

La Crosse County Falls Prevention Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

Present: Murphy, Branson, Thiel, Isley, Schutz, Urbick, Colvin, Holmes, Betz, Brose, Lombard, White

The UW-Madison School of Pharmacy has received funding to identify older adults in 5 Wisconsin Counties (including La Crosse) who do not attend fall-prevention programs but are using FRIDS (falls risk-increasing drugs) and then referring them to pharmacists in the community for medication therapy management. Dr. David Mott heads this up and would like to solicit the help of this Coalition for implementation in La Crosse County. He will plan to be at the July 31st meeting of this Coalition.

The group reviewed the goals for this Falls Prevention Coalition included in the Healthiest County Plan and confirmed they are accurate and are measured by tracking participants, number of presentations, and materials distributed.

Lacrossestopfalls.org website has been updated with links to Go4life and STEADI, calendar of upcoming Stepping On classes, and will plan to link to Strong Seniors, Fire and Fall Prevention brochures.

The STEADI Tool Kit was discussed and materials will be extracted for use by this Coalition (e.g. self-risk assessment brochure) and put on the lacrossestopfalls.org website

There will be a Stepping On class starting July 15 at Stoffel Court and another at Gundersen Clinic- Onalaska on September 16. Tri-State Ambulance is starting to implement a Release of Information form for older fallers to sign allowing Tri-State to notify their Doctor or Health Care provider of the fall. Over the last few months, 14 Fire and Falls Prevention presentations were given to 221 Older Adults.

The group brain-stormed on how to connect Primary Care Doctors to lacrossestopfalls website, how to get the Prevent Falling magnets to all area P.T.s, develop new brochure listing all our fall prevention programs (Stepping On, Walk Strong-Walk Tall, Stand Strong For Life, How To Prevent Fires and Falls, lacrossestopfalls.org) to be distributed with each magnet, get our information to all area dentists and use as insert with monthly billing for people using emergency response systems, how to get this information into the employee newsletters at Mayo and Gundersen, distribute the How To Prevent Fires and Falls Brochure to everyone getting a home-delivered meal, promote this Coalition to local P.T. and O.T. associations, how to get fresh accurate data on numbers of falls in La Crosse, and should we host an annual Falls Prevention Summit in La Crosse.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2013

Room 2076 at 1:01 pm
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