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I. Conferences and Programs of Interest

A. "ETHICAL DECISION MAKING ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE"

Date: October 5, 2007 7:00 AM – 4:00 P M

Location: Dunwoody Village Newtown Square, PA

Description: **See attachment**

B. 3rd Annual Community Collaboration Aging Seminar: 'Accessing Mental Health Services: Present Dilemmas and Hope for the Future'

Date: October 26, 2007

Location: **Lankenau Hospital**

100 Lancaster Avenue

Wynnewood, PA 19096

610-645-2000

Description: The Community Collaborators past Annual Seminars have focused on Medicare Part D and the future of Long Term Care. This year's seminar is being designed as a 'nuts and bolts' program to give a varied group of health and human service providers (nurses, social workers, congregational nurses, care managers, case managers from publicly funded programs, attorneys) basic information, to be used on a day to day basis, about the service options and how to access them of the public mental health system. The seminar will focus on adults who have aged with MH problems or who have developed MH issues as they have aged. The seminar will not cover, specifically, dementia, drug, or alcohol related issues.

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C. ASA Web Seminiar (Archived)

Date: August 29, 2007

Description:

<http://www.asaging.org/webseminars/websem.cfm?EventID=16264>

D. Department of Health and Human Services Satellite Broadcast

Date: **September 19, 2007**

Description: **Objectives**

The New Freedom Initiative (NFI) Subcommittee on Caregiving presents this broadcast designed to bring awareness to the range of programs and services

the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) offers that support caregivers across the lifespan. NFI is a government-wide effort to eliminate the barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating in community life. A panel of experts will provide information about these programs to increase knowledge of partners and providers, and improve service delivery for caregiving Americans

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II. Resources

A. The Healthy Brain Initiative

Link: <http://www.cdc.gov/aging/pdf/TheHealthyBrainInitiative.pdf>

B. The 2005-2006 Progress Report on Alzheimer's Disease: Journey to Discovery

Link: <http://www.nia.nih.gov/Alzheimers>

C. New Age Page on Mourning Now Available

Link: <http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/aug2007/nia-01.htm>

D. The Aging Research Translator Blog

Link: <http://agingresearchtranslator.blogspot.com/>

E. The New Jersey Blueprint for Healthy Aging

Link: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/senior/blueprint/>

F. The Center for Healthy Aging publishes a free e-newsletter that provides evidence-based information on falls prevention.

Link: To subscribe, write tofallsfree@ncoa.org

G. Older Pennsylvanians 2007

Link: <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=175&Q=248426>

III. Publications

A. "Geriatric Conditions and Disability: The Health and Retirement Study." *Annals of Internal Medicine* Vol. 147, pages 156-164.

Author: Cigolle, C.T, Langa, K.M. Kabeto, M.U. et. al.(August 7, 2007)

Description: BACKGROUND: Geriatric conditions, such as incontinence and falling, are not part of the traditional disease model of medicine and may be

overlooked in the care of older adults. The prevalence of geriatric conditions and their effect on health and disability in older adults has not been investigated in population-based samples. **OBJECTIVE:** To investigate the prevalence of geriatric conditions and their association with dependency in activities of daily living by using nationally representative data. **DESIGN:** Cross-sectional analysis. **SETTING:** Health and Retirement Study survey administered in 2000. **PARTICIPANTS:** Adults age 65 years or older (n = 11 093, representing 34.5 million older Americans) living in the community and in nursing homes. **MEASUREMENTS:** Geriatric conditions (cognitive impairment, falls, incontinence, low body mass index, dizziness, vision impairment, hearing impairment) and dependency in activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, eating, transferring, toileting). **RESULTS:** Of adults age 65 years or older, 49.9% had 1 or more geriatric conditions. Some conditions were as prevalent as common chronic diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes. The association between geriatric conditions and dependency in activities of daily living was strong and significant, even after adjustment for demographic characteristics and chronic diseases (adjusted risk ratio, 2.1 [95% CI, 1.9 to 2.4] for 1 geriatric condition, 3.6 [CI, 3.1 to 4.1] for 2 conditions, and 6.6 [CI, 5.6 to 7.6] for > or =3 conditions). **LIMITATIONS:** The study was cross-sectional and based on self-reported data. Because measures were limited by the survey questions, important conditions, such as delirium and frailty, were not assessed. Survival biases may influence the estimates. **CONCLUSIONS:** Geriatric conditions are similar in prevalence to chronic diseases in older adults and in some cases are as strongly associated with disability. The findings suggest that geriatric conditions, although not a target of current models of health care, are important to the health and function of older adults and should be addressed in their care.

IV. Funding Opportunities

A. Title: Health Care Grant

Sponsor: Davis Foundation, Arthur Vining

Link: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/24212>

B. Title: Dennis W. Jahnigen Career Development Scholars Awards

Sponsor: American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

Link: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/65228>

C. TITLE: Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R03)

SPONSOR: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Link: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/96559>

D. Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21)

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Link: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/96560>

V. Websites of Interest

A. CARAH NEWS

Link: http://www.jefferson.edu/jchp/newsinfo/CARAH_Grant.cfm