

# Alzheimer's Task Force

## Work Group Discussion Notes

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### **1. Long-Term Care Work Group - Liz Blankenship**

- a. Services Providers
  - 1) Home and community based services (10 nursing homes and 3 certified units)
  - 2) Adult day care / Respite care
  - 3) Home health
  - 4) Certificated Alzheimer's Units in ALF, II and NH
- b. Issues to address
  - 1) Workforce . staffing – encourage High school students to enter this field
  - 2) Specialized training
  - 3) Staff retention
  - 4) Oversight of home and community based services
- c. Nursing homes of the future – what will they look like
- d. Looking at person – centered care
- e. LTL continuum is dementia friendly
  - 1) How can people afford the care
  - 2) How can facilities afford to provide the care
- f. What can the state do to assist in-home care providers

### **2. Education and Resources Work Group - Sandra Warmack**

- a. Professional
  - 1) Physician: creative promotion – AR Web page principal materials how can we use what we already have; recruitment, geriatric specialty hospital;
  - 2) RN – specialty dementia APN's PA –specialty school,
  - 3) Caregivers – CNA's case managers, social workers
  - 4) Elder Law Attorneys 0 administrators, activities, home care, law enforcement (1st responders) fireman, ALETA
- b. Family
  - 1) Pal Program – UAMS, Schmeiding
- c. National websites – inner-active, books: Caregiver Playbook, 36 hours, Fearless caregiver
  - 1) Clearing House – web based (printable PDF's) location in each area (library, churches).
- d. Community (Metro and Rural)
  - 1) AHEC, Delta HEC, Center of Aging, Delta, Lecture Sense,
    - (1) Symposiums – Alzheimer's Assoc., ALZAR, AAA – DHS Div. on Aging, DOH
    - (2) Support Groups – video teleconferencing, social
    - (3) Media – adult daycare, HBO project, subject
    - (4) Related authors – Community Colleges, civic ocg,
- e. Resources Medicaid Medicare
  - 1) Private insurance LTC Ins.-
  - 2) Silver alert, faith in action – volunteers, respite, young onset – needs different
  - 3) Help me Help Momma – beginning to end, How to service, continuum of care

### **3. Data and Research Work Group - Robin LeGuin**

- a. Establish a registry – Central Location
  - 1) Electronic Medical records coding
  - 2) Resource Directory – Physicians, LTC, AL, and Licensed Units, Etc...Rhonda Baseline information. Current Resources: Directories, past research center. Information - Dr Beck
- b. State Funding – Alzheimer Disease Center (Research)
- c. Cost of Care to State
- d. Future Projects: Rise with other diseases
  - 1) Baseline – what do we know
- e. Availability Training
  - 1) How many people have completed training
  - 2) How many people will need training
- f. Central Registry for Static's (Robin LeGuin)

### **4. Community Based Systems / Safety Across the Continuum Work Group - Krista Hughes**

- a. Silver alert Driving home safety ) cooking guns)
- b. What is already available = person with Dx - Caregiver
- c. What are the gaps in services
- d. Barriers to receiving services (e.g. age)
- e. What do people identify as their needs
- f. TO CONSIDER RESOURCES
  - 1) Financial assistance for families
  - 2) Cost of services
  - 3) Criteria for receiving services – is it dementia friendly?
  - 4) Transportations
  - 5) Meals
  - 6) Home care
  - 7) Care management
    - (1) Faith based respite
    - (2) Junior companions/rsvp
    - (3) Support groups
      - (a) Caregivers
      - (b) Party stage
- g. Identifying local barriers