

Policy Development Workgroup Meeting

December 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom

Attendance:

Mary Brinkley, Natasha Mason, Leslie Bellanger, Dr. Odenheimer, Emily Isbill, Keri Dennis

Welcome and Introductions:

Keri opened the meeting with a quick overview of the last 2 objectives...P-1 and P-2 and reviewed the reoccurring solutions that we have each time...

1. Support HR 3354 – Change Act
2. Add Dementia Designation to advanced CNA certifications
3. Achieve Cabinet-level Secretary of Aging at State level

Group Discussion:

After reviewing P-3 “Support better informed decisions by educating policymakers on the basics of cognitive health and impairment, the impact of dementia on caregivers and communities, and the role of public health in addressing this problem.”

A few new ideas came up and more reiterating the strength behind our top 3 resolutions...we discussed...

4. How to use Senior Day at the Capitol as a catalyst
5. Ask Jason Nelson (his wife Lori has early onset) to share their story (Jason is a current legislator)
6. Ask Rick and Becky Burgess family to share their story (Rick is former OU All-American Linebacker, mid-stage dementia however doc will not diagnose, Becky is main caregiver...3 children and their families are very well known and respected in community, son is a VP in Home Health, OU will be recognizing Rick at football game in the fall).
7. Work with Data Committee on hard #'s on how it is affecting our economy by taking caregivers out of workforce.
8. Re-engage Lance Robertson at the State level

Close

Keri closed meeting by recapping, and Dr. O brought up the idea of educating physicians on “reducing lawsuits”. We will discuss this item further in P-4.

Next Meeting: February 2nd