

ATLANTA AREA COALITION
ON AGING & MENTAL HEALTH

February 16, 2011

PRESENT: Cathy T. Rambach, Fuqua Center
Jocelyn Chen, Fuqua Center
Susan Peterson-Hazan, Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research
Rebecca Dillard, Center for Health in Aging – ARGEC
Margo Geller, Private Practice
Dianne O'Donnell, Elder Law Attorney
Karen James, Wesley Woods Transitions Program
Debra Brown, Social Work, p.r.n.
Betty Root Johnson, Private Practice
Julie Schultheis, Private Practice-Walk the Talk; Atlanta Hoarding Task Force
Susan Fort, NASW-Georgia

Four new members were welcomed to the Coalition.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. February 25, 2011 Workshop – Capacity to Care: Building Competency in Geriatric Mental Health
- Currently there are 65 people registered to attend next week's workshop being held in Conference Room B at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Coalition members who are able to are asked to arrive between 7:45-8:00 in order to assist with any last minute details.
 - NASW will write a check to Project Open Hand for the meals from the registration fees collected once the final number is determined sometime next week – cost is \$10.70 per attendee for breakfast and lunch – currently we need to cover the 65 registered plus speakers and other Coalition members. Dianne O'Donnell is looking into a potential sponsor for some of the food costs and will let us know how this works out.
 - NASW will use the remaining registration funds to cover as much of the video cost as possible which will run about \$1,500.
 - The agenda was finalized and will include information about the Coalition including its mission, goals and members – Cathy will send a revision to Sue for her review, edit, and then NASW will print copies for distribution at the workshop. Sue was elected to do a brief opening welcome and give a bit of background on how the workshop came to be.

- NASW will also handle:
 - Bringing the registration list for sign-in
 - Making name tags for registrants, presenters and Coalition members
 - Sending an e-mail reminder to registrants to bring a can of food for donation to the food bank
 - Developing an evaluation form (Debra agreed to assist as did Rebecca)
 - Preparing CE Certificates
 - Preparing certificates of attendance for registrants who did not purchase CEs
 - Paying Project Open Hand for meals
 - Bringing a table cover
- Cathy has all but one presenter's release for taping and she will obtain that one at the conference.
- As part of the video taping process, speakers will need to stand at the podium to do their presentation rather than walk and talk.

NEW BUSINESS

A. ARGEC

Rebecca Dillard gave a brief overview of ARGEC (Atlanta Regional Geriatrics Education Center) and thanked the Coalition for agreeing to serve as their Community Outreach Board. As discussed in December, the Division of Geriatrics was awarded the ARGEC grant by HRSA to improve geriatric care in the area. It is a collaborative project; Emory submitted the grant but Morehouse, Georgia State, Emory School of Nursing all are involved. It is an inclusion grant - Dr. Ted Johnson is the lead- charged with reaching out to the broader community including trainees and those currently practicing. There are five objectives for providing educational information in the community including:

- Develop interdisciplinary geriatric curricula for students, residents, and trainees and implement durable change
- Provide educational information to practitioners and faculty within institutions and the community that is actionable, culturally-competent, attentive to health disparities and will move health outcomes.
- Develop liaison and mentoring programs that will sustain change
- Develop materials and programming that will meaningfully offer older adults a greater chance to love and age successfully in their communities
- Offer individuals opportunities to develop interdisciplinary team skills and practice.

Specific content area is broad in geriatrics but we submitted to focus on late-life depression.

A more detailed review will take place at the April meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 20, 2011.