

Oklahoma Healthy Brain Initiative Meeting
April 26, 2022
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Welcome:

Sara Paape opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

By-Laws Update:

Morgan Fitzgerald announced the by-laws have been sent out and need to be voted on by Friday, April 29th. Morgan reminded everyone that as part of the by-laws everyone must submit their signed member or partner commitment letters. Member and Partner commitment letters will be attached in the recap email.

Survey Updates:

Leslie Ballenger went over preliminary data from the Caregiver Survey. There were 346 completed surveys of paid and unpaid past/present caregivers. If you would like to look over the preliminary data please contact Morgan. Finalized data will be presented at the July meeting. Infographics, fact sheets, etc. will be created based on the final data analysis.

Morgan let everyone know that the provider survey opened on April 1st and closes on April 30th. To date there are 58 completed surveys. She asked that everyone please continue to share with healthcare providers.

Morgan also let everyone know that they will be sent a survey in May to evaluate the coalition. We will need everyone, members and partners, to participate in this survey. It is a requirement of the BOLD grant and will help us shape the coalition.

Workgroup Updates:

Keith gave an update on the Workforce Development Workgroup. Their goal is to create and implement a Dementia-Friendly Community Health Worker (CHW)/ Community Health Representative (CHR) state certification. An ADRD CHW curriculum has already been developed, pilot tested and currently offered by Dr. Reinschmidt.

John gave an update on the Data and Surveillance Workgroup. They have 3 goals: 1. Around BRFSS modules 2. create a caregivers survey with the Caregiver Coalition and 3. to use synthetic estimates and other data to create and distribute infographics.

Madelyn gave an update on the Public Education Workgroup. The workgroup has one main goal with a few objectives. Their main goal is structured around comprehensive resources for providers, general public, and caregivers. Their objectives are around a public education campaign, education plans, and creating a county specific resource list. Madelyn and Morgan are setting up a meeting with Be A Neighbor to discuss utilizing their website and promoting it.

Keri and Maggie gave an update on the Policy Development Workgroup. The group is working their way through all the Healthy Brain Initiative Action Items and discussing goals that can be created to fit the

actions. They have discussed a Cabinet of Secretary of Aging, adding Dementia designation to advanced CNA certifications, and supporting the change act.

Policy Updates:

Maggie Schaffer-Den Harder gave an update on certain policies and let us know that there are no other deadlines until Sine Die at the end of May. She gave a brief update on a few bills of interest: HB3371, SB1163, SB1436, SB1518, and SB1596.

Group Sharing:

- Keri shared that the Oklahoma State Conference on Aging is on May 6th.
- Becky Treece shared that the YMCA is holding Healthy Senior Living Days.
- OHAI shared a flier for their May Powerful Tool for Caregivers classes.
- Sara and Morgan present “Effective Communications” and “Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors” the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- District 8 Community Engagement Team is in the process of planning Elder Health Fairs in Pontotoc and Marshall Counties in September. If anyone is interested in participating, contact Karen Walker: karen.walker@health.ok.gov
- OKALA is asking for proposals for their conference in August. Proposals are due May 31.
- June 6th in Norman at The Well, Morgan will be presenting “Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body.” Call 1-800-272-3900 to register.

Morgan reminded everyone to vote on the by-laws and submit their signed commitment letters. Workgroups will meet again in June.

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