

Healthy Aging Workgroup

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Time: 9:00-11

Meeting Leader(s): Caleb Gilbert

Location: Zoom

Participants: Marianne Jackson, Cheryl Kimball, Carissa Elphick, Martha Johnston, Sue Ruka, Danielle Reichert, Heather Phillips, Mary Seavey

Notes

Reframing Aging Presentation: Part 1

- Cheryl Kimball presented a portion of the “Reframing Aging” presentation from the Frameworks Institute.

NH Phase 1B, COVID-19 Vaccination

- Update on where we are at in the County:
 - Gibson/CC RSVP MOW/Volunteer Clinic

Great feedback, MOW drivers, RSVP drivers, Brown Church Volunteers, non-emergency transport. Much relief – demand has increased and drivers are now safer. Memorial’s Sign Up Genius has been much improved. Marianne has been helping sign-up folks using Memorial Sign up.

If you know anybody 65+ still in need, please refer them to Marianne.

- Homebound Patients

Sandy R. w/ VNHCH will be overseeing; working through the homebound list, estimate is 8 vaccinations per day.

- Current Phases/Next Phases:

Gibson Center and Marianne are still willing to assist with adults 50+. Conway Public Library is willing to assist with tech.

Seems like call volume is down related to issues registering, but still concerned about folks who do not have access to technology.

Huggins clinic is going well.

- COVID Related Resources

ServiceLink has resources for older adults in Carroll County – gift cards for gas, groceries, etc. and technology devices. Contact ServiceLink of Carroll County for access to these resources. Contact Carissa E.

Information on lawsuit, class action suit against State of NH, regarding Home and Community-based treatment.

Carroll County program/initiative updates

- Quick Updates from County Partners
 - Carroll County RSVP – still seeing an increased demand in transportation services.
 - MWV ADC – early id, grant
 - ServiceLink of Carroll County – still remote services. Hoping for a return to office in April. Hoping for more personal connections.
 - MWV Age-Friendly: looking for ways to start bringing the work this initiative is doing back to the forefront. Looking at AARP Challenge Grants – Community Challenge Grants for \$5k.
 - Gibson Center for Senior Services: Looking for reopening guidance as the vaccination number continue to increase. Who will be heading up these reponing efforts?

State and Regional program/initiative updates:

- NHLA/AHA Advocacy
 - Focusing on State Budget – CFI rates, Guidehouse Report, BEAS related budget items. Collecting stories from older adults to use for advocacy work w/ AHA & New Futures.
 - If you don't get the AHA Advocacy emails-send me your email and I will add you: mmcleod@new-futures.org
 - Information on lawsuit, class action suit against State of NH, regarding Home and Community-based treatment: See the 'Guidehouse' Report here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/beas/documents/guidehouse-report-03122021.pdf?emci=98c62f2a-7983-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&emdi=3bce68e3-8183-eb11-85aa-00155d43c992&ceid=7524809>
 - Seeing lots of Omnibus bills in response to COVID. See the bills that the NH Alliance for Healthy Aging has been Tracking [HERE](#).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 9 to 10:30am