Village Hospital Partnerships

Presentations were made by staff representing the Sibley Hospital Senior Association, Virginia Hospital Center’s Senior Health Programs, Suburban Hospital Outcomes Management Team and Capitol Hill Village/MedStar Washington Hospital Center’s Medical House Calls Program.

Highlights of their presentations include:

· Sibley partners with Palisades and Little Falls Villages to avoid duplication of efforts with support groups, day trips and educational workshops. Sibley conducts volunteer training for those villages. The villages pay a $40 lifetime membership pay to Sibley Senior Association for each of their village members who participate in the Sibley program at no charge (except for exercise classes for which there is a charge).

· When considering village-hospital partnerships, consider geographic locations and contact their geriatrics/adult medicine departments; consider assigning an ambassador for your village; and work towards financial incentives for both village and hospital involved.

· The VA Hospital Center partners with Mt. Vernon, Vertical Village, At Home Alexandria and Arlington Neighborhood Villages, with LifeLine services (potential discounts), and also provides educational workshops and community exercise programs.

· Suburban’s team works on developing a process for discharged patients at differing levels of care to transition to home or wherever appropriate; they schedule follow-up appointments when the village member is still in the hospital; they assist by finding a “health buddy” if possible and with medication management; they provide Be Well Bags with a Get Well Kit for their discharged patients. Suburban invites ‘ambassadors’ from each village to work with their staff.

· MedStar WHC’s Medical House Call program provides an integrated health care team to provide health care to homebound elders, supported by care coordination provided by Capitol Hill Village for their participating members.

Villages are encouraged to contact the nearest hospital to start similar programs and to collaborate to prevent hospital readmission and engage in discharge planning and social support.

Business Meeting & Announcements

All were asked to be sure to RSVP for future Quarterly Meetings as space was limited given that more than twice the number of RSVPs were in attendance.

All were reminded that 2015 dues forms are available at the registration table. Each village that wishes to be a voting member should pay $35 dues by July. Emerging villages/villages in development are welcome to make donations to WAVE.

DC’s Northwest Neighbors Village has received a grant to train volunteers in medical note-taking/accompanying others to medical appointments. Please contact them for more information.

The IT Team for WAVE is looking for volunteers that could be trained to keep the website up-to-date.
The WAVE Village Directory is posted on the WAVE website -- [http://wavevillages.org/](http://wavevillages.org/)

The Village Guide is drafted and is being reviewed. All villages interested in being included in the resource appendix should forward a short (under 1 page) description to Pazit Aviv at Pazit.Aviv@montgomerycountymd.gov

Contact Candace Baldwin ([cbaldwin@capitalimpact.org](mailto:cbaldwin@capitalimpact.org)) for information about a May 15, 2015 World Café with the Faith Communities in Washington DC.

N4A will hold a Senate Briefing on release of their livable communities report on May 6, 2015 -- [http://www.n4a.org/calendar_day.asp?date=5/6/2015&event=56](http://www.n4a.org/calendar_day.asp?date=5/6/2015&event=56)

Fairfax County, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, and AARP Virginia, together with several community organizations and businesses, invite you to celebrate Older Americans Month at the Creative Aging Festival in May 2015. More information is at [http://www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org/fairfax-creative-aging-festival/](http://www.hollinhallseniorcenter.org/fairfax-creative-aging-festival/)

Dupont Circle Village invited everyone to participate in the *Celeb Salons* throughout the year. More information is available at [http://www.dupontcirclevillage.net/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=161481&module_id=179039](http://www.dupontcirclevillage.net/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=161481&module_id=179039)

The 7th Annual National Village Gathering is coming to Seattle WA from October 5-7, 2015. Detailed information for this learning and networking opportunity can be found at [http://vtvnetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=691012&item_id=420285](http://vtvnetwork.org/content.aspx?page_id=87&club_id=691012&item_id=420285)