

ATLANTA AREA COALITION
ON AGING & MENTAL HEALTH

April 17, 2012

PRESENT: Cathy T. Rambach, Fuqua Center
Lisa Federico, ARC
Daniel Wachtel, Ph.D., Pioneer Psychological Associates
Rebecca Dillard, ARGEC
Jennifer Beamer, ARC

The Coalition welcomed new member Daniel Wachtel, Ph.D. Dan does work at both the VA in the Home-based Primary Care program for Older Adult Veterans and has a private practice.

Workforce Development – Nursing Conference

- Workshop date – Friday, September 28, 2012
- Jennifer Beamer secured the training room at the Atlanta Food Bank and ARC has generously agreed to pay the room cost.
- Speakers
 - Several potential speakers have been contacted and have agreed to participate. They include:
 - Hurley Law – Elder Law/Long Term Care Planning
 - Pharmacology – Dr. Hisam Goueli
 - Dementia – Both Janet Cellar, DNP and Lori Culp, Ph.D. are willing to talk about dementia – The Coalition will need to determine which was to go with this topic.
 - Eve Byrd, APRN, will open the conference with an Overview on Aging – What’s Normal Aging
 - Speaker is needed for Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Illness in Older Adults with a focus on Mood Disorders
 - Pat Clark (p.clark@GSU.com) was suggested as a possible speaker
 - We are also looking for an RN who uses the PHQ-9 as part of their screening process who can talk about its use during a lunch presentation – Rebecca Dillard offered to ask for a suggestion via the GAPRN Association.
- Registration Fee - \$25.00
 - Jennifer Beamer will see if ARC can handle registration fee collection
 - We have collected the remaining fund balance from NASW-Ga from last year’s conference.

- Rebecca Dillard will apply for CMEs
 - She needs the following at least 90 days in advance:
 - Bios for each speaker
 - Draft Agenda
 - Learning objectives for each presentation
 - Copy of Needs Assessment (Survey monkey)

- To Dos
 - Determine Workshop Title – Coalition members are asked to submit any ideas
 - Send a “Save the Date” Flyer sometime during the summer
 - Determine presentation order
 - Continue to solicit sponsors for breakfast and lunch – Jennifer will check to see if Hurley Law is willing to do one or the other
 - Obtain menus/pricing for food from Project Open Hand, vendor used last year
 - Develop Workshop Flyer closer to time

ARGEC UPDATE

Rebecca shared that HRSA has released an announcement for supplemental funding for training on evidence –based tools for Alzheimer’s and other dementias and that ARGEC is pairing up with ARDC for the supplemental funding. Clinical providers and care givers will be taught how to use patient’s strengths in activities they love, modifying tasks so they can continue to participate in areas where they have interest and skill – an example would be someone who could no longer cook but who could still help in simple meal preparation activities. The idea is to sustain quality of life and address depression and burnout often experienced by caregivers.

ARGEC is also in the closing phases of the Health Services Academy that involves planning activities with ARC and the Health and Aging Coalition.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Our next meeting will take place at 9:00am on Wednesday, June 20, 2012.