

Ontario Dementia Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Monday January 5th, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Present: Lisa, Gina, Bea, Maisie, Mary Beth, Brenda, Elaine, Delia, Bill, Phil

Regrets: Nancy Rushford

Nancy Rushford	Program Director at the Alzheimer Society of Niagara
Maisie Jackson	Connected with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara
Bea Kraavenhof	Connected with the Alzheimer Society of Niagara
Gina Bendo	Alzheimer Society of Niagara
Delia Sinclair	Alzheimer Society of Ontario, Public Policy and Advocacy
Phil Caffery	Alzheimer Society of Ontario, Public Policy and Programs
Lisa Loiselle	MAREP, University of Waterloo
Brenda Hounam	Paris, Ontario, spokesperson and advocate
Mary Beth Wighton	Southampton, advocate, FTD
Bill Heibein	Advocate and spokesperson
Elaine Wiersma	CERAH, Lakehead University

1. Reviewed meeting minutes from December 15th, 2014

- There were no questions about the notes from the previous meeting.

2. Updates and information learned since December 15th, 2014

- Delia created a document that outlines the proposal put forth by the Alzheimer Society of Canada and how this proposal will affect Ontario's Alzheimer's and Dementia strategy.
- The Alzheimer Society of Canada has proposed that the federal government establish a Canadian Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Partnership which will be based on the following 8 strategic objectives: Research, Surveillance System, Public Awareness, Caregiver Support, Dementia Workforce, Prevention and Early

Diagnosis, Best Practices for Disease Prevention and Management, and Enhance Quality of Life. The impact of each of these 8 objectives on Ontario was explained within the document.

- We would like to voice our dissatisfaction with the 8 objectives and suggest our own areas that we want to focus on. To address the gaps within the objectives, it was suggested to create some kind of action plan, and find an opportunity to meet with those who came up with the objectives.
- However, as this proposal by the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada is still in the draft stage and just a guideline, there is no rush on this matter and it will be added to the list of “hot topics”.

3. Reviewing the letter of support

- We have concerns regarding our involvement when the strategy is rolled out therefore, the letter of support should communicate that we would like to be involved through the ongoing development, implementation and evaluation of the strategy.
- Within the letter, the lines “Currently, the composition of our group is not culturally diverse, as we are still in the early stages of forming. We are working to have better representation of people with dementia moving forward” were removed and replaced with “We are currently liaising with local and regional groups of people living with dementia around the province to ensure that we are including voices that reflect the diversity of Ontario.
- As for the formatting of the letter, the Ontario Dementia Advisory Group header will be kept at the top and the symbol at the bottom will be removed.
- On the left hand margin, in a smaller typed face, all the members’ names will be listed and then the partners’ names. Short forms will be used for the organizations.
- We would also like to showcase the different areas of Ontario represented within the group.

4. Discussion around our preparations for the meeting with the Ontario government

- If a meeting is called by the federal government for next week, an emergency meeting will occur on Thursday, Jan 8th 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.
- For the next meeting, we need to think about key messages and priorities, but focus more on key messages and how many should there be. We need to explain the process of engagement and why we are requesting two different meetings.
- We also need to discuss ways to engage people living with dementia and methods of communication.

Action Items:

- Lisa will send out the meeting minutes.
- Delia will follow up with Indira regarding the document.
- Create a list of “hot topics”.
- Send the letter of support on Thursday, Jan 8th
- Discuss formal logo and letterhead options for the group.
- Everyone should send their location and how their names should be listed within the letter of support.
- The self-management team will put together something to help kick start the discussion on including individuals living with dementia.

Next meeting:

Monday, January 12th, 2015

11:00 am – 12:30 pm