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CALIFORNIA GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER

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Training of Trainer: Community Based Care of the Elderly

This spring the California Geriatric Education Center (CGEC) offered a Training of the Trainer (ToT) course for community-based professionals covering adult learning principles, normal aging, dementia, and legal and ethical issues of elder abuse in the San Joaquin Valley. The “Training of Trainer: Community Based Care of the Elderly” course attracted 40 participants from four counties, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare Counties. Within the 4-day program organized by CGEC consortia partner UCSF/Fresno’s Alzheimer’s and Memory Center, a unique day of sessions on “Exploring the Interface of Legal and Ethical Issues in the Care of the Elderly” attracted an additional 18 attorneys, paralegals, and Adult Protective Service (APS) professionals.

Elder Law attorneys in this region are few, and the planning committee was innovative and proactive in reaching out to the legal community. The CGEC & UCSF/Fresno partnered with Central California Legal Services to provide State Bar Association accreditation for the legal community’s continuing education. Additionally, POST certification (Police Officer’s Standards in Training) allowed 5 police officers from 2 counties to attend the program.

Participants of the 4-day program were required to develop an educational module to be used for in-service education or community outreach by their respective organizations. These products were shared (hard copy and CD) with all participants as a source of adaptable information for use by all as appropriate. Topics included: training on communication with the hard-of-hearing, financial abuse, development of a program on healthy aging for use by an area agency of aging, and elder abuse in general.

The program was widely praised by participants, some of whom had been nervous about presenting topics of their own design. Two Sheriff’s Deputies developed a strong presentation on elder abuse for delivery to other police agencies, and had presented twice before the end of the program. Additionally, they discovered and reproduced an old (1991) Alzheimer’s Association brochure for law enforcement on how to approach and understand someone with dementia, and distributed it across the counties. Overall, this program not only increased knowledge about aging, but also strengthened relationships across county boundaries and facilitated case management and resource referral.

With its ToT approach, it also assisted in the development of key targeted training materials. The ‘ripple effect’ of reaching others with these products extends the program’s impact well beyond the immediate audience.

MICHIGAN GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER

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Training for VA CBOC Providers and Staff

Two years ago the GECM reported a new partnership with the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Ann Arbor to provide training in primary care geriatrics for Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in the Veterans Service Integrated Network (VISN) 11. This training, *Functional Assessment of the Older Adult: An Incremental Approach*, focuses on care of older adults in busy primary care offices. The 8 hours of approved CME training is delivered in 3 sessions over several months. In addition to receiving specific information on geriatric assessment, nutrition, community resources, decision-making, and monitoring care, CBOC providers and staff learn how to utilize quality improvement processes and tools to analyze and respond to sentinel events and performance gaps in their practices.

Given the nature of the geographic divisions in the VA system, which is by VISN rather than state, our training of the VISN 11 CBOCs took us across the border into Ohio to train the Toledo CBOC. This prompted discussions with our GEC colleagues in Ohio and resulted in collaboration among the GEC of Michigan, Ann Arbor GRECC, Western Reserve GEC and Cleveland GRECC to obtain additional grant funding for training and evaluation analyses in 6 additional VA CBOCs in Michigan and Ohio.

To date, GECM has provided training to over 190 individuals from 16 CBOCs. Several more CBOCs will participate by year's end. Response to the GEC-VA-GRECC collaborative training is very positive, outcome data is being collected and analyzed, and discussions are underway to provide training in the remaining VISN 11 CBOCs as well as the VA medical centers in this region. We especially want to thank our colleagues at the Western Reserve GEC for helping us take a good idea and make it better. For more information about GECM projects, contact GECM at 517-353-7828 or gecm@msu.edu

NEVADA GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER

Patti Swager, NGEN Project Director

Nevada GEC Launches an Independent Study Program

The Providers' Certificate of Specialization in Aging was initially created as a "live" format consisting of 14 three-hour presentations for a total of 40+ hours of education. Since staff time limited the frequency of offering each topic, the presenters were videotaped and materials were created to develop the program into 14 self-study modules. Developing the independent study materials allows us to continue the Providers' Certificate of Specialization in Aging without grant funding and to reach health care professionals throughout Nevada. The development of the self-study materials was completed in June 2006. Between July and October of this year, 97 people have purchased the independent study modules. Each module consists of a video tape or DVD, handout materials and a test. The participant keeps all the materials, but returns the test. Exams must be returned within 21 days, participants must receive a passing score of 70% or higher on the exam in order to qualify for credit, and the entire series must be completed within two years to earn the certificate.

Participants who complete the modules provide positive comments about the knowledge they gain, the ways they will use the information, and the quality of speakers and materials. No one has completed all 14 self-study modules to date; however, three quotes from participants who completed the 14-topic series when it was still a "live" program include: (1) "The Providers' Certificate of Specialization in Aging series provided a convenient and inexpensive way to enhance my knowledge and skills necessary to effectively meet the unique needs of our rapidly growing senior population."; (2) "Concise, holistic approach enabling recipients to engage in professional development to better serve the geriatric population."; and (3) "These classes have helped me increase the knowledge I need to assist in the care of the elderly!"

The program is designed to address common issues of aging encountered by health care professionals. It provides those interested in the field of aging with a core base of knowledge in gerontology. This information

assists health care professionals in providing better care for their older clients/patients or in preparing for a future career in aging. While the entire program consists of 14 topics, each topic stands alone and may be used for continuing education credit and/or may be used toward the Providers' Certificate program requirements. The 14 topics addressed in the certificate are as follows:

Advance Directives and End of Life Planning	Mental Health Issues and Aging
Communicating with the Elderly	Multi-cultural Aspects of Aging
Community Resources for Older Adults	Pharmacology and Aging
Death, Dying and the Grieving Process	Physiology of Aging
Elder Abuse and Exploitation	Promoting Physical Health in Aging
Functional Assessment of the Elderly	Psychology of Aging
Medical Issues of Aging	Sociology of Aging

The Providers' Certificate of Specialization in Aging enables health care professionals to better understand and meet clients'/patients' needs and is comparable to a three-credit college course that would provide an overview in gerontology. Contact the Nevada Geriatric Education Center (NGEC) at (702) 671-2381 for more information. Visit the NGEC website for additional information about our center: <http://www.unr.edu/ngec/>

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GERIATRIC EDUCATION CENTER

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Healthy Aging-Phase II

The Northern California GEC (NorCal GEC) is collaborating with the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC) in a project funded by The California Endowment to improve quality of health care for low-income elders in San Francisco. The project, entitled Healthy Aging – Phase II, is funded for eighteen months, 8/1/06-1/31/08. The GEC will assist SFCCC to develop, implement, and evaluate a training program in culturally-competent care for older patients for the health professionals who provide care for elders in four of the Consortium's clinics. SFCCC, which has been a community partner in the NorCal GEC consortium since 2003, is a partnership of ten not-for-profit primary care health centers that provide community-based primary health care to the uninsured, underinsured, and underserved in the city and county of San Francisco. For more information, contact Joan B. Wood, PhD, Director, NorCal GEC, at joan.wood@ucsf.edu or 415-514-0720.

2006-2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
November 6 th -7 th , 2006	Reflecting on 100 Years of Alzheimer's: The Global Impact on Quality of Lives	Crowne Plaza Cleveland City Centre Cleveland, OH	216-368-4945 IAConference@case.edu fpb.case.edu/CFA/announce.shtm
November 8 th , 2006	Grand Rounds- PACE: The Model and Its Evolution	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Judy Hazelden 585-760-6352 www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/flgce/events.aspx
November 15 th , 2006	Grand Rounds- Osteoporosis in Men	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Judy Hazelden 585-760-6352 www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/flgce/events.aspx

November 16 th , 2006	Annual Meeting NAGE and NAGEC	Adam's Mark Hotel Dallas, TX	j.mendez@wayne.edu
November 16 th -20 th , 2006	The Gerontological Society of America's 59 th Annual Scientific Meeting	Adam's Mark Hotel Dallas, TX	www.agingconference.com
November 29 th , 2006	Grand Rounds- Constipation in Older Adults: Medication Review	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Judy Hazelden 585-760-6352 www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/flgec/events.aspx
December 6 th , 2006	Grand Rounds- Managing Patients with Barretts Esophagus	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Judy Hazelden 585-760-6352 www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/flgec/events.aspx
December 8 th , 2006	20 th Annual Geriatric Symposium & 6 th Annual Meeting of the Primary Care Dementia Network	Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	517-353-7828 gecm@msu.edu http://www.com.msu.edu/gecm/programs.html
December 13 th , 2006	Grand Rounds- The Elderly Pelvic Floor: Managing Urogynecologic Conditions in Seniors	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Judy Hazelden 585-760-6352 www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/flgec/events.aspx
December 20 th , 2006	Grand Rounds- The Oral/Systemic Connection: Current Knowledge and Current Theories	Monroe Community Hospital Rochester, NY	Judy Hazelden 585-760-6352 www.urmc.rochester.edu/medicine/flgec/events.aspx
March 23 rd -24 th , 2007	Geriatric Medicine and Leadership Training	Long Beach, CA	Denise Gutierrez 310-312-0531 dgutierrez@mednet.ucla.edu
April 20 th , 2007	California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics (CCGG) Annual Meeting	Long Beach, CA	Brian Manning 310-312-0531 bmanning@mednet.ucla.edu
June 8 th , 2007	Research Advances: Risk Reduction through Physical Activity and Vascular Health	University of Southern California	Denise Gutierrez 310-312-0531 dgutierrez@mednet.ucla.edu
June 22 nd -24 th , 2007	California Association of Long Term Care Medicine (CALTCM) Annual Meeting	Long Beach Marriott Hotel, Long Beach, CA	Brian Manning 310-312-0531 bmanning@mednet.ucla.edu

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