Identified Themes, Activities, Priorities, Next Steps

Themes	Activities	
Provincial Stewardship (17 votes)	 Strong Role for an Over Arching Stewardship / Strategic partnerships PDN to support grassroots networks, provide coaching, advocacy support and identify leads Focus on a few clear priorities, implement tools, development of common resources at provincial level and guidelines based on collaborative strategic plan/ thinking (e.g., common language; going in the same direction) Concrete, practical and time limited projects to work towards identified priorities Establish relationship with MOHLTC 	
Logistics of How a PDN would	Logistics	
work? (13 votes) • Absorbed complementary theme: Best Practices (moved due to an underlying understanding of BPs in a PDN logistics/mandate)	 Form an executive committee and determine degree of formality and communication strategy (membership, frequency of meetings, sub-committees/working groups, partnerships) Establish a lead and support staff Work towards sustainability development (e.g., obtain Income through grants, PE funds, pharmaceutical funding) Maximize technology- PDN bi-monthly teleconference/webinars & annual face-to-face meetings Local workshops capitalizing on PDN collective wisdom and provincially identified hot topics (e.g., dialogue with other DN's re: past and future education workshops; build on current PDN knowledge base/resources/speakers) Best Practices (additional theme added during Planning Day) 	
	 Develop strategic partnerships to identify BPs Include professionals/colleges/associations to develop/share BPs on key issues Capture tacit knowledge and evidence based BPs knowledge exchanges 	

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Resource Issues (9 votes)

 Absorbed complementary theme: Addressing Issues of How to "Fit" within LHIN Boundaries (2 votes)

Supporting local/ regional resource needs

Explore issues related to:

- Financial support for ongoing DN activities (time and resource stretched)
- Administrative and Coordination support necessary for DN activities (communication, minutes, book meetings, strategic planning, proposals, connecting DNs with other organizations)
- Current reliance on "same ten people" (e.g., many dementia champions sitting on multiple committees)
- Investigate linkages with End of Life and Elder Abuse Strategy
- Consider role of regional Knowledge Brokers to conduct regular environmental scans re: local, regional, provincial issues; identify successes for DNs to build on; review RGP and ASO reports

Addressing Issues of How to "Fit" within LHIN Boundaries

- DN Champion(s) to connect/interact with (each) LHIN (e.g., create LHIN based voice)
- Address reluctance by some LHINs to dialogue with disease specific networks (e.g., strengthen DNs and/or consider how a DN can be woven into the fabric of other relevant networks by members wearing multiple hats)
- Create provincial standards for sharing/interacting with LHINs (e.g., sharing standards for education)
- Submit proposals (e.g., provincial project(s) that could target for the next year (s) such as dementia education training standards)
- Utilize DN knowledge brokers across the province (see above)
- Connect with the Family Health Teams and RGPs to enhance and strengthen DN representation
- Learn from other DNs how they deal with the issue of crossing over LHIN boundaries

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Knowledge Sharing (9 votes)

- Absorbed complementary themes: Central Knowledge Bank (5 votes)
- *Education* (1 vote)

Central DN Knowledge Bank

- Development PDN "Place" for exchange, sharing and development of resources
- Coherent identifier of key issues, people, ideas and resources to support locally generated issues (Note: Knowledge Exchange is a contact sport need teams of people to actively connect/play together:)
- Provision of timely information (e.g., news alerts with clear subject lines)
- Knowledge Broker support -access AKE KB for individual/local support to access and link to identified people, idea, resources
- Provision of, training on, and utilization of online technology to bring DNs together (e.g., AKE Resource Centre)
- Provision of incentives for "connecting champions"
- Specific designated "Dissemination and Exchange Champions"

Education (additional theme added during Planning Day)

- Coordination of sharing of education resources provincially (Note: given the uniqueness of many DN areas request a mechanism to share quality stories
- Sharing of proposals that are being submitted for educational programs decreasing duplication
- Enhance DN websites and/or linking through the AKE resource centre
- Provincial library of dementia resources and rating of resources
- Library of dementia specific on-line-courses E-learning opportunities (e.g., First Link)
- Calendar of local/regional DN education sessions and availability to participate from remote sites
- Recorded education sessions available for downloading at a later date
- Education for informal care givers (e.g. family councils/general public)

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Public Policy Role (8 votes)	-	Utilize the collective to Change, Inform and/ or Implement public policy locally and provincially
	-	Investigate natural relationships and structures (e.g. ASO, other DNs etc) and existing resources
	-	Explore mechanisms to bring people to the table - create a profile
	-	Build relationships with influential ministries (political, bureaucratic)
	-	Explore what committees/ ministries to engage with (i.e. LTC act reform committee)
	-	Develop and share communication/briefing notes outlining key issues, deliverables and results

Identified Priorities:

- 1. Provincial Stewardship and Logistics of a PDN (30 combined votes)
- 2. Knowledge Sharing (including Central Knowledge Bank & Education) (15 combined votes)
- 3. Supporting local/ regional resource needs (9 votes)

Next Steps

- Identify two or three people to help move priorities forward (Ottawa DN was highly recommended as a mentor DN in the process) someone
- Utilize current AKE resources and interim PDN Community of Practice funding while seeking other resources to help PDN flourish
- Coordinate provincially with ASO for Ministry related issues (note: ASO to commit some resources to the PDN such as access to ASO regional liaisons; public policy guidance; etc.)
- Capitalize on existing knowledge amongst DNs (e.g., populate the AKE Resource Centre PDN CoP website with current DN resources, templates, etc.)
- Coordinate activities and share templates for current and emerging dementia education issues (e.g., templates, Driving and Dementia, Living Alone, ADRD Toolkit)
- Capitalize on the International efforts of AST/ASO/ASC Think Tank (seek a trillium grant to showcase good work of DN's during 2009 ten-year anniversary of Alz. Strategy)

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Who and How?

- Provincial Dementia Network (PDN) Facilitation and Working Group to begin the process of a PDN development develop a plan/strategy (e.g., recommendations for common language/collective mandate; membership; frequency of meetings; subcommittees/working groups based on identified priorities)
- With mandate of three key priorities and share with other DNs to get feedback from their membership. Group to meet twice by ACC technology prior to February meeting of the larger PDN group.

ASO and AKE to work together with PDN Facilitation and Working Group Volunteers

- Carol Taylor (Waterloo-Wellington Dufferin)
- Helen Johnson (Erie St. Clair)
- Joy Nieminen (North West)
- Kathy Wright and Bill Dalziel (Champlain)
- Marija Padjen (Toronto Central)
- Michelle Bliss or alternate Gail Mackenzie-High (Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant)
- Taro Shako (North Simcoe Muskoka)
- (Peel-Mississauga) ??
- (North East) ??

The next meeting of larger group will be held at the end of February 2009 when plan is developed to share with larger membership. AKE can help with dissemination on the logistics and commit to some resources to help keep it going.