

LOVN CHAT Meeting Summary **June 11th, 8:30 am**

Present: Paula Carney, Michael Gleason, Ann Favreau, Jackie Orton, Richard Rogers, Rachel Perry, Hilary Woodcum, Tom Davie, Judy Bell, Mary Lou Caldwell; Diane Ramseyer

Welcome and Introductions – Chair, Paula Carney welcomed everyone, and introductions were provided.

Discussion – Future Planning

Leadership – Paula indicated it was time to transition to a new chairperson and asked for members to considering volunteering for this role. The Chair leads the CHAT meetings, will be part of the CHIP Leadership Council and CHAT Leadership Group (both groups meet quarterly). The Chair also helps to ensure the continuity of projects – however, any project must have a CHAT volunteer serving as the project manager – who helps set necessary meetings for project completion, and keeps track of the tasks assigned to specific CHAT members. Diane indicated that CHIP is now implementing a web-based project management system which is a great assist in tracking assignments and to-do lists. All CHAT members involved in current and future projects will be shown how to easily use this to track the project. Hilary and Tom have already accessed the site for a North Port project and indicated it is fairly straight forward, and should be helpful.

CHAT Chair role will be discussed in July – hopefully a volunteer will be indentified.

Projects – Group asked to discuss any ideas for a new project, now that the DVD is project is completed.

Paula suggested the group look more closely at the issue of misuse of prescription drugs by seniors, including interactions from food, other medications, over the counter, etc. She indicated that she sees prescription drug misuse as one of the number one reasons seniors enter assisted living.

This also fits in with projects from other CHATs, the Health Provocateurs, and member organizations (such as First Step, Coastal and SCOSA – as well as Tidewell with their expertise in Palliative Care). The LOVN CHAT could focus on seniors, fitting in with its community base while complimenting the focus of the other CHIP groups (North Port – Youth; Health Provocateurs – Hospital and Physicians). Richard suggested “How to talk to your doctor”. The LOVN CHAT could identify ways to provide education to the consumer on 1) why it is important to ask

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questions about your medication 2) what questions should you ask 3) what resources are available to help me learn more.

Ann Favreau also reminded the group that the Lions Club Foundation could be a possible source for funding needs. Group decided to adopt a project on this issue. She will help with this when necessary. Judy Bell offered the resources of Non-Profit Resource Center- such as their Twitter and Facebook accounts, plus their e-newsletter, and she can talk with their contact at the Herald Tribune. The papers have done articles on the Pill Mills and impact on youth, but not much has been done related to the issue among seniors.

Dr. Stephen Leedy from Tidewell can be an excellent resource – Rachel will get a date he is available to meet with any members who would like to be part of the project committee. We will try to set a meeting by the end of June. Paula offered to co-chair the committee – Jackie Orton offered to help as well. The Chair and Co-Chair will help with the project management role.

Announcements and Catching Up with Member Activities – All

Bella Vita is honoring Emergency Services Workers at an appreciation breakfast on Thursday, June 17th at 9 am – RSVP – by June 15th – 485-1196.

Next CHAT meeting – July 9th – 8:30 pm Venice Library

Watch email for announcement of committee meeting for Prescription Drug Project.