

Dementia Friendly Southern Nevada Community Meeting  
10/26/18 KMA Education Center, 9AM-11AM

**Attendance:**

Alonzo Thornton, Susan Farris, Marj Robinson, Ericka Shipley, Lori Lopez, Julie McIntosh, Tamara Goodrum, Jocelyn Acevedo, Alexandria Evans, Kate Ingalsby, Marissa Shoop, James Fitzpatrick, Nichole Juliano, Dan Lawer, Paul Thornton, Jennifer McIntosh, Ruth Almén, Kathy Kesner, Dennis Kesner, Connie Hollenbeck, Andrew Thomas, Kay Braston, Gina Jolliff, Bre Stark, Carla Hedeem, Rosemary Zambarnie, Nancy Nelson, Jacqueline Jones, Lucy Zertuche, Susan Hirsch, Isaac Santa Ana, LeeAnn Mandarinio

**Meeting Notes:**

- Introduction
- Compassion Care Hospice | Julie McIntosh, LPN, certified dementia practitioner
  - Allow individual to die with dignity and without pain and other distressing symptoms that often accompany terminal illness.
  - 2015, 18% of Medicare beneficiaries admitted to hospice had a primary diagnosis of dementia.
  - Hospice care workers:
    - Social workers- assist patient and family with accessing community resources
    - Chaplains- attends to the spiritual needs of the patient and family, companionship, share the journey, opportunity to share their life's story
    - Bereavement Counselors- provides support before, during and after end-of-life
    - Volunteers- provide companionship to patient and family
    - Respite care- 5 days of respite care for each certification period (90 days, 90 days, 60 days- indefinitely) allows caregiver to take a break from caregiving, attend to personal needs, or take a trip
    - Continuous (Crisis) care- highly specialized care during period of acute crisis, to allow the patient to remain in their own home, usually 24 hours or longer
    - Education- lot of ongoing education by members of interdisciplinary team to the patient, family, and caregivers
      - MD, RN/LPN/CNA/Social Worker/Chaplain/Bereavement
- Memory Screening Task Force Update
  - Doolittle Memory Screening
  - Christ Church Episcopal Memory Screening
- Community Awareness Training (CAT) Program Introduction
  - Trained AARP, Caesars Entertainment, Valley Hospital Volunteers
  - Looking for referrals
- Feedback from CAT
  - How to recognize people with dementia
  - One presentation will not help people to become dementia friendly
  - Societal exposure into a glimpse into the lives of people with dementia and their caregivers
  - Providing better customer service, overall
  - Treating people as you normally would
  - Some of this is affirming to businesses, the big piece is approaching someone if they need help
  - Template keeps the conversation easy

- There is an expense associated with making a business dementia friendly
  - How to incentivize a dementia friendly business?
    - Signage, non-slip floor, brighter lighting
    - Creating a quiet space, brightly lit
- How to identify a few things to incrementally become more dementia friendly?
  - Think about what you are doing, not what you should be doing
- Recognizing businesses
  - Decals, return on investment
- Business referrals

**Action Items:** Due before our next meeting

- Identify direct contacts with churches to host Dementia Friendly Memory Screenings.

**Announcements:**

- Request for Community Spotlight presenters
- Memory Screenings:
  - Christ Church Episcopal 11/13/2018
- “All of Us” Research Program: 11/14/2018-11/17/2018 @MLKHealthCenter

**Meeting adjourned**

**Next Meeting:** November 30, 2018, 9:00AM-11:00AM