

Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada Community Meeting  
5/18/18 KMA Education Center, 9AM-11AM

Attendance:

Julie Leverett, Dennis Kesner, Jo Ann Fisher, Lorraine Belt, Jeff Doucet, Randy Bolsinger, Nina Ten, Rudy Rubalcaba, Paul Thornton, Jim & Karen Vanderjagf, Connie Hollenbeck, Kate Ingalsby, Nancy Nelson, Julie McIntosh, Celeste Graham, Stephen Johnson, Cory Lutz, Susan Farris, Susan Hirsch, Alonzo Thornton, Jason O'Brien, Ruth Almen, Theresa Yanni, Gina Jolliff, Flora Sayson, James Murphy, Socorro Fama, Joyce Patterson-Rogers, Celeste Folmar, Kat Hartley, Isaac Santa Ana, LeeAnn Mandarino

Meeting Notes:

DFSN came together 2 years ago in May 2016.

Community Highlight: HealthyBrains.org – Kat Hartley

- Program available to everyone for free.
- Resources for brain health available online on the website: [healthybrains.org](http://healthybrains.org)
- HealthyBrains available for group education activities.
- Information about how to join clinical trials available on the website.
  - Clinical trials in Las Vegas and in Cleveland
- Gene match event May 25<sup>th</sup> – Alzheimer's prevention education.

Community Action Planning – Susan Hirsch

- It takes about 18 months for a community to become more dementia friendly
- Lessons learned: Awareness, there is hope, resources are available, build it and they will come, and grassroots programs take time and conversation.
- Year 3 overview
  - Past 2 years focused on raising awareness of the disease and resources available to patients and their caregivers
  - Community Assessment – Sanford Center for Aging
    - About 30,000 people living in Clark County have dementia
    - 3 service priorities: raise awareness of warning signs of dementia, raise awareness of available resources, increase skills to interact with individuals living with dementia.
  - Southern Nevada Community Action Group goals
    1. Develop and implement community awareness program: Community Awareness Training (CAT)
    2. Implement community-based memory screenings
- Year 3 Planning (breakout groups)

Goals:

  1. Actions to increase engagement of persons living with dementia and care partners
  2. Actions to increase engagement of the business sector
  3. Actions to increase engagement of faith-based organizations

Breakout Groups

- Patient Engagement
  - Information in medical offices
  - Bringing a person with dementia to the community awareness presentations

- Collaborating with non-profits and long term care facilities
  - Thinking more creatively about how to raise awareness
- Business Engagement
  - Create a reception area (in hotels, restaurants, etc.) for people living with dementia. Also making the business know that the person has dementia so that assistance can be made available
  - Dementia friendly stickers to make it public that the business is a safe place for people living with dementia
  - Website with people and businesses that are dementia friendly – free advertising
  - Business resource guides
- Faith-based Engagement
  - Pastoral alliances and radio shows to raise awareness
  - Creating a community forum to explain the importance of the memory screenings
  - Follow-ups for memory screenings – support for individuals who may not have scored well to help them access care and resources

Announcements:

May 19 – Smith Center event to benefit Friends of Parkinson's

June 2 – Dementia 2018: Dementia Capable Communities Conference

June 4 – Meet Jane Arden, Caregiver

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 AM

Next Meeting: July 13, 2018, 9:00AM-11:00AM