

Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada Community Meeting
6/15/18 KMA Education Center, 9AM-11AM

Attendance:

Susan Hirsch, Barbara Payne, Sue Cook, Rudy Rubalcaba, Kathy Kesner, Denis Kesner, Cynthia Knight, Paul Thornton, Peter Reed, Zeb Gibb, Cory Lutz, Stephen Lee Johnson, Marj Robinson, Lynda Hascheff, Robert Owens, Theresa Yanni, Joyce Patterson-Rogers, Kate Ingalsby, Sandra Miner, Dee Williams, Melody Mojica, Nancy Nelson, Connie Hollenbeck, Carolyn Shannon, Isaac Santa Ana, LeeAnn Mandarino

Meeting Notes:

DFSN came together 2 years ago in May 2016.

Community Spotlight: Avenir Memory Care - Rudy Rubalcaba

- Avenir group is a family owned company, 35 years of experience
- Neighborhoods designed for Cognitive Lifestyles
 - 4 areas for different stages of cognitive decline
- Avenir approach
 - Design features
 - Each neighborhood identical to next
 - Behavioral experts
 - Resident-centered activities
 - Encourage Individuality
- Private and shared rooms
- “What remains is far more important than what is lost”

Dementia 2018: Dementia Capable Communities Report

- 139 attendants
 - 73% completed activity evaluation form
 - 99 participants from Nevada
- All respondents said the program was excellent or good
- 99% would recommend
- Almost all respondents said objectives were met
- 78% said they were likely or very likely to change their practices

Community Assessment Report – Dr. Peter Reed, Sanford Center for Aging

- Estimated 29,660 w/ dementia in Clark County
- A majority of community know someone living with dementia (77%)
- Transportation services and business/retail have worse attitudes towards individuals living with dementia
- 27/57 would recommend CC for relative with dementia
- Community identified lack of dementia education, transportation services, and clinical services

Breakout Groups:

Year 3 Planning

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
 - Patient Engagement

- Educate families on dementia-related issues
- Educate patients and physicians on communication with patients living with dementia
 - Posters in physician's offices
 - Provide patients with ways to succinctly ask questions on memory loss
- Business Engagement
 - Make businesses aware of how making facilities dementia-friendly will help their business
 - Get employers to understand how important employee engagement is, and how dementia affects their employees
 - Working in tandem w/ age-friendly movement
 - Resources in multiple languages
 - Network with service groups
- Faith-based Engagement
 - Opportunities to promote brain health
 - Radio meetings to promote dementia friendly awareness and encourage faith leaders to promote awareness
 - Contacts with Lutheran and Catholic churches

Announcements:

- Overview for Aging and Intellectual Disabilities- July 23rd
- Nevada Respite Services Meeting- June 22nd

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 AM

Next Meeting: July 20, 2018, 9:00AM-11:00AM