



Monday, April 30, 2012

Super 8 Meeting Room

Attendance:

Krista Nielson, NWHU

Gordon Ross

June Caul

Irene & Al Grennier

Helen Cousineau

Britainee Kellar, CMHA Older Adults program

Nell Laur

Lori Maki, RHCF

Robert Schulz, SALT chair

Bill Gushulak

Erma Armit, ALAG chair

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

1.01 Introductions were made for those present.

1.02 Update (Erma):

- The last couple of months have been quite busy, with the strategic planning session happening on March 26, and with survey planning and preparing work being done since that time. The consensus is that people *need* assisted living, but have been facing many struggles in achieving that goal. The survey being created will be distributed to all towns and First Nation communities in the Rainy River District. Atikokan has recently done their own survey for similar purposes and have yet to identify if they will be involved with the Fort Frances ALAG group's survey.
- The intent of the survey is to gather information that will help to create a 20-30 year plan – for this reason, the survey will be filled out by those 45 years old and up (in 20-30 years, those people will be looking at such options), as well as those that are caregivers for a senior. A **rough** draft of the survey will be shared at today's meeting.
- The survey is being created using an internet site called **Survey Monkey**. Once finalized, individuals will be able to complete the survey in 4 different ways: online independently; online with assistance; hard copy independently; hard copy with assistance.

Ian Simpson is working to coordinate dates for volunteers to do presentations in various towns to promote the survey, and hard copies of the survey will be available for pick up at various locations around town (still to be determined, but would tentatively include the library, banks, NWHU, CMHA, etc.). Ian is also working with FFHS to determine the availability of a student to assist with inputting survey results from hard copies. The target dates for the survey to be completed are between May 16 – June 22. **ALL SURVEY INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.**

- A letter has been sent to the Lion's Club to request a donation of \$1000 - \$2000 to defray publication costs associated with the survey. The Lion's Club has also been asked to assist in survey distribution by setting up tables during local business' "Senior Appreciation" days. The letter (attached) was sent on April 27.

1.06 Survey Promotion:

- There will be a small Health & Wellness Fair happening on Tuesday, May 8 at the FFHS. The fair will be happening in conjunction with a presentation from Dr. Micheal Evans, who is a doctor as well as professor at the University of Toronto. The ALAG group decided to set up a small table during this health fair to promote the launch of the survey. Volunteers will be coordinated ASAP.

- Home & Leisure Show – May 11 & 12. The group may join the SALT/OPP booth at the home show in order to promote the launch of the survey. Again, volunteers will be coordinated ASAP.

****Note: volunteers were identified at the SALT meeting on May 1****

1.09 Survey review & discussion:

- Those present read over a ***draft*** copy of the survey. Many critiques were shared and noted. Suggestions were made around wording, punctuation, relevancy of information and more. Many meetings have been held and will continue to be held up until the launch of the survey. While the group recognizes that it will never be *perfect*, the more eyes that view the survey and share their ideas, the better. An updated draft will be circulated to those service providers that attended the March Strategic Planning session, and also to ALAG and SALT members prior to the survey launch. Please share any ideas/comments with Erma.

1.11 As the end of May will be quite busy with survey distribution and collection, the next meeting of the ALAG group will be held on **June 25 at 10:00 am at the Super 8.**