

ATLANTA AREA COALITION
ON AGING & MENTAL HEALTH

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OLD BUSINESS

A. Tracking System – Conference DVD

A conference call between Cathy, Kent Allen, the IT person contracted to develop the tracking system for the conference DVD, and Graph Nation, the Fuqua Web design team occurred last week and the system designed by Kent for tracking the 3 fields the Coalition identified for tracking – the viewer's credential, agency where they work, and county - is ready for implementation. Once it is functional on the web site, the DVDs will be placed back on site for viewing.

In addition, Rebecca Dillard has shared the contact information for ARGEC's website developer/consultant, Donna Merit with Emory Research & Health Sciences IT department who may have capacity for adding our DVD to the CHA/ARGEC website – they too have a tracking capacity. Cathy plans to contact Donna then link Kent up with Donna to discuss the tracking capability already in place on the ARGEC website so we can utilize this as well.

B. Post-test Questions

The post-test questions for the various modules are almost complete and those that have been submitted have been forwarded to Sue Fort. We hope to wrap this up this week so that CEs will be available to those who want to take the test and pay a CE fee through NASW after watching the DVD presentation of the conference modules.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Workforce Development

There was a lengthy discussion on planning ideas for the next workforce development group – nurses.

A survey will be developed to gather input from nurses in the workforce asking them to identify areas where they feel they could benefit from additional training in the care of older adults with mental health issues.

- Cathy will look for a copy of the survey used for SW group and draft a modification to share with Coalition at next meeting.

Possible groups that could distribute the survey to their data base include:

- Georgia Nursing Association
- MAPPING
- Geriatric Nurses Association

Various ideas included:

- Possibly focusing on nurses in rural areas developing their capacity to care for older adults who have a mental illness.
- Looking at MH module content from Boston on-line Geriatric Certification Program that Sue Burgess is taking to see if there are any ideas from there that could help guide us.
- Incorporating ARGECs Late-Life Depression Evidence-Based Practice Model teaching nurses how to use the PhQ-9 into the training – 4 of the 5 ARGEC disciplines (MD, RN, NP, SW, PA) must be present or somehow involved for ARGEC credit.
- Market to nurses in state/county MH agencies; hospital nurses; discharge planning nurses; home health community-based services to help people age in place with staff trained to deal with their mental health needs; meeting face-to-face with nursing administrators to gather information about staff training needs and to promote the event
- Include a module on Elder Abuse

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting is August 17, 2011