

**ARTHRITIS AND RELATED DISEASES
D R A F T - M I N U T E S – D E C E M B E R 3, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Howard Hauptman, Chair
Michael Breeden
Renee Hillard
Barbara Cuffie
Allan Gelber
Jan Thompson
Violeta Rus
Joan Stine

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeanne Moyer
Linda Brown-Sutphin

STAFF

Jade Leung
Tara Snyder
David Mann

GUESTS

Howard Garber

WELCOME

The meeting convened at 4:30.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM (insert date)

The minutes were approved.

NACDD GRANT (Jade Leung)

Jade Leung explained that Maryland's proposal was "approved but not funded" by CDC in June. Therefore, alternate funding was sought from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD). Maryland was awarded \$50K per year for three years. A total of eight states which did not get CDC funding received this award to maintain part of their existing program activity. The NACDD grant will be used to fund Enhance Fitness training in Carroll County and CDSMP Master training in English and Spanish in Howard County, Feb 23-27.

Jade Leung announced her plans to attend NACDD grantee meeting as well as all conference calls related to the grant. She requested input from Council members regarding how to best use funding for the following two years of the grant period.

Jan Thompson questioned whether the NACDD funding is enough to keep existing programs going. Jade explained that most of the counties receiving mini-grants have found other resources to continue program activities without Arthritis Project funding.

MARYLAND STATE PLAN UPDATE (Jade Leung)

Jade Leung developed and distributed a Maryland State Plan Activity Update to show the status of the project. She suggested that we may need to develop a new plan as the current one only goes through 2010. Barbara Cuffie suggested developing a new state plan to cover the new grant period, as well as revising goals for 2010 in light of the fact that we did not get CDC funding.

Dr. Hauptman proposed that the focus of the next council meeting should be to develop a new state plan by reviewing the current plan and suggesting changes.

APPOINTMENTS

Current vacancies:

1. Hospital/Health Professional Outside the Major Metropolitan area: *recruiting*
2. University of Maryland School of Medicine (replace Raymond Flores – *recruiting*)
3. Health Care Industry (replace Anna Monias)
4. Department of Disabilities
5. DHMH

The MD Pharmacists vacancy has been filled by Renee Hillard. Several vacancies still exist. Jade Leung will send out an email asking for recruitment suggestions. Dr. Hauptman asked for volunteers for new council chair as his term is now expired. Allan Gelber volunteered for the position and was nominated by Barbara Cuffie. The nomination was unanimously accepted by Council.

STATISTICS (David Mann)

Reviewed the questions that are tracked every other year. 2007 data is very similar to 2005.

1. Percent of Adults with Arthritis and Joint Symptoms – advised by Doctor to Lose Weight OR increase Physical Activity to help arthritis. The percentage has increased over the years.
2. Percent of persons with arthritis or joint symptoms who have ever taken a class for arthritis:
2001 – 12.% and 2003 dropped to 10.0% (may because of change in questions), and 12.0% in 2005

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 4:30

MEETING ADJOURNED

6:00