



2016 AAA Access Committee Work Plan: Quarter 4

AAA Plan Goal Focus	Strategies	Person(s)/ Organization(s) Responsible	Benchmarks	Achieved/Status
Elder Justice	Increase referrals to Adult Protective Services (baseline of 6% in 2014) from law enforcement and emergency responders by providing two training opportunities to county, city, and/or municipal law enforcement and emergency responders about the role and services provided by Adult Protective Services.	AAA & APS Staff	Trainings occurred 4/18/16 & 6/24/16; increased total referrals to _____. The goal is to increase law enforcement, fire department, and EMS staff's knowledge about what APS, Focal Point, and ADRC Dementia Specialist roles and services provide to community seniors.	
	Encourage 60 racially-diverse seniors (20 each year) to take charge of their health care decisions prior to crisis situations by providing information, through one APS-led workshop in the community and then linking and assisting African American, Latino, and Asian seniors to complete and file Health Care Power of Attorney Documents as measured by the number of diverse seniors self-reporting completion of a Health Care Power of Attorney (HC-POA) within three months of the workshop.	AAA & APS Staff	Workshop held on ____; ____ racially-diverse seniors attended & completed Health Care Power of Attorney documents	See NOTE

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Services in Support of Caregivers	Enhance resources within the caregiver community by creating a comprehensive user-friendly toolkit to be made available through support services for seniors.	AAA Manager, Caregiver Coordinator & Caregiver Alliance	Created & updated as needed	Toolkit started using best practices models; writing in process/on schedule
			Distributed via AAA website & social media (paper copies provided on request)	Toolkit writing in process using best practices and models. Comprehensive guide based on Coordinator's work with statewide program development completed at end of 2016.
			Included in monthly caregiver newsletter where appropriate	Materials based on toolkit shared monthly in <i>Caregiver Chronicles</i> , both online and hardcopy.
	Establish a comprehensive, locally-focused collection site for caregiver resources available in Dane County libraries.	AAA Manager & Caregiver Coordinator	Established collection with books & printed materials	Meetings with librarians late summer 2016. Meetings in early 2017 to work on an open-source database for caregivers through the library service. To include library and community resources.
			Included digital sources of information	
			Offer 2 <i>Powerful Tools for Caregivers</i> classes	Summer class ran; fall class cancelled

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NOTE: (submitted by APS Supervisor Shari Gray-Dorn)

One of the 2016-2018 AAA Area Plan goals is to encourage seniors to take charge of their health care decisions. This goal has been met with some unexpected obstacles. Earlier this year I met with professional members of the Latinx community about this topic. The Latinx individuals stated that this subject is communicated fairly well in their community as this is part of the Latino Health Council's initiative and POA's are discussed and completed in several Latinx conferences and meetings around Dane County. It was felt that another workshop on this topic was not needed in the Latinx community.

Thus, I turned my attention to the African American community to determine if there was an entity that was agreeable to put on a HCPOA presentation with APS. I was quickly informed that the most effective way to reach African-Americans was through the churches and was advised to contact Reverend Harold Rayford, Chairman of the African-American Council of Churches. Around the same time that I was provided this information, I met with Kira Stewart, a Dementia Care Support Specialist at the ADRC. Ms. Stewart informed me that she had recently spoken with Reverend Rayford about another issue and offered to be the contact person with Reverend Rayford as she had already established a relationship with him.

Ms. Stewart has spoken with Reverend Rayford on a couple of occasions and he has voiced an interest in disseminating information about HCPOA's to the African American community. However, he requested a HCPOA brochure be developed; he also would like a 'formal' presentation to be provided to the African American community. Thus, Kira, the three adult guardianship social workers, and I met twice and are in the process of creating a HCPOA pamphlet and PowerPoint presentation. Our goal is to provide at least one HCPOA presentation to the African American community during the week of April 16, 2017 as this week is National Health Care Decision week.

Information about the importance of creating a HCPOA was disseminated to Dane County's Focal Points in June 2016. In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEEAD), the WEEAD committee wrote an article on this topic and requested all Focal Points to include the information in their newsletters.