

La Crosse County Falls Prevention Coalition Meeting  
Wednesday, May 29, 2013

Present: Isely, Schertz, King, Greany, Thiel, Branson, Stapleton, Brose, White

Tyler Stapleton, Billing Operations Supervisor at Tri-State Ambulance, discussed the electronic signature tool they are developing to secure permission from people they assist (who refuse Tri-State Ambulance assistance and/or transport) to notify their Doctor/Medical facility that they had fallen. Once notified, Doctors can follow-up with the patient and/or can gain access to Tri-State Ambulance's report of the date, time, nature of assistance offered.

Perhaps, in the future, another tool could be developed to actually schedule a connection (phone call or home visit) between a community social service agency and the fallen senior.

Tri-State Ambulance is currently tracking the volume of calls they receive from local personal emergency response systems in the area, not just the total numbers of calls, but also the number of calls made in error.

Currently 25 seniors are taking Stepping-On Classes (12 at South Side Senior Center, 8 at Solberg Heights, and 5 Hmong Elders).

Gundersen-Lutheran will lead a Stepping-On class in September.

There is interest in doing Stepping On at Michael Heights, 1 Riverplace, 3 Senior Housing Programs, and in Holmen, WI.

UW-La Crosse will offer the Stand Strong, Stand Tall program to Hmong Elders next school year.

During the last couple of months, there have been 12 presentations on Fire and Fall Prevention given to 207 older adults. Nobody has requested a home safety check.

10 people are interested in being trained as Tai Chi Fundamentals Instructors if funding is received.

Next meeting we will talk about how to promote this Coalition, La Crosse stop falls website, and the many falls-prevention programs in La Crosse County during September, Falls Prevention Awareness Month.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 1:01pm  
Room 2076  
Health Science Center  
1300 Badger St., La Crosse, WI