

Falls Prevention Coalition Meeting – March 30, 2016

Present: Palmer, Kunze and intern, Schertz and guest, Brose, Lindahl, Melendez, White

On April 13, 2016 there will be a press release announcing the award of a grant from the Bader Foundation to the County Health Department to continue the Smart Seniors Program and to develop a Healthy Aging Coalition. Potential members for the community partnership could include:

Academic Community

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

- Gerontology Program
- O.T., P.T., Business

Viterbo

- Gerontology Program
- Nursing

Western Technical College

- O.T., P.T.
- Dementia Care

Medical Community

Gundersen Health System

- Community and Preventative Services
- Memory Center
- Geriatric Assessment Clinic

Mayo Health System

- Elder Care
- Memory Center
- Successful Aging

Government

- Social Security
- Libraries
- Health Dept.
 - Strong Seniors
 - Smart Seniors
- ADRC
- V.A.

Community Coalitions

- Caregiver Coalition
- Falls Prevention Coalition
- Alzheimer's Association
- Health Care Consortium

Community Service Providers

- Bethany Lutheran Homes
- Bethany- St. Joseph
- RSVP
- Home Care, Day Care, Personal Care
- Durable Medical Equipment Providers
- Home delivered Meal Programs, Nutrition Sites
- Causeway
- YMCA
- 211

Senior Housing

- County Housing Authority
- City Housing Authority
- Non-Profit Housing programs
- Assisted Living
- Nursing Homes

Older People

- Retired Educators
- Learning In Retirement
- Church Groups

Other

- Parish Nurses
- United Way

Potential goals for a Healthy Aging Coalition:

- To create a forum for the exchange of information between and among community partners, service providers, advocates, etc.
- To inspire creative ideas and vehicles to better connect older people with community resources
 - Annual Older Americans Day
 - New and improved website
- To develop a comprehensive community care plan that helps older people live in their own homes for as long as possible through community collaboration
- To identify the unmet needs of older people
- To draft a sustainability plan for Strong Seniors, Smart Seniors, etc.

Please refer anyone you know who might want to collaborate with a Healthy Aging Coalition or anyone you know affiliated with any of the Organizations above to Gretchen Lindahl glindahl@lacrossecounty.org

Next meeting:

**Wed., April 27, 2016
1:01pm Room 2076
Health Science Center
1300 Badger St.**