

**Ontario Dementia Network
Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 – 12 to 1pm**

Participants:

Christine Wright – LHIN 1
Mary Burnett – LHIN 4
Andrea Ubell – LHIN 8
Loretta Tanner – LHIN 9
Melanie Kelly – LHIN 9
Kathy Wright – LHIN 11 – Co-chair ODN
Debbie Islam – LHIN 12
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
Linda LeDuc – ODN Planner - recorder

Regrets:

Magdalen Carter – LHIN 2
Carol Taylor – LHIN 3
Julia Baxter – LHIN -6
Marija Padjen – LHIN 7
Patti Dixon- Medora – LHIN 10
Tara Shako – LHIN 12
Cindy Backen – LHIN 14

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Kathy Wright welcomed participants and introduced:
 - Melanie Kelly a new representation from Region 9
 - Julie Springer-Aass Health Network Manager and Jodan Ratz, Regional Medical & Research Specialist I Central & Eastern Ontario I Alzheimer's Disease & Depression from Pfizer.

2. Agenda – Item 5 Trillium was moved to Item 4 as Carolyn has a commitment at 12:30 - approved as circulated

3. Minutes from December 7 teleconference - approved as circulated

4. Trillium Application – Update

- Carolyn reported that the ODN was successful in obtaining the full amount of Trillium funding for the Feasibility Study of a 1-800 caregiver support line.

- Next steps include: workgroup meeting to determine terms of reference for the hiring of a consultant.
- Carolyn explained that the working group will be looking to the members of the ODN to help in the collection of data for the study, most importantly the regional focus groups.

5. ODN Physician Newsletter and Webinar

- **Webinar:** The ODN's first webinar was deemed a success. With over 62 sites registered 158 participated in the presentation. Some sites at Family Health Teams had multiple participants. Approximately 50 physicians participated.
- The physician advisory group are considering the content of the webinar based on the next newsletter topics
- **Newsletter:** The first newsletter was well received. Kathy is working to coordinate the distribution of the next issue with OCFP e-mail blasts. Andrea Moser suggested using the network of family physicians who work in LTC. The content of the next newsletter is being discussed by the working group.
- **Next issue topics** – successful aging, agitation
- **Future of pharma funding:** It was recognized that funding from the pharmaceutical industry in the future may not be as available as in the past. It will be important to continually look at other funding sources to support the ODN activities.

6. Regional Conversations

- Linda reported that she had had a chance to speak with 3 regions so far to get a sense of the issues they face.
- Working with the LHIN's seems to be a challenge for many – although acknowledged by them, funding and other support is not readily available for dementia networks.
- It will be essential for the Network to explore funding possibilities such as Health and Human Resources Department of the Ministry of Health or the BSS project. The network should explore "senior friendly" funding opportunities. In addition, successful models such as the Palliative Care network should be explored to see if there is anything to be learned from their experience and approach.

7. Updates

- **Public Policy: PSW Education and OCSA**
 - Follow-up not yet done
- **Palliative Care Funding**
 - Taro not present – item deferred to next meeting
- **Behavioural Support System (BSS)**
 - On 2nd phase rollout. April planning day being organized and will include an ODN representative. For more information visit: www.bssproject.ca

8. Next meeting:

TUESDAY JUNE 7, 12PM TO 1PM

Kathy raised the possibility of a face-to-face meeting during the September Alzheimer Ontario meetings – as there is only \$3,000 for travel it would make sense to align it with another meeting – The group agreed, however the meeting schedule needs to be explored as there may be too many meetings scheduled.