

Healthy Aging Workgroup

12/16/2020

Meeting Facilitator: Caleb Gilbert

Meeting Notes

Participants: Martha McLeod, Sue Ruka, Cheryl Kimball, Danielle Reichert, Victoria Laracy, Jane Galloway, Caleb Gilbert

Sue Ruka, MWV Adult Day Center/Memorial Hospital: ADC is open and serving guests. Spending a lot of time compiling the work plan for the dementia capable community grant – this grant will work with many community partners to help screen and diagnose early dementia/Alzheimer. Multi-faceted project – working to set up services at primary care facilities. Opening minds through art program will also be a part of this work. Dementia sensitivity training opportunities for all sectors of the community.

State Commission on Aging: Sue serves on Aging Well in Place taskforce- how can the Commission be a catalyst for policy? Commission is interested in learning more about Carroll County CHIP and Healthy Aging Priority. Caleb will follow up with Sue to discuss a presentation to the Commission.

Martha McLeod, New Futures/Alliance for Healthy Aging: Chaotic Legislative Session – a lot is still up in the air regarding the House of Representatives. Seems like there is some resistance to remote access technology. State budget: New Futures will be focusing on the State Budget, which is being drafted this year. AHA will be focusing on budget too. Some budget priorities below (New Futures will be releasing a five-point budget overview soon):

1. Public Health Services – Vaccines
2. Healthcare Workforce
3. Behavioral Health – Children and Adults

Is Carroll County interested in hosting a Community Conversation re: state budget. Focus on all five New Futures priorities. Caleb will follow-up Martha.

Cheryl Kimball, Huggins Hospital: First healthcare worker vaccinated at Huggins Hospital – 35 in all (as of today). Tufts Health Foundation – Grant \$\$ for aging and community initiatives: <https://www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org/grant-seekers.php?page=grant-seekers/how-to-apply>. Walmart Foundation Grant Opportunities – go directly to store manager of area Walmart store. Reframing Aging presented to Huggins Team. Opportunity to present to this group will be explored for the future. And move toward a larger, cross-sector audience in the future, under the Healthy Aging CHIP Priority.

Danielle Reichert, Conway VA: Seeing veterans with Dementia that are in need of services, with some complex and acute needs related to remaining safe at home. Seeing some veterans that have not accessed VA services historically. Danielle has been building relationships with community providers to increase referrals.

Victoria Laracy, Rep. Pappas Office: Congress is slated to vote on two separate COVID Relief Bills – State and local government funding has been moved to a separate bill. Tele-TownHall tonight, FMI on events: <https://pappas.house.gov/>

Healthy Aging, Carroll County CHIP Priority, 2021 -2025 (see attached Draft of Priority)

Goal: Make Carroll County a place where people can age well in the communities where they live.

Objectives:

1. Increase resources and educational opportunities to make Carroll County communities dementia friendly communities.
2. Increase coordination of services for older adults with chronic conditions.
3. Work with Carroll County communities to make them more liveable for older adults and all people.
4. Enhance the coordination and increase the utilization of Advanced Care Directives.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 17th, 9 to 11am