



Dementia-Friendly Monroe County

Coalition Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monroe County Board Assembly Room

Agenda Item	Information	Action Items
Introductions/Sign-in	Julie Anderson, Public Health Nurse, Monroe County Health Dept (MCHD); Kayleigh Day, Community Health Educator, MCHD; Christine Nelson, Social Worker, Rolling Hills Nursing Home; Pat Wall, Community Member; Dave Kuderer, Sparta Police Chief; Jane Jackson, ADRC Director; Sharon Nelson, MCHD Director/Health Officer; Jeff Leis, Retired Sergeant, Monroe County Sheriff's Office; Scott Perkins, Monroe County Sheriff; Shayna Schertz, Gundersen Health System. Standing meeting time-1:30-3:00 on the 4 th Monday of the Month. Monroe County Board Assembly Room	
Bader Grant Opportunities	MCHD received a \$20,800 grant from Bader Philanthropies in Milwaukee to create a Dementia-Friendly Monroe County. Grant activities include: -Partnering with Monroe County Sheriff's office to create a wandering program using Project Lifesaver. Grant will fund start-up costs and Jeff's time to set-up and train on the system -Expanding Memory Café to another site. Memory Cafés are a place to meet with others living with dementia and their care partners in a supportive community setting. Plan to expand to Tomah -Creating a Dementia-Friendly Coalition. -Providing education to local communities, businesses, and organizations on how to provide assistance to those with dementia. Will use materials available from WI DHS Dementia-Friendly Toolkit https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dementia/communities.htm	
What are you doing at your organization?	-MCHD: Besides grant, MCHD is working on providing dementia-friendly information/resources on new website -Gundersen: Shayna will get more information on what Gundersen is doing as whole and bring it to next meeting. Part of Shayna's focus is healthy aging and puts on yearly Healthy Aging Conference -Rolling Hills: Seeing an increase in dementia referrals, state would like to see an increase in dementia training in nursing homes -Sparta Police/Sheriff: Seeing a great need for training for law enforcement; currently, tracing people with dementia who wander is difficult -Sharon: Terri Fleming who is a Dementia Care Specialist who will be retiring has been working with the Wilton library on addressing dementia in that community	

	-Jane: ADRC provides services to those with dementia. Residents get a referral to a social worker regarding services and resources that are available. Jane mentioned that many people often think they are not eligible, but are often surprised at what they qualify for.	
Discussion/Needs Identified	<p>-Great need for training and education in the community among professionals and community members. Education should take into account different learning styles, and generational differences (e.g., baby boomers and millennials prefer to receive education differently [paper, in-person vs. social media] and have different perspectives).</p> <p>-Lack of facilities on Sparta side of county</p> <p>-Need involve community in this work as well, need to make people aware of what those who are dealing with dementia are going through (e.g., fear of going out to eat, social isolation)</p> <p>-Need to make people aware of the existing resources that are available</p> <p>-Funding raising for project lifesaver bracelets for those that can't afford them</p> <p>-Would be helpful for dispatch to have access to a dementia list or registry</p> <p>-Would be great to have a response group who could help in situations in which families are having a hard time with family members who have dementia (e.g., driving off)</p>	<p>Action: Will need to determine how many people end up buying bracelets and how to get the word out about them</p> <p>Action: Dementia list or registry for dispatch/law enforcement</p> <p>Action: La Crosse has a crisis team that works in collaboration with law enforcement. This group will explore for Monroe County. Possibly using Medical Reserve Corps members.</p>
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 22, 2018 – Memory Café <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ○ Topic: A Good Laugh with Comedian Jeff Larson ○ Location: Jakes Northwoods, 1132 Angelo Road, Sparta, WI, 54656 ○ RSVP 269-8690 by Monday, March 19, 2018 ● June 21, 2018- The Longest Day: Awareness Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time: 1:30-4:30 ○ Location: Jakes Northwoods, 1132 Angelo Road, Sparta, WI, 54656 ○ For more information contact Janet at 608-269-8642 ● September 29, 2018- The Walk to End Alzheimer's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tomah, WI ○ Join the committee by contacting Julie at 608-269-8666 or email Julie.anderson@co.monroe.wi.us 	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bring resources to share at next meeting ● Begin exploring response group 	
Next Meeting	March 26th, 2018 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monroe County Board Assembly Room	

