

Aging Alaska
The Geriatric Education Center Role
October 17, 2002

Chancellor:

- 9 dot analogy - thinking beyond the barriers
- partnership
- critical shortage of nursing - creative partnering
- extent of success correlates with how well we understand the needs of the community
- programs driven by needs
- position ourselves for tapping into other funds
- share appreciations

Dr. Rosich: GEC

- see attached

Dr. Ward: UCEDD Structure/Housing GEC

- see attached

COMMENTS:

- Alaska's distance/remoteness - special challenges to educate and keep professionals
- only 300 Pharmacist's worldwide that have specialized in geriatric pharmacy
- partners with University of California - pharmaceutical student rotation
- medication management education popular community wide
- pharmacy technician approved continuing education
- Coordinator - Edenizing Long Term Care
- Care Coordination training provided six times per year
- YWCA provides training and certification for Assisted Living Administrators
- Assisted Living Facilities of America (ALFA) partners with DSS and Assisted Living Association of Alaska (ALAAK) for training of Assisted Living Administrators to receive National Certification
- draft of the State Plan may be ready by mid-December (Contact: Mary Ann Gosling)
- data may be available from the Public Awareness Survey (Contact: Ann Schultz)
- identify current faculty who have knowledge or expertise in geriatrics / gerontology
- identify faculty affiliates/community members who have knowledge or expertise in geriatrics / gerontology
- incentives for faculty interested in enhancing their knowledge in geriatrics / gerontology
- develop academic programs
- explore how the gero minor can expand
- identify careers needing enhanced - standardization / certification
- offer conferences and continuing education

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- offer on-site training
- enhance recruitment protocol
- develop train-the-training
- entertain a variety of mediums for training
- emphasize enhancement of telemedicine
- provide training for the family caregiver
- market GEC
- listserv - extensive data base maintained at Center for Human Development
- develop GEC website
- develop cooperative GEC link on multiple service web sites
- commit to a joint work plan for GEC (COA/DSS/GEC/DHHS etc
- Information and referral; from DSS to GEC
- Wisconsin's Info and Ref - model EHelp
- Center for Rural Alaska - model - programs across MAU's & branch campuses
- faculty - mini grants for gero
- scholarship development
- housing and universal design
- geri-architecture
- master's public health with strong geri track
- psychology - multicultural
- ethnogeriatrics
- ADRD Certificate Training Program
- Workforce and Retention (Contact: Karen Ward - Leadership Institute/Retention Committee)
- develop a series of white papers for Alaska
- focus on public awareness
- address healthy aging / preventative health
- address contribution of elders
- develop intergeneration program
- develop applied and basic research
- gec speakers bureau
- elderhostel
- research: Aging in the Arctic"
- research how light in AK impacts older adults
- special emphasis on research development
- communicating with the elderly
- address spirituality - Stephen Ministries, Parish Nursing, Interfaith Care at Providence
- older adults - access
- tourism
- develop models of excellence
- contribution of elders
- GEC grant writing - fund development

- HCB training; Career Ladder Concept; Wages / Workforce Dev. - statewide topics of interest
- GEC identify gaps in training
- training paraprofessionals - distance academics
- develop CNA career track
- health training survey (add on to current survey for all health care providers)
- ceu's, cme, etc
- accessibility
- address nutrition
- recommendation to partner with:
 - Indian Health Services (Contacts: Linda Pinb(?), Dennis Murray)
 - Long Term Care Association
 - Veterans Administration (Contact: Mike Woodward)
 - University of Southern California
 - Hospitals State Wide

GOAL 1:

develop and provide interdisciplinary / multidisciplinary ethnogeriatric and geriatric academic training to meet the industry needs for care of the elderly statewide; enhance workforce recruitment and retention through the facilitation and coordination of ongoing geriatric-related training and re-training of professional faculty, students, health care professionals, paraprofessionals, and community-at-large;

GOAL 2:

establish community based linkages that support culturally-sensitive quality health care services to older adults, particularly those in medically underserved communities, to promote exemplary community service programs, and provide technical assistance that addresses the needs of a culturally diverse elderly population from local service delivery to community and state governments;

GOAL 3:

conduct applied research to support the growing need for supports and services for the aging population in Alaska;

GOAL 4:

disseminate information on geriatric-related issues and services through coordination with state agencies and community service providers;

GOAL 5:

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leverage resources by building on existing partnerships and bridging resources between the UA system, community service providers, state, regional, national and international entities.