

Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada: Notes

Friday, February 16, 2018, 9:00AM-11:00AM

Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, 888 W. Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106

9:00AM-9:05AM

Introductions

- Isaac Santa Anna opened the meeting with a brief history of the Southern Nevada Dementia Friendly Community Action Group
- Attendees introduced themselves and shared their interests in dementia friendly initiatives
- Attendees: Barbara Payne, Ed Guthrie, Susan Farris, Susan Hirsch, Dillon Lutz, Randy Bolsinger, Connie Hollenbeck, Gaye Lagana, Kate Ingalsby, Cory Lutz, Dennis Kesner, Kathy Kesner, Alonzo Thornton, Riley Kelley, Marj Robinson, Evelyn Castro, Paul Thornton, Michelle Gold, Angie Santos, Dameion Curry, Carla Hedeem, Lora Singer, Sandra Miner, Amy Hogle, Kat Hartley, Isaac Santa Ana, LeeAnn Mandarino.

9:05AM-9:20AM

Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter - Kelli Kristo

- Information provided on programs and services of Alzheimer's Association, a not-for-profit organization serving individuals in Southern Nevada with any form of dementia:
 - EPIC – Early stage program (person with dementia and care partner)
 - Support groups
 - Education programs including Annual Education Conference
 - CarePRO (for care partner)
 - Respite vouchers (for care partners living with and providing full time care for persons diagnosed with dementia)
 - Medic Alert/Safe Return
- Reviewed warning signs of Alzheimer's and 2017 Facts and Figures

9:20AM-9:30AM

Nevada Caregiver Toolbox – ADSD

- Kate Ingalsby provided information about the Nevada Caregiver Toolbox which highlights ADSD supported services for persons with dementia including those offered by Access to Healthcare Network, Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, Nevada Senior Services and RSVP (rural)
- Information about Nevada Care Connection Resources Centers was provided (www.nvadrc.gov) to search for Caregiver Tool Box and other support programs

Toolbox Service Enrollments?

How can we increase referrals in our community?

Can you identify a community event to introduce toolbox services?

- A goal of Dementia Friendly Nevada is to increase referrals to the Caregiver Toolbox programs. Suggestions included:
 - Educational community presentations
 - Information tables at community events
 - Information added to the Dementia Friendly website
 - Information provided in conjunction with other activities such as memory screening
 - Individuals from various sectors invited by members to attend Dementia Friendly meetings
 - Nevada 211 can post information about community programs on their website

- Outreach to Opportunity Village and Easter Seals offering support to older adults caring for individuals with disabilities

- 9:30AM-10:00AM Website updates. www.dementiafriendlynevada.org
Community Action Group webpage suggestions.
- Goal to include both information and stories on webpage. Request for participants to create their own personal blog including contact information, photos and stories
 - Request for assistance with several Dementia Friendly projects from individuals wishing to volunteer their expertise in areas of marketing, web site development and graphic art
- Dementia Awareness Survey updates and suggestions.
- 180 completed to date including Spanish version surveys
- 10:00AM-10:10AM Memory Screening Task Force - Training Day update - Susan Farris
Tuesday, March 6, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Future memory screenings sites needed: September & October
- Susan Farris provided an update:
 - Christ Church Episcopal is first site
 - College of Southern Nevada nursing students will be trained to administer the memory screening test
 - Event is only for members of the Congregation, church will handle registration which is capped at 50
 - Process has been developed where dementia friendly stakeholders will assist with individuals who may need follow up after screening
 - Thank you to Alzheimer's Association for their donation to help cover cost of memory screening
 - **Request for 2 additional faith-based sites to host memory screening in October and November 2018**
- 10:10AM-11:00AM Isaac- Meeting Survey & Goals Development
- Request to complete Meeting Survey, prior to next meeting, to provide information needed for quarterly grant report to Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division
- Video: <https://vimeo.com/193649886>
- 11:00AM Adjourn
- Next Meeting Friday, March 16, 9:00AM-11:00AM

DFA Mission Statement

- Broaden awareness and recognition of the signs of dementia and how to communicate with people with dementia.
- Encourage people with dementia to go about their daily activities, have a voice and make decisions, and contribute to community life for as long as possible with understanding, respect, and support from their care partners and other community members.
- Support people with dementia to live safely and be as independent as possible in settings that promote physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual wellness.

- Guide people with dementia-like symptoms to receive an accurate and timely assessment and diagnosis followed by optimal treatment, support, and care.
- Provide people with dementia and their families, friends, and care-partners easy access to supportive options, information and resources, such as education on disease process, self-care, and providing care.
- Ensure resources and support are available and accessible to all people regardless of where they live, their cultural background, or their economic status.