

Central East Aging and Developmental Disabilities Committee

Supporting Partnerships

Introduction

- Meet and greet
 - One reason you came to this conference
 - One thing you want to walk away with
- Hands up
 - Committee members
 - Part of a partnership
 - Interested in joining a regional committee
- Objectives of the Session

Objectives

- Increasing knowledge/awareness of how a regional committee evolved and was sustained
- To gain information about the committee's
 - Learning opportunities in a committee structure
 - Challenges
 - Successes
 - Future Direction

History

- Since 2001 – after Dec. 2000 Health Canada Conference
- Formed as a training committee
- Planned 4 cross-sector workshops
- Applied to be the regional committee for the Trillium OPADD project
- Redeveloped our terms of reference and membership
- Oct. 2006 – Trillium OPADD Conference
- Follow-up with local initiatives

Learning

- We discovered that we learned a great deal just by meeting together
- Gaining information about the other sector
 - Structure
 - Different projects and opportunities with the other sector
- Networking opportunities
- Increasing knowledge of resources from both sectors
- Breaking down barriers – demystifying the “other” sector – through understanding and communicating

Challenges

- Representation
 - Both geographically and cross sector
 - Succession planning – replacements for the committee
- Trying to outreach to organizations or agencies that may be resistant to working together
- Feel it is important to have MCSS and LHIN representation but both are not attending

Challenges

- How to communicate, disseminate information
 - DS sector dissemination is complex
- Ensuring that information does not stop at the committee – reported within the represented organizations
- Trying to gather information from the region about collaborative projects
 - We know that there are good projects or models that we are not aware of
 - How do we share information more effectively

Question

- This has been some of our learning and challenges being in our cross sector committee – what has been your learning and challenges?

Successes

- Partnerships have developed in our region
- Increased communication between the sectors
- Shift in thinking – now we talk about the right to access services for all seniors

Successes

- Have assisted in developing and broadening committee members frame of reference so they are able to advocate outside the committee
 - Both specific to their organization
 - And broader to the area/region
- Able to sustain over time
 - Committee has developed champions – individuals have been part of the committee for years – committed and motivated

Successes

- Educational events
 - Ensuring cross sector registration as even as possible
 - Every table was assigned so that it was a 50/50 split between LTC and DS
 - Part of every workshop involved group work so that the two sectors worked together on a problem or case example
 - Encouraged partnership at every education event
 - Helped prepare the region for our next conference

Question

- What have been your successes in your committee?

Projects

- Conference - 2000
- Training and Education
 - 2002 – Grief and Bereavement
 - 2003 – Understanding and Managing the Challenges of Dementia
 - 2004 – Capacity and Consent
 - 2005 – Transition – Individuals with a Developmental Disability to a Long-Term Care Home
- Focus Groups Feb. – March 2006
- Conference November 2006 – 2 days

Projects continued

- Follow-up Initiatives:
 - Simcoe – Educational Planning Committee
 - York – U-First training
 - Durham – Aging Network

Future Direction

- How to continue dialogue and not jump to “easy answers” – continue to challenge to improve services for all seniors
- How to work on system barriers
 - CCAC
 - Funding
- How to leverage advocacy for similar issues
 - Accessing rehabilitation
 - ER
 - Issues with competency
 - HR and staffing issues

Future Direction

- How to continue to look at training and development for all staffing
 - Still lack of education regarding aging and dementia
 - Want to continue to try to maintain and increase U-First
 - How to be efficient – with time and cost
- How to sustain and lead as the OPADD project is finishing
 - Questions about how to bring forward systemic provincial issues

Question

- What do you see as the future direction of your regional committee?

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Thank-You!

**Please sign up if you are interested in
joining a regional committee**