

ATLANTA AREA COALITION
ON AGING & MENTAL HEALTH

April 17, 2013

PRESENT: Cathy T. Rambach, Fuqua Center
Jocelyn Chen, Fuqua Center
Abby Cox, GGS
Jennifer Beamer, ARC
Jessica Gill, Sunrise Senior Living
Maria Walker, Wesley Woods
Jason Gerling, AHA

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The Coalition welcomes 2 new members, Abby Cox from GGS and Maria Walker from Wesley Woods.

AACAMH/ARGEC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - Older Adults and Substance Use

- **Purpose:** Raise the workforce's awareness about older adults and substance use.
- **Focus:** Alcohol and prescription drug use/misuse
- **Proposed Title:** *Building Workforce Competency: Substance Use and Misuse by Older Adults*
- **Presenters**
 - Fred Blow, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert on the subject from the University of Michigan has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker and is working with us on the content of his presentation.
 - Stephen H. O'Neil, MA. Project Director, Georgia BASICS, from the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities (DBHDD) has agreed to present on SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment). SBIRT is an evidence-based practice model which is proven to be successful in modifying the consumption/use patterns of at-risk substance users and in identifying individuals who need more extensive, specialized treatment. SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach that provides opportunities for early intervention before more severe consequences occur.
 - Nzinga Harrison M.D. has agreed to present on the science of addiction and the medical issues and potential complications of substance use for the older adult population as well as address comorbidity.
 - Local providers who have a substance use program component that is directed at the older adult population as well as the Hanley Center will be invited to participate in a panel presentation that covers services they offer for older adults, how to access the services; the name and phone number of the program contact for admission or questions in general re: older adult services; and what insurance they accept. The providers will also be asked to be a conference sponsor to help with expenses (speaker fees, meals) and will be offered a table if they want to put out materials about their older adult substance use services.
 - A suggestion was made to have a handout that lists the above information for each of the providers

- Suggested programs that are believed to have an older adult substance related component include Ridgeview (they have recently developed a new older adult program) , Anchor, and Tenet, - need to check with Peachford and Talbott – plus the Hanley Center who has expressed an interest in participating and supporting the conference
- **Conference Date** - September 27, 2013
- **Venue** – Atlanta Community Food Bank
 - Jennifer to verify room capacity – thought to be 150
- **Audience** - open to all disciplines
- **CMEs/CEUs** – We will ask ARGEC to once again assist with this as well as have NASW-GA work on getting CEs for social workers and LPCs. Dr. Wachtel will be asked guide us on the application process for psychologist CEUs.
- **Registration Fee**
 - It was decided to set the fee at \$45.00 since we have several speaker fees to cover this year
 - Jennifer to verify that we can use ARC to process registration using EverBrite again this year
- **Sponsors**
 - Jessica will check to see if Sunrise will be a sponsor
 - Maria will check if Wesley Woods can provide some sponsor funding
 - Any other sponsorships are welcomed
- **Save-the Dates** will start in several months – all groups will be asked to distribute to their list-serves
- **NEXT MEETING DATE:**
Our next meeting will take place at 9:00am on **Wednesday, June 12, 2013** – the 2nd Wednesday of the month. **This is a special date** as meetings are generally scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of the month.