

Policy Development Workgroup Meeting

November 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Zoom

Attendance:

Keri Dennis, Morgan Fitzgerald, Melissa Holland, Germaine Odenheimer

Welcome and Introductions:

Each attendee introduced themselves. Morgan shared information on the [Comprehensive Care for Alzheimer's Act](#). Keri reviewed last month's meeting and discussion on P-1 and the idea for certification for CNA/CMAs.

Group Discussion:

To focus on the Healthy Brain Policy Action Models.

Started the discussion with **P-2: Assure academic programs, professional associations, and accreditation and certification entities incorporate the best available science about brain health, cognitive impairment, and dementia caregiving into training for the current and future public health workforces.**

- Keri has received some interest in the CNA/CMA certification and discussed doing this on the state level.
 - Melissa spoke with director of for-profit Trade Schools Association board and will meet in December to discuss CNA training in depth. They are going to work on the curriculum and work to get it approved through OSDH.
 - CMS has issued that inhouse training is allowed in LTC for CNAs. Then go to Vo-Tech to take exam for certification.
- Private/Public partnerships between local businesses and career techs to get on the job training and hours.
- What is out there (without adding a lot to the local governments plate) to get education to rural areas with other forms of government not just medical industry as a whole?
 - Target information (training and awareness) to:
 - First Responders- Firefighters, EMS
 - CLEET training?
 - OKALA and Morgan/OHBI work together to create curriculum and submit
 - ER staff could utilize some additional training as well
 - Churches
 - Nurses, Physician Assistants
 - Connect with [Project Echo](#)
 - Hospital Association- CEU opportunities

- Linked to “reduce lawsuits” topic (reducing lawsuits by understanding dementia)
- Can there be a designation/accreditation for docs and nurses as well as a "dementia" degree, like the CNA's?
- Video Dr. O's training over nuances she provides to VA
- VDT- CEU opportunity for First Responders, Nursing staff, etc.

Morgan will send out a doodle poll to figure out best times for the next meeting in December. We want to make sure we can pick a consistent and better time for better attendance and more participation.

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Next Meeting: December TBA