

**Ontario Dementia Network**  
**Minutes of meeting Tuesday, June 15th, 2010**

**Present:**

Bill Dalziel, Co-chair and representative RGPs of Ontario  
Kathy Wright, Co-chair (LHIN 11)  
Mary Burnett (LHIN 4)  
Magdalen Carter & Betsy Little (LHIN2)  
Carolyn Cybulski (LHIN 13)  
Megan Harris, AKE  
David Harvey (Alzheimer Society of Ontario)  
Ellen Kampf, (LHIN 7)  
Ken LeClair, (LHIN 10), rep of RG Psychiatry Programs, Ontario  
Dr. Andrea Moser, rep College of Family Physicians  
Taro Shako (LHIN 12)  
Loretta Tanner (LHIN9)  
Christine Wright, (LHIN 1)

Karen Gill-Planner

**Regrets:**

Patti Dixon Medora  
Andrea Ubell  
Nancy Cornwell

1. Welcome and Introductions: Kathy Wright and Dr. Bill Dalziel. Karen informed the membership of the resignation of Cindy Lipsett (LHIN 9) from both the Regional and Ontario Dementia Networks.
2. Adoption of the agenda for June 15th, 2010 as presented
3. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of February 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 (attached) Change noted in minutes of February 23<sup>rd</sup> person to investigate and contact Kathy Wright re Palliative Care funding was Taro Shako.
4. **ODN Physician Newsletter**- Dr. Bill Dalziel reported that the Champlain Physician Education Committee (CPEC) was in agreement with the newsletter becoming an Ontario initiative. A teleconference is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>. Representation from across the province is being sought but Bill will proceed with this initial meeting with representatives Dr. Andrea Moser, Dr. Andrew Frank and Dr. Joanne Clark. Dr. Patricia LePage is also willing to participate but is on vacation for this first meeting. Mary Burnett and Betsy Little are looking for representatives from their areas. The group is working towards a first edition in the fall of 2010.
5. **Public Policy: PSW Education and OCSA**- Karen Gill reported on her conversation with Lori Payne from the Ontario Personal Support Network of Ontario (PSNO). Their letter of April 22, 2010 to Premier Dalton McGuinty was distributed to ODN members in prep for this meeting. It outlines the four main points of concern of the PSNO. These concerns are in alignment with those discussed by the ODN at the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lori will soon be hosting a teleconference of concerned community partners to discuss progress to date with the Ministry and next steps. At this time ODN can best provide support to the work of PSNO by writing a letter of support to MOH. David Harvey reported that ASO is deeply in support of the PSNO initiative and he does feel there is interest and support at the MOH level.

**ACTION:** Karen Gill to draft letter of support of PSNO initiative to MOH with copy to PSNO. Karen to contact Lori Payne to investigate if such standards exist in other provinces.

David Harvey to share ASO letter of support of PSNO initiative with Karen. (David anticipates their letter will be completed by June 25<sup>th</sup>) This letter could also serve as a template for others (AS chapters or regional dementia networks) to send to PSNO or OCSA.

**Rising Tide** – David Harvey informed the members that he anticipates that by June 25<sup>th</sup> the document outlining the financial implications of the 10x20 report will be available on the ASO website. Meetings are still occurring with members of the legislature.

**ACTION:** ODN members and Regional Dementia Networks are encouraged to meet with members in their local ridings about the Rising tide report and what they are doing about dementia in their areas.

6. **Funding: Trillium Grant**- Kathy Wright has spoken with the provincial rep from Trillium. She has also found out that ASO is submitting a grant proposal to Trillium July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a policy of Trillium to not fund two like organizations. The provincial rep is still encouraging ODN to complete the letter of intent to put in to writing what ODN would hope to accomplish through a grant. WE are able to submit a grant application again November 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and then we would not be in competition with ASO or we could approach ASO about the option of adding onto their grant application. After discussion it was decided that this late in the process it was unrealistic to ask ASO to revamp a nearly completed proposal to include ODN. Kathy outlined the action plan to further develop best practices of i) education of physicians and allied health professionals-frontline education ii) service delivery area, such as VIP,

SMILE or specialty care teams within CCAC-transfer these best practices throughout the province. Members did not have other concepts to put forward at this time.

**ACTION:** Kathy to discuss these concepts with the Trillium representative and receive her feedback on the type of proposal ODN should move forward with.

**Pharmas-** Bill Dalziel reported that the Pfizer representative he had been working with is no longer with the company and he has to start discussions again with a new rep. Also Exelon is no longer on patent so there will be no further funding Novartis. David Harvey reported that he is now able to move the \$9000 from Novartis to the ODN it will be connected with the Physician Education Newsletter. There will be no restrictions on usage of this money by ODN. David also reported that the Ontario College of Family Physicians will be piloting education projects in three rural settings.

**ACTION:** David Harvey to write Novartis re the transfer of the monies to ODN.

**Palliative Care Funding-** Taro Shako informed the group that Dr. Pat Dudgeon from Kingston was the lead on the Palliative Care Project. The initial pilot was conducted in Kingston then transferred this best practice throughout the province. It has been a huge success. There is funding for Project Coordinator in each LHIN area. Education of frontline staff and physicians is the primary focus.

**ACTION:** Taro is going to be speaking with Dr. Dudgeon on how the process worked and will email Kathy Wright the results of those discussions.

#### 7. **Business arising:**

- a. **Brief 10 min. discussion of impressions of April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting-** most members felt there was merit in an annual face to face meeting, especially when it could be tied in with another ASO meeting. Andrea Moser reported that she will not be able to attend these meetings as she does not receive enough financial support for OCFP.
- b. **AKE Knowledge Broker for ODN-** Megan Harris and David Harvey have been reviewing the usual role of an AKE Knowledge Broker (KB) for a Community of Practice. They both feel that currently this role is filled for ODN by Karen Gill, Planner of ODN. An AKE KB would not bring anything new to ODN at this time. Megan and David keep ODN members informed about activities within other AKE CoP that would be of interest to them. Couple this with the \$9000 from Novartis and the money from AKE to support the Planner position within ODN they do not feel it warrants a KB at this time.

**ACTION:** Kathy to discuss this further with David and Megan and the impact on Karen's time per month.

#### 8. **New business: Action plan** from discussions of above items reviewed.

**CDN presentation to RGP Rounds** May 28<sup>th</sup> feedback- Kathy spoke about this recent presentation. Others commented positively on it as well. Kathy encouraged members and networks to use the presentation package within their areas. It is available on the RGPEO.com website for download.

#### 9. **Other business:**

- a. Mary Burnet reported in follow up to the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting she has spoken to Terry McCarthy with the provincial FHTs. They are as yet a young organization and not ready to be approached about education. So Mary is working with the Hamilton FHTs to provide education. She is currently also working with the CHCs to fund the AS to provide them with education. Curriculum has been developed in conjunction with the CHC. RGP is helping them with the education package for the interdisciplinary team.
- b. Andrea Moser spoke about the Aging At Home Strategy-they have received LHIN approval for the development of Geriatric Teams; innovations in FHT and primary practice to enhance their capacity in dementia care. Service and practice models need to be shared throughout the province. This is work ODN could be in support of. Kathy added that in Champlain area they are meeting with the CCAC looking at the development of Specialty Teams. Andrea can share her information once final approval is given. In the North East a Geriatric Case Manager has just started with CCAC.
- c. Magdalen Carter reported about the LHIN 2 proposal to address issues relating to Seniors with Behavioural Challenges, submitted under Aging at Home Year 3. It was approved but not yet implemented. The proposal among other components, contains a plan for 3 Quick Response Outreach Teams that will cover various geographic areas of LHIN 2.
- d. Loretta Tanner-Central East area: Dementia Network Durham Region recently hosted their second conference on End of Life Care for the Older Adult with Dementia. It is done in collaboration with the Palliative Pain and Symptom Management Consultation Service. Planning for the third annual conference is already in progress. In May, HKPR Dementia Network hosted a half day Caregiver Conference for family caregivers, featuring community booths and on-site respite care. Both events were very successful. Muskoka area just hosted an End of Life Care conference, it too was very successful
- e. Ellen Kampf reported that the AS of Toronto has just partnered with Toronto Hospice on an exciting project to teach an accredited volunteer program.
- f. Mary Burnet reported in Hamilton that in the fall they will be hosting a research day with researchers and educators from across their LHIN area. This will be funded from their Alzheimer Foundation.
- g. Christine Wright from Sarnia their local dementia network are starting to explore the possibility of working with people such as postal workers, meter readers etc who go to clients homes who are showing warning signs they may have dementia or those with dementia that may be at risk. She is wondering if any other areas have done this type of program. They are not sure at this point if the direction will be an alert or training. LHIN 4 area is also looking at doing this kind of training.

- h. Mary Burnet also reported that they are providing training in the new specialty clinics in their ER. They are also considering how to get that training out to primary care doctors.

10. **Date of next meeting:** September 14<sup>th</sup> 0830-1000 hours.

Adjournment at 0945.