

Policy Development Workgroup Meeting

February 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom

Attendance:

Germaine Odenheimer, Keri Dennis, Morgan Fitzgerald, Natasha Mason, and Linda Thompson

Welcome and Introductions:

Each attendee introduced themselves. Keri reviewed last month's meeting. She reviewed the action items. Overall themes have been to support the Change Act, discussed the Oklahoma State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and OK Long-Term Services and Supports Advisory Committee Report (both located on the dashboard), talked about informing legislatures and insurance committees about "avoiding lawsuits"

Group Discussion:

To focus on the Healthy Brain Policy Action Models.

Started the discussion with **P-4: Improve inclusion of healthcare quality measures that address cognitive assessments, the delivery of care planning to people with diagnosed dementia, and improved outcomes.**

- Broken down into 3 parts:
 - Cognitive Assessments
 - Dr. O wrote the quality measures for caring with people with Alzheimer's disease
 - 10 quality measures: cognitive assessment, functional assessment, family support, depression, behaviors, etc.
 - Cognitive Exam being pushed around at the Federal level?
 - Dr. O receives calls weekly
 - Dual eligible- 23% have been diagnosed with dementia, 58% have cognitive or mental impairment (AAOK stats)
 - Delivery of Care Planning to people diagnosed with dementia
 - If they are diagnosed, there needs to be a plan of care. However it can't look the same for everyone since everyone has different symptoms, etc.
 - For those early to mid-stage- is there an available care plan to physicians?
 - Refer to the Alzheimer's Association so they can assist with care planning.
 - However, the AAOK does not fully care plan. They do disease education and resource finding. Has this changed?
 - LTC Insurance does case management? Build into LTC Insurance?
 - Keri is going to visit with Home Health and Insurance folks to see if they could add dementia into their Care Planning already.
 - Improved Outcomes
 - Improve the life of caregivers and person with the disease
 - What can the private sector do to help?
 - What is considered a good outcome?
 - FMLA- for caregivers of older adults
- Cabinet of Secretary of Aging
- Keri is going to feel out the new Director of the VA and let us know how that conversation goes. Dr. O has offered her assistance in any way.

- P-2: Should we start focusing on PA's and Nurse Practitioners instead of the DO's and MD's?
 - Could be trained to do diagnosis
 - Should we include dementia designation certification at these levels as well?
 - What is the best way to administer this for everyone?
 - Organization that boards them: Nursing schools, PA's- taught at medical schools (PA organization?)
 - Dementia Cares Program(American Healthcare Association)- certification gerontological and dementia program [Cares Certification - HealthCare Interactive \(hcinteractive.com\)](https://www.hcinteractive.com)
 - 10 hours of ADRD training for LTC (for CNAs)
 - Curriculum maybe needs to be required to follow Dementia Care Practice Recommendations [Dementia Care Practice Recommendations | Alzheimer's Association](#)
 - 4 hours additional

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Next Meeting: April 6th at 9am