

## Policy Development Workgroup Meeting

June 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom

### Attendance:

Keri Dennis, Morgan Fitzgerald, Maggie Schaffer, Sara Paape, Melissa Holland, Linda Thompson, Mary Brinkley, Kimberly Green, Becky Treece, Germaine Odenheimer, and Natasha Mason

### Welcome and Introductions:

Keri welcomed everyone, let everyone know that there will be a meeting in July to discuss all goals together, and goals will be due in August to Sara and Morgan.

### Group Discussion:

Legislative Update:

- Rescue Care Act Funds: ongoing
- Executive Special Session called by Governor Stitt in June to look at tax incentives to address inflation
- A lot of the bills passed except for the Hearing Aid Bill and the Caregiver Tax Credit Bill.
  - Most likely will be around again at some point.
- Maggie is in the process of reviewing all bills and will share her compiled document with the group.

To focus on the Healthy Brain Policy Action Models.

- Started the discussion with **P-6: Assure public health plans that guide emergency preparedness and emergency response address the special needs of people with dementia and their caregivers, support access to critical health information during crisis, and prepare emergency professionals for situations involving people with dementia.**
  - Public Health Emergency Plans in OK
    - State Level- 3
      - State Pandemic Response Plan, Oklahoma Public Health and Medical Response System Emergency Response Plan, Catastrophic Health Emergency Plan
        - Nothing direct, more specific to functions/steps different agencies need to carry out/the role they play in an emergency
    - Melissa Holland shared that each district/county have very strong emergency plans that exist. OKALA and Assisted Living go to the emergency planning within their district.
      - Are there anything specific for individuals with dementia? Especially regarding relocation.
      - From experience Keri doesn't feel that everyone knows of the emergency planning (I.e. hospitals, etc. That may take in relocated individuals)
      - Is every plan for an assisted living or memory care to be relocated to the same hospital, geri-pysch, etc.? What is the backup plan in this case?
      - How does the health department look at these plans? Are they all checked to make sure everyone is not being sent to the same emergency place?
        - Morgan will check with Emergency Preparedness team at OSDH on the process of review and approval of emergency preparedness plans. Will also check with the Hospital Association

- In rural, they are better equipped. In metro, they may need more assistance and look at the 360 and all possible options.
- Needs to be some sort of communication system.
- LTC facilities have partnerships (locally and 100 miles out, etc.) with other LTC facilities in case relocation is necessary so you have a similar setting and trained caregivers.
  - Most have back up plans- Local and further away partner suggested
- What about non- community emergency preparedness plans?
  - What about partnering with PACE programs? Could they open their facilities to assist those with relocation?
  - Medical Reserve Corps: Is there a plan or training we could utilize this group?
    - OKMRC
- We can put together Emergency Preparedness packets together for caregivers.
- Emergency Trainings?
  - Morgan and the Alzheimer's Association are putting together a curriculum/presentation for the EMS Conference in July. This presentation will cover Effective Communications and the Alzheimer's Association First Responders Training.
  - Alzheimer's Association still does first responder training for police when asked.
  - Potential to pilot a first responder training through the Healthy Brain Program in grant year 3- the group can help decide who we would like to contact and see if they would be interested in being our pilot group. Thoughts are to use the EMS curriculum/training and adapt to different groups.
- Next Steps:
  - Goals and objectives are due at the end of August. In July, the group will meet again to rank the importance of road map actions.

## **Close**

Next Meeting: Policy Development Meeting: July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am

OHBI Meeting: July 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm