

Toronto Dementia Network

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Steering Committee, March 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.
Toronto CCAC, Simcoe Room, 3rd Floor, 250 Dundas West, Toronto

Present:

Dr. Barbara Liu (Co-chair)	Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto
Françoise Hébert (Co-chair)	Alzheimer Society of Toronto
Stacey Daub	Toronto Community Care Access Centre
Eric Hong	Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care
Vija Mallia	Castleview Wychwood Towers Home for the Aged (OANHSS)
Yasmin Merali	Extendicare Canada Inc
Penelope Minor	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Kari Quinn-Humphrey	Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society of Toronto
Dr David Ryan	Psychogeriatric Resource Consultation Program
Anne Stephens	St Michael's Hospital
Margaret Cameron (rapporteur)	Alzheimer Society of Toronto

Regrets:

Dr. Carole Cohen	Dementia LINC, Sunnybrook and Women's
Amanda Falotico	Providence Healthcare
Marilyn Grunier	COTA Health
Vania Sakelaris	Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network
Lena Salach	Ontario College of Physicians
Lily Spanjevic	Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Judith Thompson	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Judith Wahl	Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE)

Guests:

Rhona Phillips	FiRM Consulting Team
Fern Teplitsky	FiRM Consulting Team
Maria Milanetti	FiRM Consulting Team
Dianna Nuredini	Toronto Central Local Health Integration Network
Lyn McDonell	Consultant
Kathy McGilton	Hillcrest, Toronto Rehab Institute
Janet McMullen	Total Joint Network

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- 1. Welcome and opening remarks.** Dr. Liu welcomed everyone. All present introduced themselves.
 - 2. Approval of the agenda.** The agenda was approved as distributed.
 - 3. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2006.** The minutes were approved as distributed.
 - 4. New members on the Steering Committee.** Yasmin Merali of Extendicare Canada was welcomed to the Steering Committee. Rhona Phillips, who resigned from the Steering Committee because of her retirement from the Ministry of Health, was thanked for her dedicated work on the Committee from its conception. We await a decision from the Toronto Central LHIN as to whether they will appoint a member on the Steering Committee.
 - 5. TDN liason with bordering LHINs and Dementia Networks – Françoise Hébert**
A colour map of Toronto produced by the Alzheimer Society and showing the five LHIN areas was distributed. Toronto Dementia Network will work directly with the Toronto Central LHIN, but the four other LHINs – Mississauga-Halton, Central West, Central and Central East also serve a portion of Toronto. We must find ways to collaborate with the bordering Dementia Networks and the bordering LHINs to represent the Toronto area that they cover.

Lyn McDonnell spoke briefly on the situation in Central East which includes Scarborough, Durham, and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge.

Action:

- A planning workshop will take place on March 30 in Port Perry to discuss collaboration efforts in Central East LHIN. Yasmin Merali and Kari Quinn-Humphrey will represent the Toronto Dementia Network.
- The Toronto Dementia Network Steering Committee will invite representatives of the Dementia Networks from the four bordering LHINs to a meeting in the afternoon of June 26, to discuss ways in which to work together.

6. Dementia Toronto website – Margaret Cameron

Statistics for website use from January 2006, printouts of new web pages for non-English online resources <http://www.torontodementia.org/nonEnglishResources.htm>, and a guide to Culturally Specific Dementia Care <http://www.torontodementia.org/CulturallySpecificCare.htm> were distributed.

Action:

- Reprogram the database to allow searching by postal code to produce listings of dementia services by LHIN area in Toronto.

7. Needs Assessment Study Focus Group – Fern Teplitsky, FIRM Consulting Team

The proposed work plan for the Toronto Dementia Network Needs Assessment Study was reviewed. Discussion followed on current weaknesses and strengths in dementia services in Toronto and desired changes to the system of care and priorities in reaching these goals.

Action:

- The Needs Assessment Advisory Committee will be contacted as needed over the coming months. Some members of the Steering Committee will be contacted on an individual basis for additional input. The draft final report will be presented at our next meeting in June.
- The *ADRD Planning Framework: A roundtable on future planning for people affected by AD & RD* will be made available to the Steering Committee members and guests at the meeting – posted online at dementiatoronto.org/minutes/2122ADRDPlanningFrmwrk1stEnglish.pdf

8. Hip Fracture Project - Kathy McGilton and Janet McMullan

Cognitively impaired persons were previously denied rehabilitation, but studies have shown that successful rehabilitation is independent of cognitive levels. Geriatric rehabilitation units across Ontario have varying criteria for admission, length of time after surgery and types of assessments done. A pilot project was conducted at Hillcrest Centre, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, working with persons with mild to moderate cognitive impairment living in the community, receiving the clients approximately 5 days after surgery. Goals were to shorten time to surgery after hip fracture to 48 hours and to decrease time from surgery to admission to rehabilitation to 5 days. On average clients were able to return to their original living situations within 30 days. Follow up visits were conducted two months after their discharge. Requirements of program success include educating staff to better understand needs of clients, cueing, pain assessment, focusing on remaining strengths, and providing therapy at the time most suited to the clients needs. The project has now expanded through the Total Joint Network to 10 acute care hospitals, 5 rehabilitation hospitals and 8 CCACs. For more information, go to www.totaljointnetwork.org/

Copy of presentation posted online at www.torontodementia.org/minutes/2007MarchPresentation.ppt

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

10. Next meeting: June 26, 2007 at the Toronto Rehab Institute.

Morning Steering Committee meeting

Lunch Light lunch provided

Afternoon Meeting with representatives of the bordering Dementia Networks.