Older Americans Month Mini-Conference

Doing More with Less:
Effective use of Community Partnerships to Serve Vulnerable Adults
Financial, Legal, Mental, Social and Healthcare Perspectives

May 20, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

United Way
50 Waugh Drive
Houston, Texas

This mini-conference, commemorating Older Americans Month, is designed to:

• enhance job skills and provide opportunities to exchange knowledge and ideas with other professionals

• address community concerns and issues related to elder/adult abuse and neglect

• elevate public awareness of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and people with disabilities

• foster collaboration among those who serve, treat or represent victims of elder abuse

Panel Speakers
Four experts representing vulnerable populations (physical health, mental health/ cognitive disabilities, aging, and criminal justice) will discuss the impact of projected budget cuts for the next biennium (September 1, 2011- August 31, 2013). Each will address how limited access to services and the loss of experienced professionals will dramatically affect treatment/planning outcomes.
Jane Bavineau, BSW  
Executive Director, Care for Elders

Carmel Dyer, MD, FACP, AGSF  
Roy M. and Phyllis Gough Huffington Chair in Gerontology  
Professor and Executive Vice-chairman of Internal Medicine  
Director of the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine  
Executive Director of the Consortium on Aging  
Chief, Geriatric and Palliative Medicine - LBJ and Memorial Hermann Hospitals

Adrian Garcia  
Sheriff of Harris County

Steven B. Schnee, Ph.D.  
Executive Director, MHMRA of Harris County

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Effective Use of Community Partnerships to Serve Vulnerable Adults  
(Statistical, Legal, Mental, Social and Healthcare Perspectives)

CONFERENCE AGENDA

7:30 a.m.  Vendor Registration and Setup

8:00  Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30  Welcome/Purpose  
Dr. Needha Boutte-Queen, Adult Protective Services Board Chair

8:40  Panel Session  Moderator, José Ramirez, Jr., LCSW  
“Effective use of Community Partnerships to Serve Vulnerable Adults”

Jane Bavineau, BSW  Sheriff Adrian Garcia
Carmel Dyer, MD, FACP, AGSF  Steven B. Schnee, Ph.D.

10:00  Break

10:15  Workshop Sessions I

11:45  Complimentary Lunch/Memorial Hermann Southwest Senior Services Representative

12:45 p.m.  Workshop Sessions II

2:15  Break/Visit Vendor Booths

2:30  Workshop Sessions III

4:00  Closing Remarks (James Booker)
Workshop Descriptions

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Workshop Sessions I

Session A: "Healthcare: Is this an asset or not?"
Scott Strang, Ph.D., MBA, COO for MHMRA of Harris County
The Affordable Care Act (ACA) introduced numerous reforms to the health insurance marketplace and sets the state for transformation of the public behavioral health system in Texas. This workshop will review reforms that have been enacted and will explore the potential transformative impacts of changes yet to be implemented.

Session B: "Who Cares about Self-Care: An ethical dilemma?"
Sandra Lopez, LCSW, ACSW, DCSW, Clinical Professor at the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston
This workshop will guide participants in an exploration of why self-care is important and how the absence of self-care can contribute to ethical dilemmas. Participants will reflect on how helping professionals and organizations can identify specific strategies for creating self-care environments and avoid ethical dilemmas.

Session C: “Financial Perspectives: Working with elderly and vulnerable population”
Richard Simonds, MSW, Program Manager of Financial Support Services
This presentation will describe different types of therapeutic methods when working with a client on financial topics. Participants will also gain a basic understanding of the scope of financial management and organizations.

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. Workshop Sessions II

Vineeth John, M.D.
The workshop will provide participants with specific components of the decision making process, while discussing psychiatric conditions which could impair the decision making process.

Session E: "Using Elder Self-Neglect in the Field"
Jason Burnett, Assistant Director for Consortium for Research in Elder Self-Neglect (CREST)
This workshop will update participants on the progress of elder self-neglect research and discuss how the results of elder self-neglect research can be translated for practical use in the field.

Session F: “Why should I call for services when I am OK?”
Evanthe N. Collins, Ed. D., Educational Development & Finance Manager for MHMRA of Harris County
Sarita Wesley, Ph.D., Program Director, MHMRA of Harris County
Stephen Applewhite, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Houston
Kim Szeto, Ph.D., CEO, Asian American Family Services
This workshop will discuss services available to different ethnic/racial groups in the Houston area. It will also describe potential barriers to accessing services and the different ethnic age waves impacting policy on services.

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Workshop Sessions III

Session G: “Advanced Directives”
Virginia Lootens, J.D., Private Practice, Colleen Root, J.D., Private Practice
This workshop will give participants information regarding advance directives, power of attorney, and other essential documents, as well as introduce long-care and estate planning. The workshop will cover topics such as wills, trusts and probate.

Session H: “Community Partnership Collaborations”
James Booker, MA, Mary Breaux, MA
This workshop will discuss how community organizations can form partnerships, collaborations and multidisciplinary teams to enhance the provision of services to vulnerable adults. Participants will learn to work collaboratively on education and awareness events, service planning, cross training and resource development efforts that result in better outcomes for vulnerable clients while eliminating duplication of services.
Session I: “Advocacy for an Aging Population”
Judy Kantorczyk, Executive Director, The Arc of Greater Houston
Participants will gain knowledge about the unique needs of an aging population that has intellectual and/or
developmental disabilities. It will also define "advocacy", "self-advocacy" and "self-determination" as they relate
specifically to the aging population.
REGISTRATION (RSVP by May 7, 2011)

Name:_____________________________ Agency:_____________________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________________________

Telephone:_________________________ E-mail address:________________________________

REGISTRATION FEE (please check one)
__ $50 per person  __ $150 Per Vendor Booth (limited space only allows 2 persons per booth)

Total Amount enclosed $____________

*All fees are non-refundable  *On-site registration is $60.00 per person

FEE INCLUDES MEALS, MATERIALS, SOCIAL WORK AND GUARDIANSHIP CEU'S, CLE'S, CNE's and Ethics CEU's

Send completed registration forms and payments to:

Region 6 Adult Protective Services Board
P. O. Box 2348
Stafford, Texas 77497-2348

WORKSHOP CHOICES

Due to limited availability, please rank your choices in order of preference for each workshop session, with one being most preferred.

10:15-11:45 a.m. Workshops

__ Healthcare:  Is this an asset or not?

__ Who Cares about Self-Care: An Ethical Dilemma

__ Financial Perspectives: Working with elderly and vulnerable populations

12:45-2:15 p.m. Workshops

__ Mental Capacity

__ Using Elder Self-Neglect in the Field

__ Why should I call for services when I am OK?

2:30-4:00 p.m. Workshops

__ Advance Directives

__ Community Partnership Collaborations

__ Advocacy for an Aging Population

For questions, please contact:  Mary Breaux at 281-847-7061 or Pleshette Cook at 713-767-2762
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