



NEWS FROM THE BUREAU

Please note a change in the date for BHPPr day at GSA. It is Friday, November 22, 2002. It will take place in the Daniel Webster Courier Room, Westin Copley Hotel from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. An agenda will be e-mailed as soon as it is developed. The NAGEC Meeting at GSA will be on Friday, November 22 from 3-5 p.m. It will follow immediately after the BHPPr Meetings.

NAGEC NEWS

Andrea Sherman, PhD, President

Greetings GEC Supporters

Please see Scott Frey's note below and pick up the telephone to call your Reps in the House!

All GEC Directors should call their Representatives in the House by early next week to urge full funding for Geriatric Education Centers in the Labor HHS Appropriations Bill. The overall limits in the Bill are too low and the Administration is refusing to add more money for Public Health Programs. Given the poor Senate numbers, this could pose a serious problem for GECs. If we don't get improvement in the House bill it will be very difficult to restore in conference.

STANFORD GEC

Marita Grudzer, Associate Director

Breast Health Initiative

The Stanford Geriatric Education Center developed, with the Community-University Roundtables Project and local Senior Centers serving ethnic minority women, a model of innovative programming: The Senior Women's Breast Health Initiative. The initiative culminated in two events. On May 17th, thirty minority senior leaders from local communities were honored with a luncheon in a European style restaurant at which Dr. Denise I. Johnson, surgical oncologist, shared the latest innovations in breast cancer prevention, detection and treatment. A lively discussion ensued where these senior women described their experiences with breast and other cancers, as well as voiced their concerns about access issues, personal issues to pursuing breast care, and how to utilize local resources. Ethnic specific resource material was made available, and material was translated for Spanish-speaking participants. A Spanish-speaking interpreter was also present. Each woman received a corsage, two gift bags with scented soaps, and breast self-exam shower tags.

CALIFORNIA GEC

Janet C. Frank, DrPH, Director

Caring for Elders with Cognitive Impairment: A Model for Training of Trainers

Through a CGEC initiative to improve quality of care provided to older adults by community organizations, a model for training of trainers (ToT) in community-based care was developed and implemented in the San Francisco Bay Area. Key to the success of the planning process was a local needs assessment which included a key informants survey of the Staff Development Directors of local aging services organizations and a survey of their staff who have teaching responsibilities as part of their job descriptions. Both the content and the format of the training sessions were based on data from the needs assessment, thus maximizing participation in the ToT sessions. One of the participant organizations provided space and AV equipment for the training in exchange for

complementary registrations for their staff. The overall theme for the ToT sessions, which took place on a series of Fridays in April, May, and June 2002, was Caring for Elders with Cognitive Impairment. Each day's training had a separate theme, e.g., Geriatric Assessment, Behavioral Problems, Pain Assessment and Treatment, Decision Making. The format for each training day had three components: presentation of the content on the daily theme during the morning, followed by case-based integration of the related ethnic/cultural issues and a workshop on teaching the content in the afternoon. Participants were required to develop an educational plan showing how they would implement what they had learned in their own teaching activities. A follow-up session was held on Sept. 20, in which participants shared the results of implementing their plans and participated in workshops on analyzing the effectiveness of teaching and translating knowledge into practice change. This model for training of trainers in community-based care will be replicated by the CGEC in other content areas and in multiple settings. For more information, please contact Lucio Arruda, 310-312-0531 or larruda@ucla.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
October 10, 2002	Nutrition & Aging – Implications for Long-Term Care	Scarritt-Bennett Center Nashville, TN	LeMonica Lewis 615-327-6037
October 11, 2002	Meeting the Challenge of Nutrition & Hydration in Cancer	Granite Falls, MN	320-564-4511
October 11-13, 2002	Geriatric Services Management Training	Crown Plaza Hotel Los Angeles, CA	Caterina de Carvalho 310-312-0531 cdecarvalho@mednet.ucla.edu
October 12-14, 2002	Third International Conference on Family Care – Empowerment Through Innovation	Crystal Gateway Marriott Arlington, VA	301-718-8444 info.nac@erols.com www.caregiving.org/content/conference2002.html
October 17-19, 2002	Provider's Certificate of Specialization in Aging Mini Conference	Castaways Motel & Casino Las Vegas, NV	Linda Wiley 702-671-2381 lwiley@med.unr.edu
October 19, 2002	University of the Third Age Conference	Saint Louis University	314-268-5644
October 22, 2002	Addiction Issues in the Geriatric Population	Marshall, MN	320-564-4511
October 30, 2002	Advanced Directives & End of Life Planning	University of Nevada School of Medicine Patient Care Center	Linda Wiley 702-671-2381 lwiley@med.unr.edu
November 7, 2002	Podiatric Medicine Continuing Education	University of Miami	305-243-6270 http://www.miami.edu/magec
November 9-10, 2002	Pharmacy Continuing Education	University of Miami	305-243-6270 http://www.miami.edu/magec

November 20, 2002	Pharmacology of Aging	Las Vegas, NV Reno, NV	Linda Wiley 702-671-2381 lwiley@med.unr.edu
November 22, 2002	Nursing Continuing Education	University of Miami	305-243-6270 http://www.miami.edu/magec
December 5-6, 2002	22 nd Annual Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center Conference on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	Saint Louis University	314-268-5644
December 6, 2002	Nursing Continuing Education	University of Miami	305-243-6270 http://www.miami.edu/magec
December 7, 2002	Podiatric Medicine Continuing Education	University of Miami	305-243-6270 http://www.miami.edu/magec
December 7, 2002	14 th Annual Saint Louis University Symposium for Medical Directors	Saint Louis University	314-268-5644
December 13, 2002	Nursing Continuing Education	University of Miami	305-243-6270 http://www.miami.edu/magec
December 18, 2002	Elder Abuse & Exploitation	Las Vegas, NV Reno, NV	Linda Wiley 702-671-2381 lwiley@med.unr.edu
April 3-5, 2002	Provider's Certificate of Specialization in Aging	Circus Circus Hotel & Casino Reno, NV	Linda Wiley 702-671-2381 lwiley@med.unr.edu