

Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council
Spring Grove Hospital Campus, Dix Building Basement
10/11/2017 1:00pm-3:00pm
Minutes

Attendance Co-Chair(s)

Stevanne Ellis
Sadie Peters

Council Member Present in Person

Suzanne Carbone
Arnold Bakker
Ernestine Jones Jolivet
Tabassum Majid
Marie McLendon
Cass Naugle
Bill Neely
Ana Nelson
Linnette Rivera
Ilene Rosenthal
Andres Salazar
Dawn Seek

Council Member Present by Phone

Suzanne Carbone
Quincy Samus

Guests and Staff

Roseanne Hanratty
Ruthie Herman (for Roger Manno)
Lesley Flaim
Georgette Lavetsky
Mary Jones
Kristi Pier (by Phone)
Colin Simms

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The Council was called to order by Co-chair Stevanne Ellis at 1:03pm.
- Ms. Ellis welcomed members and guests to the Council meeting. Council member introductions followed.
- Sadie Peters, M.D. provided a brief introduction.
- The Council was informed that Maryland Department of Health Staff, Colin Simms will be leaving his position on 10/17/2017.

2. Approval of Minutes from 08/23/2017 Council Meeting

- Council members approved the minutes from the 08/23/2017 meeting. The minutes will be posted to the Council website.

3. Upcoming Council Meeting and Times

- The Council reviewed upcoming meeting times and dates for 2018. Call-in numbers and access codes were also provided for Council members attending by phone.

4. BRFSS Caregiving Presentation

- Georgette Lavetsky provided a presentation on Caregiving data gathered from the 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Council members will be provided with a copy of this presentation.
- Ms. Carbone asked who develops the modules for the BRFSS and was someone familiar, like the state ombudsman, who is intimately connected to families with cognitive impairment, is involved in question development. Ms. Lavetsky informed her the questions are developed by the CDC.
- Ms. Majid inquired if someone does not understand a question regarding diagnosis, if conditions are provided. Ms. Lavetsky stated participants are asked questions to determine competency prior to administering the survey.
- Ms. Ellis inquired if distributions by jurisdiction can be looked at. This can be addressed, but some oversampling is done to gather data in smaller jurisdictions.
- Ms. McLendon inquired if feedback can be given to the CDC to modify questions. This will be followed-up on.
- Dr. Bakker asked if we have access to other states to measure various responses. Ms. Lavetsky stated this can be looked at.

5. Council Media Updates

- Mr. Simms displayed the revised CCDPC Cognition website [<https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/ccdpc/healthy-lifestyles/Pages/Cognitive-Health.aspx>]
- Mr. Simms reviewed the changes made to the Council website [<https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/Alzheimers-Council.aspx>] and reviewed ways to access the website through keywords.
- Mr. Simms presented printing of 3,000 palm cards to Council members. Council members asked if there was a plan for distribution. Ms. Jones Jolivet stated cards will be given out at libraries, senior centers, and provider offices. Ms. Ellis will distribute cards during an upcoming Ombudsman meeting in November. Council member were encourage to distribute to contacts to increase reach.

6. Follow-up from 08/23/2017 Council Meeting

- Healthcare providers allowed to bill under new Medicare billing codes
 - Ms. Rosenthal stated medical doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants are able to bill under new Medicare billing codes. An overview of the codes was provided.
 - A council member inquired how providers and billing staff will know when codes have been updated. Dr. Salazar stated there are trainings on updated and new codes, and also noted those that are specialty driven will look for new codes and updates.
- Council review of drafts for certification recognition under Beacon Institute project

- An overview of the Beacon Institute project was given by Ms. Flaim. Council members were formed there was a wish to recognize those who received CARES certification.
- Ms. Seek presented to Council members certificate templates and stated the Enhance Quality of Care Subcommittee wishes to recognize certified individuals in person.
- Ms. Herman stated citations can be developed recognizing these members as well, as an addition to the certificate.
- Suggestions on the wording of the certificate was given to subcommittee members, who will make revisions to be sent out to Council member by the end of October.
- Medicaid follow-up on data gathering
- Dementia-friendly initiatives
 - Dr. Majid informed the Council of an upcoming Person Centered Research Forum where Council initiatives can be promoted and palm cards distributed. Information on this forum will be sent out to Council members.
 - Ms. Nelson discussed ongoing initiatives in Montgomery County including 700 first responder having been trained in working with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
 - Ms. Jones Jolivet provided information on the The Pythias A. and Virginia I. Jones African American Community Forum on Memory Loss being held on 11/04/2017. Information on this forum will be sent out to Council members.

7. Subcommittees

- The Council reviewed and updated rosters for each subcommittee including chairs.
 - Support Prevention and Early Detection of Alzheimer's and Related Disorders
 - Dr. Larik (Chair), Ms. Naugle, Dr. Peters, Dr. Salazar
 - Enhance Quality of Care
 - Ms. Ellis, Ms. Lakin (Chair), Dr. Majid, Ms. Seek
 - Enhancing Supports for Persons Living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and their Families
 - Ms. Carbone, Ms. Rosenthal (Chair)
 - Enhance Public Awareness
 - Ms. Betts, Ms. Fields, Ms. Jones Jolivet (Chair), Mr. Neely
 - Improve Data Capacity to Track Progress
 - Dr. Majid, Ms. Naugle (Chair), Ms. Nelson
- Reports
 - Support Prevention and Early Detection of Alzheimer's and Related Disorders
 - The subcommittee created posted to be placed in the offices of specialty providers.

- The subcommittee is planning to write letters encouraging screening, as well as its importance. It was recommended these letters come from Dr. Peters as a representative of the Council.
 - Enhancing Supports for Persons Living with Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders and their Families
 - The subcommittee provided updates on their work to promote Maryland Access Point.
 - The subcommittee discussed their goals towards assisting families to plan for the future, including utilizing legal and financial planning curricula through the Alzheimer’s Association.
 - Enhance Public Awareness
 - The subcommittee stated palm cards would be available for distribution at place the elder community frequents.
 - Digital copies of the palm care will be sent out.
 - The subcommittee discussed a Public Service Announcement developed in the past, and wishes to utilize to increase reach.
 - Improve Data Capacity to Track Progress
 - The subcommittee highlighted successes including having caregiving and cognitive decline modules implemented into the Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.
 - The subcommittee review the Alzheimer’s Association 2015 State Medicare Data Report. A copy will be distributed to Council members.
- Prior to adjournment Dr. Peters asked all subcommittee to meet after the close of the meeting to set upcoming meeting times and goals.

Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 2:53pm.

**The next meeting of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
 Council will be held on January 17, 2018
 Spring Grove Hospital Campus, Dix Building Basement
 1:00pm-3:00pm
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