

Ontario Dementia Network

Ontario Dementia Network conference call on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010 from 8:30am to 10:00am

Minutes:

Present:

Julia Baxter (LHIN 6)
Mary Burnett (LHIN 4)
Cindy Backen (LHIN 14)
Magdalen Carter & Betsy Little (LHIN2)
Carolyn Cybulski (LHIN 13)
Dr. Bill Dalziel, Co-chair (LHIN 11), and representative of RGPs of Ontario
David Harvey (Alzheimer Society of Ontario)
Ellen Kampf, (LHIN 7)
Patti Dixon-Medora (LHIN 10)
Dr. Andrea Moser, rep College of Family Physicians
Andrea Ubell (LHIN 8)
Taro Shako (LHIN 12)
Kathy Wright, Co-chair (LHIN 11)

Karen Gill-Planner

Regrets:

Ken LeClair
Carol Taylor

1. Welcome and Introductions: Kathy Wright and Dr. Bill Dalziel –all were welcomed with a special welcome to new members: Magdalen Carter with Betsy Little, as her alternate, for LHIN 2 will be replacing Shelley Green who will soon be going off on maternity leave. Leadership change in LHIN 8 sees Jennifer Sequeira leaving the group and Andrea Ubell joining us to-day.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of November 24th, 2009: accepted as presented
3. Adoption of the agenda for February 23rd, 2010 with changes: Additions under Business arising: d) Funding and e) Healthy Work Force update and omission of g) under Business Arising.
4. Business arising:
 - a. Update on membership- done in welcome.
 - b. Update Community of Practice- Karen Gill provided an update on work to this point on ODN becoming a CoP. The paperwork on the agreement between ODN

and AKE is almost complete. It will be circulated to ODN membership upon completion.

David Harvey reminded membership that this relationship is contingent upon the renewal of the AKE contract with the MOHLTC. AKE has a contract extension until the end of September. They are anticipating a three year renewal of their contract. David outlined the financial commitment of AKE to the ODN of \$5000 per annum, \$3000 for meetings, 5 hours per month of AKE Knowledge Broker and telephone line usage.

- c. Logo Utilization recommendations: Kathy commented on the Logo Standardization Guidelines that had been circulated. This was done to provide a consistent usage of the logo across the province. There were no questions or comments about the logo at this time.
- d. Funding- Kathy Wright again commented on the AKE financial commitment to ODN.
Kathy asked about the \$9000 from Novartis. David outlined that it is tied in with the PEER Presenter dollars from the College of Family Physicians.
Dr. Dalziel has not received any response to date from Janssen Ortho or Pfizer.
Kathy feels ODN could be successful in a Trillium Grant proposal to support the infrastructure of the ODN. Magdalen Carter spoke about the provincial monies being utilized by the Palliative Care Project.

ACTION: Magdalen and Andrea Ubell to investigate the source of the Palliative Care funding and get back to Kathy.

- e. Healthy Work Force proposal update- David Harvey reported that this proposal was unsuccessful in receiving funding.

5. Business Updates:

- a. AKE website enhancements- Karen Gill reported that the AKE online resources in relationship to ODN and the Regional and Local Dementia Networks has been updated with the resources provided from the various members. All members are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the various resources available. All items are listed under CoP Dementia Networks as well as individually under the index sections.

ACTION: Members are encouraged to continue to provide to Karen resources developed by their networks as well as their comments on how the information is set up on the website.

Minutes from ODN meetings and all Regional Dementia Network minutes will also be posted as they are sent to Karen Gill.

- b. PEER Presenters Program 2010- David Harvey and Ken LeClair are working with the College of Family Physicians to re-energize this program. It was strongly

voiced in the ODN survey the need for this program throughout the province and discussions to-day reiterated that fact. Andrea Moser feels the program was very successful. Champlain Dementia Network (CDN) and Hamilton Dementia Network have very successful Physician Education Programs through their networks. The concern being how can ODN support and assist David and Ken in pursuit of this program.

ACTION: David to keep Kathy informed on the progress of discussions on this subject.

- c. Dementia Networks and Physician Champions- David Harvey clarified that this topic is also closely tied in with the PEER Presenter program and funding. Discussion about what physician engagement might look like? It can be very different for different areas in the province. How do networks recruit, maintain and sustain physician involvement, how are doctors funded for their involvement? Some RDNs are very successful in having physicians actively engaged with them and some areas, even urban areas such as York region have none. CDN is one such successful area they have ToR for committees that physicians are involved in.

ACTION: Possibility of teleconference to discuss this issue in depth prior to the April 8th meeting.

- d. Regional Dementia Networks requiring developmental assistance-In the ODN survey some networks commented that they needed assistance in this area. Kathy asked for feedback from the group in order for ODN to provide help in a concrete way if possible. Response outlined the tremendous amount of work required to keep up with the work at the RDN level. Kathy commented on the Trillium Grant CDN had received to support their infrastructure. This has since run out and now CDN is gaining funding support for their coordinator position, website updates and translation costs from community partners (RGP, Royal Ottawa and AS Ottawa). This was offered as a possibility for other networks to pursue in their areas.
- e. Rising Tide Update- David Harvey commented on the success of this paper. In going forward how can dementia networks help with the continuation of dissemination of this information to a wider audience across the province, as well as promote work on a national and provincial strategy for ADRD? There is a slide deck on the Rising Tide document available on the AKE website for anyone to use at any meetings across the province. Speakers' notes will also soon be available on the site. If necessary David can be approached for assistance with a presentation in your area.

David is currently preparing a document with 10 recommendations specific for Ontario called the 10x 20 (10 recommendations with solutions by 2020). It is being presented to the Minister of Health on March 3rd, to various MPPS on March 4th and to the Senior Secretariat on March 16th. It will be available for

public use on March 24th. The Rising Tide webinars through AKE are having a very large attendance but dns have the ability to increase the penetration across the province.

ACTION: All Dementia Networks are encouraged to utilize the Rising Tide documents to support their advocacy work at their local level. RDNs should consider joint presentation with Alzheimer Society to their LHIN.

- f. Review ODN Work Plan with identified issues from ODN Survey- topic deferred until April 8th meeting.
6. ODN meeting April 8th- At this time we have commitment from ten members of ODN. The meeting will take place at ASO office in the board room from 10- 4 p.m. Due to financial and meeting space constraints attendance is limited to the ODN member rep or his/her alternate. Possible agenda items were discussed to-day. The agenda will be finalized soon and distributed.

Some suggested agenda items surfacing from to-days meeting are:

- Rising Tide and dementia networks
- PEER Presenter Program/Physician Champions
- AKE website
- Work Plan of ODN for 2010- 11
- Possibility of RDN exchange over lunch time

ACTION: For those who have not yet responded to the invitation to attend this meeting deadline extended until March 15th to RSVP to Karen Gill via email.

Development and distribution of agenda for the meeting.

7. Other business:
 - a. Information exchange: Some members discussed the need for us to consider other partnerships outside of Health Care such as Justice Services. At the regional and local level they are seeing many issues such as domestic violence, elder abuse, consent, capacity etc. Police and many in the justice system need and want education on ADRD. Should we be looking at this provincially and how would we start these discussions? As important a topic as this is Kathy feels that the ODN is not developed sufficiently to begin this type of work.

ACTION: Parking lot this issue for later in the development of the ODN.

- b. Mary Brunet from LHIN 4 area reporting that through their Emergency Services Network there is growing concern for cutbacks that are taking place within the geriatric services as hospitals struggle with establishing a balanced budget. Geriatric teams and complex care beds are the first areas being considered for cuts.
8. Date of next meeting: April 8th, 2010

Adjournment at 0950.