Washington Area Village Exchange
Quarterly Meeting
Monday, 26 September 2016

Opening

WAVE President Miriam Kelty welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Deb Rubenstein from Iona to welcome everyone. Rubenstein stated Iona’s interest in working with WAVE villages, briefly discussed their numerous support groups and descriptions of current partnerships. Miriam then thanked John Bradshaw of Georgetown Home Care for sponsoring the meeting. John introduced his staff and available materials. He also gave a brief presentation about how the Affordable Care Act is changing health care to value-based outcomes vs the old volume-based model.

Announcements

The 2016 Montgomery County Village Gathering was announced for Sept. 27, 2016 at the White Oak Community Center.

The VTVN Annual Village Gathering was noted; 16-19 October 2016 in Columbus OH.

On Nov. 12, 2016, there will be a panel of WAVE members presenting at Sibley Hospital, discussing their programs and their relationship with the hospital.

Open Discussion with WAVE Village Members

The bulk of the Quarterly meeting was an open discussion with WAVE members to gather information about village needs for future exploration. Potential discussion areas were included in the meeting agenda however the discussion focused on issues raised.

There was a very brief recitation of the WAVE Mission and Vision statements for comment. No comments were received.

The next topic discussed was in reference to local village meetings besides WAVE.

- Hyattsville Aging In Place stated that a few villages in Prince George’s County were convening regularly to share experiences. Also, there is a group meeting in Annapolis that brings together Eastern Shore, Baltimore and DC suburb villages to explore various topics including potential legislative initiatives for the state of Maryland.
Someone mentioned that Julie Maggioncalda, formally of Capital Hill Village, was now conducting a regular conference call addressing frailty issues. No details were available.

VTVN also holds monthly webinars addressing frailty.

Patricia Rohr convenes Northern Virginia villages and Shepard Centers.

Montgomery County, Bethesda area and Upcounty areas, are meetings to discuss group purchasing and shared programming.

Lastly, DC village directors gather to coordinate and support each other, with a grant pending for transportation – Vision Zero – to enhance public transit use and decrease accidents.

On the topic of relating to others – government, merchants, etc.:

- Transportation scheduling is being supported by Village Rides in Fairfax County, Montgomery County and some of DC (verify latter please).
- Home care sharing is being done in Hyattsville and other locations are looking into its viability if agencies are willing.
- DuPont Circle Village assisted with a local merchants’ survey of village members.
- Four/five villages are collaborating with geriatric care management.
- Goodwin House at Home has provided funding for Arlington Neighborhood Villages to offer $200 fee subsidies.
- Chevy Chase at Home has a relationship with a French restaurant.
- Takoma Park Village has a Friendly Visitor program with Mont. County and a mental health association support.
- Suburban Hospital is sponsoring a Village Ambassador Alliance meeting in late October to discuss collaborating on aging in place.
- Peggy Simpson, a founder of DuPont Circle Village and present VTVN Board member, discussed future plans for VTVN outreach to the 335 villages nationwide so that they can better understand what VTVN has to offer, including their $35k investment in a new website, a mentoring program, a document library and activist trainings.

On the topic of other issues experienced by villages:

- Villages expressed the need for help with marketing their assistance programs and membership.
- Cheverly Village was interested in developing a social/associate membership category.
- There was an interest in WAVE posting calendar events and resources, something currently being developed.
- Lake Barcroft Village discussed their struggle with expanding their village’s geographic boundaries, looking for others’ experiences.
- There was expressed an interest on care and feeding of volunteers.
- Interest expressed on dealing with burnout.
- Interest was expressed on working with national organizations.
• Questions arose around the distinctions between health care and village care.
• Some would like more discussions in the future around transportation coordination.
• Some would like to formalize a local mentor program.
• Bradley Hills Village said that they want to work with hospital discharge planners to assist post-acute care patients.

The WAVE meeting adjourned at 11:15 am; interest groups met afterwards.