



Meeting Highlights

May 22, 2012

Next HAP Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Senior Services, 2208 2nd Ave, Seattle

I. Partner Presentation

Merrili Owens gave an overview of the Central Region EMS and Trauma Care Council. Established as part of the 1990 Washington Statewide Trauma Care System Act, the Central Region encompasses King County and is one of eight separate EMS and Trauma System Regions in Washington state.

The Central Region EMS and Trauma Care Council brings together private and public agencies (e.g. county hospitals, pre-hospital agencies, local government) to create a network of services dedicated to improving trauma care and reducing death, disability and the cost of medical emergencies. Trauma is the leading cause of death for all people under age 44 and the leading cause of disability for all people under age 66. Over 140,000 people die in the US each year due to trauma.

The agency works on a macro-level to improve EMS system components: injury prevention, pre-hospital (dispatch, aid and ambulance services), hospital and rehabilitation. In 2011-2012, the Central Region EMS and Trauma Care Council implemented a county-wide "No Diversion Policy" focusing on increasing emergency room capacity and speed of care. The agency organized a stroke awareness media campaign for 2012 EMS Week, and addressed pediatric needs with a disaster response workshop and pediatric equipment/supply purchases for rural hospitals.

Currently, the Central Region EMS and Trauma Care Council is working on a psychiatric patient care program, which will fill the gaps in current psych care, and starting on more community outreach to connect frequent EMS users to the appropriate community programs.

Merrili lead a discussion on current trends EMS is seeing with older adults and possible areas to address. These include: falls, stroke and loneliness/isolation (leading to inappropriate uses of emergency calls).

II. HAP Staff Support

Doug Harkness introduced Meghan Fitzpatrick as the new HAP part-time support person; she will assist with behind the scenes HAP work.

III. HAP Visioning

At last month's meeting, Heidi Wong had recommended developing an open-ended survey asking for input on the long-term goals for HAP (for the next five years). Cecily Kaplan passed around a draft of the survey for members to look over. Members reviewed the questions and gave feedback - recommending a few changes to the wording and survey format. Cecily will create another draft incorporating the group's changes and send it around for a final review before proceeding to the beta test.

HAP members discussed multiple platforms for the survey, including: Google and Survey Monkey. Cecily will research different survey options.

IV. Announcements

Sheryl Schwartz announced Gwen Moni as her replacement from the UW Health Promotion Research Center. Thank you Sheryl for all your hard work and dedication to HAP; best of luck!

Jessica Wong, Kin On Community Health Care, invited HAP members to the 5th Annual Kin On Sports Tournament, which will be held on various dates in June and July 2012. Jessica also gave an update on Story Circle, a HAP grant-funded project, where seniors from the community meet to share stories. Kin On will be collaborating with ACRS for a lunch and tour of International District/Chinatown, inviting elders to share stories about what it was like in the past. An intern from UW has been helping with Story Circle events. The project will end in September 2012.

Curtis Brown, Southeast Seattle Senior Foundation, gave an update on Brighton Senior Farm, another HAP grant-funded project. Curtis reported that many of the local seniors have taken ownership of the farm, thinking of it as "their garden." Photos of the farm were shared with HAP members.

Cecily Kaplan, Phinney Neighborhood Association/Greenwood Senior Center, invited HAP members to a special benefit film screening of "Old Goats" at the Greenwood Senior Center on Saturday, June 9, 3 - 5 p.m. The event proceeds go to PNA. The film's director and actors are scheduled to appear.

Attendees

Alan Abe, King County Emergency Medical Services
Curtis Brown, Southeast Seattle Senior Foundation
Meghan Fitzpatrick, Full Life Care
Doug Harkness, Full Life Care
Katheryn Howell, Wesley Homes
Cecily Kaplan, Phinney Neighborhood Association/Greenwood Senior Center
Robin Knudson, AARP
Karen Lewis, Washington Dental Service Foundation
Joanne Maher, Alzheimer's Association
Andrea Meewes Sanchez, Senior Services
Gloria Nava, Sea Mar Community Health Centers

Merrili Owens, Central Region Emergency Medical Services
Bob Riler, Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources
Sheryl Schwartz, UW Health Promotion Research Center
Karen Winston, Aging and Disability Services
Jessica Wong, Kin On Community Health Care
Yunru Zheng, Senior Services

