

## **Dementia Care Excellence Oversight Committee**

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

Monday, August 24, 2015 – Meeting Notes

Present: Ruth Gay, Anne Hinton, Karen Garrison, Sherrie Matza, Cathy Spensley, Joanne Handy, Wendy Zachary

Via phone: Elizabeth Edgerly, Mivic Hirose, Michelle Tapia, Andrea Korsunsky

DAAS: Melissa McGee

#### **Announcements –**

Anne Hinton announced her retirement effective December 4, 2015.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Legacy Film Festival is scheduled for 9/18-20. Tickets are available on-line. Alive Inside is included in line-up. Spread the word.

Sherrie Matza told group about a New York Times article about identity and loss of identity. The article talks about memory alone not cause of loss of identity, but study showed losing one's moral code, i.e., empathy, compassion, honesty. Those changes are those that alter a person's identity. (will send to Melissa to send on to group.)

9/1 – Alzheimer's Walk fundraiser -- Wine with Anne and Shireen at Pause Wine Bar on 9/2.

You have all received invitation. We encourage RSVP's to Jeannie Chan.

The Alzheimer's Walk is on 9/19 at Fort Mason.

#### **Update from Transportation workgroup –**

*Cathy Spensley / Karen Garrison*

Provided an update on training program for peer escorts (attached).

Currently there are 13 volunteers; will ultimately have 30-35 volunteers.

One volunteer rides with a group of seniors from one location. Volunteer walks individual to door to ensure they enter the home safely. All senior volunteers are 55.

There are 6 modules in the training program. See attachment for details of each module.

Doing lots of outreach to attract volunteers to be companions. (recruitment flyer attached)

Program will start with afternoons, as this is the safety issue; to ensure they safely get home.

As a pilot, will start here, and see what works and what is necessary.

Looking forward to 2016 transit grant that may provide more funding for this program.

In addition, volunteers will attend monthly ongoing training. These training sessions are the main connection of all volunteers. All will be trained on HIPAA and elder abuse.

#### **Update on Alzheimer's Association "live alone" grant –**

*Joanne Robinson-Teran*

Goal for program is 20 participants for this year, and 40 over 2 years.

Currently doing outreach to recruit participants.

There is a flyer that is being distributed.

If there are referrals from primary providers, contact Joanne directly.

#### **Mobile crisis unit / intervention – intern research efforts –**

*Melissa McGee*

Melissa reviewed PowerPoint (attached) of research done by intern for development of a mobile intervention model for people with dementia with goal of unnecessary visits to acute hospital emergency rooms.

Will follow-up this information with a workgroup.

Discussion points –

We need to understand the problem we are trying to solve. We may have solution (in this) but not addressing the real problem.

Need data that is informative and accurate.

Interview board and care providers regarding what prompts them to go to ER with resident.

Perhaps there is a better / different / more feasible solution.

Is this model idea to be more of a consultation rather than crisis intervention?

Original idea / model had the ER making calls to the team for intervention /assistance.

Suggestion that the first objective is to figure how we are getting the data.

Wendy will talk to AIM people to see what kind of data is needed, then ER and hospitalists.

Ruth will look into reimbursements and barriers.

Natasha also has access to people who will figure out how to look at data.

Michelle is a VA social worker, and will talk to supervisor in hospital ER about data needed.

We will put phone meeting together to discuss data prior to next full meeting. Melissa will follow-up with group in 2 weeks to schedule phone meeting.

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Next meeting – November 2015 TBD