

**Ontario Dementia Network
Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – 12 to 1pm**

Participants:

LHIN 1 Christine Wright
LHIN 2 Debbie Deichert
LHIN 3
LHIN 4 Mary Burnett
LHIN 5 No regional network
LHIN 6
LHIN 7 Marija Padjen
LHIN 8 Andrea Ubell
LHIN 9 Loretta Tanner
LHIN 10
LHIN 11 Kathy Wright — Co-chair ODN
LHIN 12
LHIN 13 Carolyn Cybulski
LHIN 14 Cindy Backen

Bill Dalziel – Co-chair ODN
Jodan Ratz - Pfizer
Julie Springer-Aass – Pfizer
Linda LeDuc – ODN Planner - recorder

Regrets:

Ken LeClair
Andrea Moser – OCFP

1. Welcome and Introductions

Kathy Wright welcomed participants

2. Agenda

- Kathy added a brainstorming item under physician education
- Marija informed participants of a study of driving and dementia in rural settings being done through Sunnybrook

ACTION - Marija will e-mail ODN with information

3. June Minutes - approved as circulated

4. ODN Physician Newsletter and Webinar

- **Newsletter:** topics for the next 3 issues were circulated with agenda. Pfizer may not be able to support the printing of the next newsletter if it speaks to Aricept use “off label”. Julie suggested in place of the

newsletter that a flyer be created with links to resources that Pfizer reps can take to GP office visits.

- **Pfizer Physician Needs Assessment:** Julie reviewed the responses to date and encouraged network members to circulate the survey link as much as possible. Many of the topics identified by respondents have been covered by ODN in the newsletters. Bill suggested that he could substitute an article on Office Based Assessment of Dementia to respond to the needs identified in the survey. This would replace the one on acetylcholinesterase inhibitors and increase the chances that Pfizer will be able to print and distribute. Kathy to check with newsletter editor to make sure the substitution is ok.
- **Webinar:** posters will be created once description of sessions is received.
- **Brainstorm re: Pfizer funds:** Kathy identified a need to focus ODN efforts and invest in reaching out to GP's. She suggested that contracting Linda for a few more hours to help develop a strategy and approach to Family Health Teams (FHT) across the province with ODN and First Link information. Others agreed this would be of value as many Alzheimer Societies have working with FHT on their work plans.
- Bill volunteered to help given that he had done some work with Pfizer and nurse assessors in FHT..

ACTION - Linda to set up a preliminary call with Julie, Bill and herself in the next couple of weeks

5. Caregiver Support Line – Update

- Mary reported that Marg Eisner and Cal Martel, project consultants, completed an intensive literature review. The team will delve into more details about defining after hours and looking at utilization rates.
- 7 Regional focus groups have been identified from the excellent response from the regions. Mary thanked the regions for their responses. Unfortunately there were more volunteers than sites available. Groups will be held in French in addition they will be done with members of multicultural communities as well as Aboriginal people.
- Mary is hoping that the project will be able to take advantage of the BSS roll out and other opportunities that would allow the caregiver support line to build on existing models.
- Timelines: Focus groups, until end of November, preliminary report in December and final report at the end of January.

ACTION - Kathy to send info out about the Care Ring program out of Montreal.

AKE resource review

- Linda reported that in her conversations with regions that understanding what resources were available was something many said was needed.

ACTION - As a pilot, Linda will circulate info about 1 resource a month to ODN members. She will seek feedback to see if the exercise is of value.

6. Next meetings:

Tuesday, December 6, 12PM TO 1PM
Tuesday, March 6, 2012 12pm to 1pm
Tuesday, June 5, 2012 12pm to 1pm