



Break Out Session – Public Policy/Systems

Facilitator: Mike Splaine

Participants:

I. Introduction to Participants

II. What are some community assets?

- Elder Advocates
- Public guardianships
 - Guardianship programs
 - Takes 4-6 months
 - Policy topic: Fast tracking the process
 - Non-competing policy regulations
- Emergency food & shelter programs
 - United Way
- Food banks
- Elder Protective Services

III. What are barriers?

- Access to technology and transportation
 - Seniors have difficulty operating technology and navigating public transportation
- Mental capacity
 - Seniors with dementia are deemed to not be lacking in mental capacity
 - Seniors want to live alone but does their mental capacity allow them to?
 - Safe discharge
 - Is the mental capacity of seniors evaluated prior to discharge?

IV. What is missing?

- Legal documents and POA
- Education
 - Physicians
 - Judges
 - Legislators
- Designated Caregivers
 - Many people are unaware of what it means to be a designated caregiver
 - Care Act
- Money



Break Out Session – Intervention/Implementation

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Participants:

Ruth Almen – Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health
Chris Bateman – Desert Springs Hospital
Jill Berntson - ADSD
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Anna DeBoard – NSS
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Linda Frasier – Touro University
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Riley Kelley – NSS
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Dana Lopez - Metro
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Ashley Martin – NSS
Laurie Nakagawa – NSS
Justine Perez – NSS
Niki Rubarth – Alzheimer’s Association Northern NV
Angie Santos – Metro

I. Introductions of Participants

II. Challenges – What are the causes of re-admissions in hospitals?

- Unsafe Discharges
- Lack of education
- Lack of support
 - In post discharge
 - For caregivers
 - limited wrap around services
- Waitlist for services
- Opioid epidemic
- Providers and health care services are segregated
- Lack of transportation
- Issues in housing/homelessness
- Diagnosis is not sufficient
- Financial and cultural challenges
- Early signs/recognition



- Clinical trial part (diverse)

III. Challenges to Implementation

- **Buy in from hospitals/participation**

Strategies:

- Positive PR (health fairs, getting media involved, NGOs), Personal stories.
- Data/Outcomes, data to frame the problem and show priority

- **Supportive partnership/collaboration**

Strategies:

- Funding requirement
- Connecting community partners – 211, Dementia Friendly NV, ADSD, NV Hospital Association, Guardianship Office, VA, Meal Delivery Services, home modification services, casinos

- **Hospital/community resources**

Strategies:

- Connectedness to existing data system

- **Education – hospital staff, patients, social workers**

Strategies:

- Differentiation between delirium, dementia, and other psychiatric condition
- Thoughtful Hospitalization – Training/Class that would teach family caregivers, professional caregivers, community providers about dementia and how to advocate for individuals with memory loss
- Thinking about Thinking – Dementia training for administration and directors
- Taking educational opportunities into community, grassroots organizations, and hospitals
- Rotate at different hospitals and offer CEUs
- Web Based – Youtube trainings
- Media Partnership with PBS – hub for classes and workshops

- **Competing priorities**

- **Follow thru, staffing changes**

- **Financially disincentived**

Strategies:

- Data show decreases, fine tune partnership, larger patient base, larger pool of eligibility, ability to mimic the program across payer types, partnership with MCOs.

- **Legal/financial dependencies**

- **Funding**

- **Elder data regarding discharge and death review team**



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Strategies:

- Reviewing the data, collaboration with Metro
- Health Information Exchange (HIE) – Also known as Healthy NV. This can improve communication between healthcare providers
- Introduction of CARE ACT

Entry Points:

- Casinos
- Metro, Family Justice Center
- Grassroots Organizations
- Neighborhood