

Dementia Care Excellence Oversight Committee

Overseeing Implementing of San Francisco's Strategy for Excellence in Dementia Care

Thursday, May 21, 2015

MEETING NOTES

Present: Beth MacLeod, Cathy Spensley, Sherrie Matza, Andrea Korsunsky, Joanne Robinson-Teran, Michelle Truong, Ruth Gay, Anne Hinton, Natasha Boissier, Elizabeth Edgerly, Joanne Handy, Mivic Hirose
DAAS: Melissa McGee

Update from Transportation workgroup –

Transportation update was provided by Cathy Spensley. The peer escort program is moving along, with funding worked out through DAAS until transportation funds from bond comes next year, at which time the program will continue and expand. Karen Garrison, Felton, is leading the project. The escorts are senior companions, and the pilot is operating through the Felton Senior Companion / Foster Grandparent program. Karen is recruiting now for escorts. The goal is to have 11-12; with 9 actively working and alternates. She has recruited 6-7 so far. If you have ideas for outreach, let Karen or Cathy know. Low-income seniors can get stipend, and the time worked is 20 hours per week.

There are 6 modules in the training program. There will be 2-3 sessions a week, 3 times a week. The escorts will ride on vans and will be working in the centers for last hour or so. This will assist with the transition from program to van to home. There are still some areas to work out, including routes and how volunteers will get home from routes. Question from group as to procedure if a client gets home and no one home or door locked. Will we track the people with dementia to see how works as model? This program has funding from Alzheimer's Association, so want to make sure it is focused on people with dementia. There is paratransit funding for this program for 3 years. Group suggested it is important to look at evaluation of the training; i.e., did volunteers find the training matched up with the actual work as escorts?

The group requested that the training curriculum plan be shared with group for review. Cathy will contact Karen with Ruth / Alzheimer's Association trainer.

This pilot will go live in September.

Update from LGBT workgroup –

Marcy Adelman updated group. The workgroup met with Scott Wiener's office about the LGBT dementia training model outreach to community, and shared the pilot the workgroup is developing. Supervisor Wiener is trying to get an RFP out in June that would provide funding for 2 years for training module for LGBT and dementia. The goal is to develop the training first, do some training sessions, and then do outreach. Want to have places to send folks and want to make sure sites are LGBT competent.

Request is in Mayor's budget for 200K to develop program.

Update on Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Safety Net grant –

Joanne Robinson-Teran provided update on the project. The group is partnering with SF Village, openhouse and Little Brothers.

The pilot is to identify folks with Alzheimer's who live alone, and provide a case management approach over a 6 month period. The group is currently working with Brooke Hollister to develop tools and approaches.

The pilot would include 2-6 home visits, and care coordination, education, home safety, and referral to resources.

The second part of the grant is to identify needs and then people who might be involved with the identified person to join a care circle. This care circle would be provided with training, information on resources, information on technology to help keep the person at home and safe.

The group is currently finalizing assessments, tools to be used; and will then identify individuals through the partner organizations.

To assist in establishing rapport with clients as an outside agency, group will be conducting presentations at partner agencies.

The project will have participants who are identified by agencies and medical providers. Expect referrals from UCSF, CPMC, Kaiser; both with and without formal diagnosis of dementia.

Referral process – group is finalizing flyer, and will get out to this group.

The project will work with 40 individuals over the 2 year period of the grant.

This is a program evaluation project. It is a new model being tested on programs we already offer. It is not new but is pulling things together, so not considered a research project.

There will be some type of consent so they know they can stop at any point.

A goal of this program is to give some structure, training and support to these people who may then form a care circle for the individual.

Goals are developed by the individual, including what is working and what not working. It is more of a grassroots effort, not a medical model.

Arts and Aging –

Anne Hinton attended a meeting at the Aroha Foundation. The foundation is currently focused on mental health, aging, and the arts. We will stay aware of opportunities for funding.

Mobile crisis intervention –

Discussion on convening workgroup to address / intervene with families / caregivers bringing people with dementia from going for issues / needs that are not clinical and acute.

There had previously been discussion on a mobile crisis unit (similar in theory to DPH mobile crisis unit) – difficult to quantify cost, volume, numbers served, etc., therefore challenging to develop proposal.

DPH claims they receive 2-3 calls each week for folks with dementia for which the mobile crisis team is not the appropriate resource.

The group agrees there is a high need in the community for this service.

Suggestions for discussion include:

*Using the current mobile crisis unit as a guide; perhaps a pilot similar to this.

*Having some sort of 24/7 on-line site where caregivers with urgent issues can go and there would be an expert who could assist / answer questions in real time. May be a good use of technology as an access point.

*Having a 24/7 telephone access line, similar to IOA friendship line.

Need to identify individuals who want to be involved in this workgroup. – Let Melissa know.

Anne announced that Eli Lilly may be interested in conducting a visit of additional community conversations, and see what has come out of those recommendations made at previous meetings with the community. Ruth will follow-up with them.

Next meeting – August 2015 TBD
Doodle poll will be sent to group