

NH Falls Risk Reduction Task Force

Meeting Minutes

5/5/15

Present: Debra Samaha, Al Willis, Sharil Cass, Karen Conlon, Anne Diefendorf, Brenda Jones, Michelle Dow, Kendra Viviers, Rebecca Sky, Dawna Pidgeon, Lora Wise, Keliene Totten, Beth Slepian

Presenters: Barbara Schneekloth, Ashley Perez, Catherine Rieke

1. Reviewed Minutes
2. AOA Funding opportunity – Dartmouth Centers for Health and Aging will be applying
 - a. NH Falls Risk Reduction Task Force will submit a letter of support
 - b. Lora reported the grant will be to risk stratify to determine what is the best intervention to place individuals in-more tool development than capacity building; looking possibly at large self-insured employers paying for falls
 - c. Application due June 1st
 - d. There will be 10 awards
3. Rebecca reported Rudy Fedrizzi, MD from Cheshire (Population Health) wants pursue falls project.
4. Website Updates
 - a. Dawna submitted some suggested changes, a few discussed and agreed upon
 - b. Content Change: add 5x sit to stand on screen, change six-month screening to one year screening, “multifocal” lenses not just bifocals an issue
5. Public Health Grants
 - a. Capital area will receive funding
 - i. Rebecca-would be nice to share anything developed-similar in the state
 - ii. Keliene – all PHN leaders meet-can share
 - b. Al-still need to go through Governor and Council before official announcement-any program can call to get more information. We understand that there were at least 3-4 applications and the hope was to fund all projects.
 - c. Upper Valley network funded-increasing MOB capacity
 - d. Al-looking into extension to give program more time
6. Anne-important having statewide branding for programs-maybe we should look at more Collaborative efforts
7. Foundation Grant Update
 - a. Two day MOB training course-19 people. Strong rep from Colebrook-already planning a class, Wolfeboro, Whitefield, N. Conway, Nashua
 - b. Trying to find resource to align with existing resources and build infrastructure
8. Task Force Updates

- a. Al and Deb-Healthy Homes breakfast-a legislator concerned about falls-contacted Therese Willkomm-setting up assessment at legislative building
 - b. Webinar tomorrow (5/6) about falls and public transportation- Anne will send it to Al who will send it out to everyone
9. Conference Updates
- a. Brochure is being finalized-will circulate soon
 - b. Two poster presentations so far-Deb sent an email to Maine-maybe can send posters down-Rebecca is going on Thursday; Karen-will have BEAS handouts, senatorial maps
 - c. Service Link-only display-Deb will follow up to confirm their presence.
10. Aging Issues
- a. Karen said we can submit anything we'd like-summer issue deadline for submission 6/1/15, for fall is 10/2/15. So need article for June 1st to reference Falls Awareness month. Refer to website-Rebecca will do this.
11. Healthy Living Center in MA having conference-Rebecca has a list of workshops-on June 2nd. Rebecca will send Link to Al.
12. June 2nd next meeting-will firm up Falls Awareness Day events