets:

Ken LeClair

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kathy Wright welcomed participants and introduced:

Julie Springer-Aass Health Network Manager, Melanie Milburn, Regional Marketing Manager, Central East Ontario, Valerie MacNeill, Regional Continuing Health Education Manager, Central East Ontario and Jodan Ratz, Regional Medical & Research Specialist I Central & Eastern Ontario I Alzheimer's Disease & Depression from Pfizer.

2. Agenda – Bill 52 item removed as it is dead and will be replaced by discussion of all candidates meetings for the upcoming Provincial election.

3. Minutes from March 8 teleconference - approved as circulated

4. Caregiver Support Line – Update

Carolyn reported that Marg Eisner and Cal Martel were chosen as project consultants from the RFP. They are meeting with the oversight team next week to review timelines and deliverables.

Next steps include: planning regional focus groups for the fall. Carolyn suggested if anyone is interested to let the team know. They will send

out a one page explaining the purpose and the type and number of participants required to all networks.

5. ODN Physician Newsletter and Webinar

Newsletter: 2nd newsletter has been distributed electronically to the ODN.

Printed versions were shipped last Friday – most have received them.

Challenging getting OCFP to post info on our behalf. Andrea Moser offered to contact the GP Assembly through the OMA to see if they would be willing to help – Andrea noted that this group is bigger than OCFP. The group was cautioned to pick one group for distribution not multiple, as receiving too many copies could impede physicians reading.

The physician work group will meet to plan out the next year's newsletter topics. Any feedback regarding the newsletter and future topics is welcome.

Webinar: This week's webinar is at capacity; however the majority of participants are not physicians. It was suggested that having a list of webinars for the year would help to plan and market. In addition accreditation would make them more attractive to physicians.

David mentioned that webinars cannot be archived now – or podcasts posted - due to dollars required but the powerpoints could be posted.

6. Regional Conversations

Linda reported that she had had the pleasure of speaking with 8 regional network representatives. To date issues identified:

Challenging to focus regional networks – all don't want to meet just to meet. When something to focus on networks pull through

Few have relationships with LHIN's

List of family physicians elude many

Educational activities workshop etc usually successful in pulling network together – funding often an issue

Some regional/local resources may be helpful to provincial network: For example: Guelph's Guide for MDs and CCAC, NEO PSW newsletter.

Participants noted that there is a list that the network compiled and posted on AKE. However, many do not use it as a regular reference. It was suggested that perhaps highlighting one or two that may be used more broadly might help better uptake.

7. Updates

Public Policy: PSW Education and OCSA

David mentioned there is now a PSW Registry but not sure yet what this will look like. Accreditation process still in progress. It is important to urge the MOHLTC re accreditation, training and curriculum redesign.

Palliative Care Funding

Taro not present – item deferred to next meeting

Marija reported that they recently hosted a palliative care workshop on for dementia that the Hospice Association provided the speaker for.

She encouraged other regions to contact:

Hospice Association of Ontario Executive Director - Rick Firth=
rfirth@hospice.ca

Behavioural Support System (BSS)

www.bssproject.ca

There was discussion that there are opportunities with the LHIN submissions related to funding of nursing positions. It is a good opportunity to open a dialogue with the LHIN's. Andrea Moser commented that there is a need to link the BSS to primary and community care not just specialized geriatric psychiatry teams – we need to ensure we are not creating new silos.

4 LHINS will be selected to lead this initiative.

All Candidates meetings

Carolyn reported: Invite candidates to meeting

Start now and invite to All Candidates' Meetings

Include Dementia Networks and partners

David offered to host a call with interested regions to talk about ways to engage candidates. Regional contacts to call David directly.

8. Next meeting:

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH, 12PM TO 1PM

Kathy raised the need to consider meeting either as the large group or a smaller working group to brainstorm ideas of how to focus activities and allocate the dollars that remain.