

Falls Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

August, 28, 2013

- I. Present: Isley, Brose, Albrecht, Bunton, Schertz, Colvin, Stapleton, Havens, Kunze, White
- II. Update on Expanding the Role of the Community Pharmacist in Falls Prevention was discussed.
- III. Larry will request that the training of Tai chi Fundamentals be available in La Crosse to save travel and lodging costs. We would have to find a location for this training (over 15 people are interested in being instructors)
- IV. Tri-State Ambulance has begun a test-study of their electronic signature pad which will notify medical facilities with vital data on older people who fall and sign off. There will be an update at next month's meeting. The group encouraged Tri-State Ambulance to consider doing a press conference on this new initiative during September: Falls Prevention Awareness Month. Rose and Phyllis will send a letter to the editor about this Coalition as well.
- V. The group discussed the idea of taking a whole year to plan a county-wide community collaboration of a Falls Prevention Awareness Week for 2014 - like they do in Boulder, CO. Our planning will require new partners, lots of fun programs at multiple locations, at multiple times to include fall-risk screening, balance and strength exercises, medication management, home safety check, vision and falls, connecting the community to lacrossestopfalls.org. website, etc. We would need help to properly market this, using all kinds of multi-media, social networking to properly promote this so we can make La Crosse County safer for people of all ages.
- VI. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2013
1:01pm in room 2076
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