Minutes from Community Health Services Meeting

7/2/19

Review 6/4 minutes

Categorize and Infuse Age Friendly Curriculum into Fire Prevention Training Curriculum / Recommendations how to enhance their training (per Sgt. Ashby).

Suggestions:

* Standardize Dispplay of Emergency Contact and Medical / Pharmacological HX Info via revitalized Vile for Life or refrigerator magnet program for EMS / First Responders
* Standardize Safe Exit of Elderly/Disabled from unregulated High Rise Buildings in Case of Fire
* Display who wants to remain in place behind firewalls in unregulated buildings, cross off rooms that have been checked
* Tailor Trainings to different living situations

Discussed potentially forming subcommittee to focus on Infusing Age Friendly Curriculum into Fire Prevention Training Curriculum by producing or co-producing content.

Discussed educating EMS/Police/firefighters on special ways of communicating with and responding to seniors and disabled citizens and having them potentially train caregivers on essential life-saving skills for emergency situations. Phil (Police Training) didn’t think it was realistic to add very much more training on those topics. Where are the gaps?? He didn’t see many but Fire Prevention did. Potential solutions for gaps- relevant info in discharge paperwork at rehabs, hositals, etc, in-home care companies.

Suggestion to train medical providers to educate seniors on safety issues and having their medical info displayed and offer handouts for resources.

Question raised: Does HUD have sensitivity training for people with dementia, vision loss, hearing loss, mobility issues etc. already published? Does AARP have relevant info compiled? Tips provided to first responders for helping/communicating with citizens with dementia – Alzheimer’s Association? Elderserve? Patti at Senior Home Transitions?

Question Raised: What types of training does Elderserve already have? Police offer training on Elder abuse reporting, Fraud protection? Need for detailed reports?

Discussed what we are going to call the online and published “Resource Guide” and the editing of the brochure that was done by Natalie. Suggestions by committee:

* “Too clean”
* Take off the word Workgroup.
* Age Friendly Logo to push people to website
* Title should suggest process, not our group- “How Do I FindCommunity Support and Health Services?” 24-7 Aggregated Resources Serving Older Adults
* Get rid of blue subtitles

Questions about why all 4 domains aren’t putting together the same guide / combining resources. Seems like some of them overlap well and other specialties (plumbers, contractors, don’t fit. Those specialties can get their own guide.

Suggestion: Make sure the people who are going to be calling aggregated resource sites know they will be referred somewhere else to allay frustration.

Discussed potential changes to the order of the sub-categories on the guide.