



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE (SHAC) ORAL HEALTH SUB COMMITTEE (OHSC) MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2010

Council Members, Liaisons & Committee Participants Present

In attendance: SHAC Chair Bernadine Hoffman, OHSC Co-Chair Dr. Robert Birdwell, Dr. Jerry Caniglia, Mary Cosaboom, Jay Crosby, Susan Cypert, Ginger Froncek, and Carmen Segoviano
Participating telephonically: OHSC Co-Chair Noreen Nickerson-Cruz, Linda Anderson, Michelle Panico, Emma Violante, and Dr. Janet Woldt

Council Members Not Present

George Evanoff

Staff Present

Cathy De Lisa, Claire Parriott

Welcome, Introductions

Committee Co-Chair Dr. Bob Birdwell opened the meeting at 2:32 pm with a welcome and introductions.

Overview/Review of Specific Work Plan Goals for this Meeting

At the request of Dr. Birdwell, Cathy De Lisa provided an overview of the process and protocol for moving any proposed materials/information forward through the approval process with the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. Members were updated during this time on plans for the Division of Aging and Adult Services to have a table at the May 21st Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium 2010 conference and that the Office on Aging (and Council on Aging) would be able to place appropriate caregiver-focused resources on the DAAS table.

Guided by Dr. Birdwell, the group devoted time to discussion of the Year 1 goals of the Work Plan and it was agreed that Year 1 meant calendar year 2010.

Based on Discussion:

Goal: #1, – Improve the oral health of older adults

Objective 1.1- Promote free-to-affordable dental care.

- A-2 – Ginger Froncek reported recruitment of dentists is and can be coordinated through the Foundation; however, necessary lab work required for dental care is an issue and a barrier for older adults.
- A-3 - Since labs are already doing major donations, she suggested considering discounted rates or exploring other foundation funding or grants. Outreach to associations regarding reduced or donated services was discussed.

- B-1 - A.T. Still University's portable dental services to homebound seniors and St. Vincent de Paul's services were raised as resources that require assessments to ensure appropriate referrals.
- B-2 – Mary Cosaboom explained progress being made on the development of the combined list of resources and it was suggested that other resources identified by the Arizona Dental Foundation, A.T. Still University or any other partner be included as part of the list or as a resource sheet to accompany oral health fact sheet.
- C – No update provided on this Year 2 goal by Dr. Birdwell.

Goal #2: Increase access to educational opportunities on oral health for target populations, service providers, and the community;

Objective 2.1- Promote seminars, workshops, and conferences on oral health.

- A – is a Year 2 goal
- B – Ginger indicated that the Az Dental Foundation has provided the United Way of Tucson Oral Health Care Concerns Preventive Guidelines & Techniques for Seniors and Caregivers as well as training DVDs to assisted living, skilled nursing and day program staff. Dr. Birdwell stated a quarterly report on this Goal and Objective might be advisable, and the team discussed putting together a toolkit of existing training resources during the next year.

Roll out of the caregiver training from Washington State

Objective 2.2 - Facilitate oral health education opportunities for caregivers of older adults.

- Dr. Birdwell requested a meeting of this Goal's team be coordinated within the next two weeks to develop action steps for the objective. The possibility of having a presentation on the Washington State Oral Health for Caregivers training manual as well as the Az Dental Foundation training materials at the next SHAC meeting was raised. A correction to status report under B was requested by Dr. Caniglia.

Oral Health Materials & Fact Sheet Discussion

Objective 2.3 – Facilitate the distribution of educational materials on oral hygiene.

- A. After discussions regarding proposed changes to the draft fact sheet, Dr. Caniglia stated he would email the revised draft fact sheet per discussions to Cathy De Lisa for format assistance. All agreed the font needed to be enlarged and the information kept to one page
- B. No additional resources have been received to date.

Report regarding work being done on Resource List

An updated copy of the draft resource list being developed by Mary Cosaboom was circulated and the group was asked to share any additional information with her for inclusion or to help eliminate services listed that are no longer available.

A copy of the Three-Year Work Plan and the draft Resource List are available through the Council Office.

Next Steps Including Recommendation for SHAC

- As requested by Dr. Birdwell, Cathy De Lisa will coordinate the convening of the Goal #2. 2.2 team within the next two weeks to discuss the goal, objectives and action steps needed.
- Dr. Caniglia will forward the revised draft fact sheet to Cathy De Lisa for formatting work.
- Additional resources information will be forwarded by Sub-Committee members to Mary Cosaboom for inclusion on the draft Resource List.

Adjournment

Co-Chair Birdwell adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The Oral Health Sub-Committee will join the Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee on May 6th at 2:30 p.m. Location to be announced and posted at the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging website. These meetings are open to the public.