

ONTARIO DEMENTIA NETWORK

Ontario Dementia Network conference call on Tuesday, November 24th, 2009 from 8:30am to 10:00am

Minutes:

Present:

Julia Baxter (LHIN 6)
Mary Burnett (LHIN 4)
Nancy Cornmell (Local Health Integration Rep)
Carolyn Cybulski (LHIN 13)
Megan Harris (AKE)
David Harvey (ASO)
Patti Dixon Medora (LHIN10)
Ellen Kampf (LHIN 7)
Dr. Andrea Moser (College of Family Physicians Rep)
Taro Shako (LHIN 12)
Carol Taylor (LHIN 3)
Christine Wright (LHIN 1)
Kathy Wright, Co-chair (LHIN 11)
Karen Gill, Planner ODN

Regrets:

Dr. Ken LeClair
Dr. Bill Dalziel
Shelley Green

1. Welcome and Introductions: Kathy Wright: Kathy welcomed the members to to-days conference call.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of September15th, 2009: there were no changes or additions to the minutes as presented.
3. Adoption of the agenda for November 24th, 2009: No additions to the agenda.
4. Business arising:
 - a. Update on funding for ODN: Kathy updated again the funding to date for ODN- \$10,000 from AKE and \$9, 000 from Novartis. Novartis funding is project specific to primary care education. Kathy reported that Bill has written to Pfizer and Jansen Orhto and is awaiting a response. David confirmed that the College of Family Physicians has

limited funding remaining to support PEER presenters in 2010. ASO and Dr. Moser are working to revitalize this program.

Once ODN has more firmly established priorities we could approach a foundation for funding to support specific projects.

b. Update on membership: Karen Gill reported that we have been successful in the recruitment of Dr. Andrea Moser as representative from the College of Family Physicians to the ODN and we welcome her to her first meeting to-day. LHIN 5 area is currently represented by the LHIN 6 area. LHIN 5 has amalgamated their dementia networks into the LHIN 6 regional network. It was agreed to-day to defer recruiting a representative from MOHLTC until the ODN has more concrete plans and a clearer sense of future activities. So membership is complete at this time.

c. Community of Practice (CoP): Kathy Wright, David Harvey, Megan Harris and Karen Gill had a conference call on the issue of the ODN becoming CoP within the AKE. Megan Harris provided a summary of the benefits to ODN should we choose to become a CoP. They are access to a Knowledge Broker, funding for a face to face meeting of the ODN annually, utilization of technology such as webinars and most importantly increased credibility with others such as the MOHLTC and LHINs. A Knowledge Broker could be quite useful to the ODN and other networks by helping us be more connected.

Megan also spoke with the group about utilization of the AKE online resource center as a place to share all of the networks information. AKE is willing to work with ODN to populate the site with the information that we would like to see there. Karen Parrage is the Resource Coordinator but she cannot do all the research on what would be on the site, she is able to populate it with information she is provided. Discussion took place on what the networks might find useful to have online. AKE can adjust their current work priorities to make adjustments to the site.

After discussion Kathy asked the question does ODN wish to pursue the issue of becoming a CoP. The answer was yes.

ACTION: Karen Gill will pursue with David and Megan the next steps in making the ODN a CoP within AKE.

d. Utilization of logo: updates from reps. Taro Shako (LHIN 12) reported their network has adopted the logo with their name next to it. Algoma District will be also using the logo in tandem with their existing logo.

e. Healthy Work Environments: A summary of the proposal was sent with the agenda packaged. Announcements have not been made at this time

5. New business:

a. Survey results: The results of the summary, an appendix of supporting information and a brief summary were circulated prior to the meeting. The brief summary from Kathy Wright was to act as a starting point for discussions.

Mary Burnett (LHIN 4) stated that the survey information is consistent with results of a survey conducted in their area. It will be important to keep separated local and provincial priorities.

Carolyn Cybulski (LHIN 13) noted that many areas have produced materials and education packages that could be shared throughout the province. Others noted that it would be very beneficial to be able to see what has been produced to avoid duplication and provide some standardization of information across the province.

The ODN would be able to gather the information and work with AKE to have it online resulting in one stop shopping. Having a central reservoir of products and where they originated from would allow for one on one conversation about the products. Possibly we could have templates available for usage on the site.

ODN will be the point organization for drawing together these resources

ACTION: Karen Gill to draw together the resources from networks and then work in partnership with Karen Parrage of AKE.

The upcoming work with AKE will address many of the issues identified in the survey. For those networks requiring more support in their development and sustainability ODN could help them link with other networks that have successfully worked through some of these issues. Possibly hold a teleconference with these struggling networks and a couple of mentor networks to provide them with assistance.

Dr. Dalziel notes that it is very helpful for all networks to be partnered with a physician champion these are often the identified PEER Presenters for an area. David Harvey and Dr. Moser discussed the PEER Presenter initiative and how there are still some limited funds available under this mandate. A few areas interested in physician education could come together on a teleconference to develop strategies to role this out in 2010. Look specifically in rolling this out into areas where it has not been very well developed.

ACTION: Karen Gill to gather together information on those networks that do not currently have a partnership with a physician and provide it to Dr. Moser.

David Harvey to arrange teleconference to discuss PEER Presenter strategies for 2010.

The need for public policy work was discussed. ODN should align with ASO initiatives to expand the base of people involved in this issue. Focus of ASO in 2010 is “Rising Tide” report outlining the increasing prevalence of AD/DRD and the costs associated with the disease. It will be an excellent opportunity to organize events across the province in 2010 on this issue. Could ODN develop a shell of a presentation that dementia networks could use across the province?

ACTION: Carolyn Cybulski volunteered to work with David Harvey and the ASO Public Policy Committee to develop ideas on engaging dementia networks.

6. Other business:
 - a. Information exchange – none at this time.
7. **Date of next meeting: February 23 rd, 2010 at 0830 hrs.**
8. Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 1000 hrs.