

Arthritis Council

Arthritis Council Summary

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 2:00 PM ET

ATTENDEES:

Arkansas – Ashley King	Missouri – Beth Richards	Virginia – Mona Burrell, Karen Day; Melicent Miller
Kansas – Lainey Faulkner	Montana – Melissa Dale	Washington – Chris Zipperer
Massachusetts – Meaghan Avery; Jennifer Raymond; Peter Doliber; Caitlyn Sweeney	New Hampshire – Scot Foster	Other states/participants - Heather Murphy, NACDD
Minnesota – Amy Michael; Ann Schulte; Kris Haugen; Selam Tilahun	New York –Nettie Romanzo-Smith; Katie Potestio	
	Oregon – Tara Weston	
	Rhode Island – Jasmine Franco	

I. **Call to Order** – Chair, Scot Foster (NH)

- Scot welcomed everyone to the webinar and officially call the meeting to order.

II. **State Sharing and Discussion**

- Open discussion about program implementation in the wake of the pandemic and how the Council can support the work of states.
 - Scot (NH) shared that NH is focusing on WWE-SD.
 - Amy (MN) shared that she is being pulled into COVID-19 hotline and others are being shifted around to address needs; the MN arthritis mini-grants (11) to start group walking programs shifted to WWE-SD.
 - Lainey (KS) shared that team members are also being pulled into other activities (e.g. hotline, epi hotline); project is working to support partners as best they can; shifting group to self-directed programs (including WWE); KS is working with their state extension on programs and finds it is more difficult for rural areas to implement virtual programs. There is a meeting with the state employee health plan to see if they are interested in WWE during this time.
 - Jennifer (MA) has staff pulled into COVID-19 services (25-30% increase in meals each day); referring more people into online BCBH program (web based) to help with arthritis management and social connectedness; not sure if this will be a sustainable long term solution, a little more resource heavy; piloting first CDSMP Zoom program next week, which will be directed towards folks that were at the very beginning of course implementation or were part of a planned course that was scheduled to start March/April; staff reached out to community partners that had workshops scheduled and they each reached out to attendees to see how was available to participate online; have 12 people so far and will cap it at this. Jennifer will provide a report out next month on what is working and what is not re BCBH and CDSMP.
 - Jasmine (RI) reported that many have been pulled into COVID-19 response management. The RI Arthritis Program is trying to do BCBH and WWE is on hold for now.

- Mona (VA) reported that they are working on WWE self-guided and working with VDOT, VA Dept of Ed and local health district, as well as the and central office on WWE self-guided program; a weekly Google hangout session has been incorporated as an opportunity for all participants; participants receive weekly emails throughout the course but now also have an opportunity to participate in a live chat/Google hangout; so far they have had a number of people participate in the hangout. VA is going to purchase the SRMC toolkit (helps to track completers) and BCBH (with BCBH there is not a need to recruit a large number of people). The cost for 124 BCBH seats is about \$245/pp which seems to be consistent across the US). Melicent provided info that they are putting things into place to ensure program coverage in the event that COVID-19 impacts the VDH. VA did share that the pandemic poses a strain on their partners; they rely on partners (e.g. AAAs) to implement CDSMP and BCBH; VA is working to provide support to these partner agencies.
- Katie (NY) is working on arthritis as much as possible; the NY Arthritis Program has not been impacted directly by COVID-19, though there is a significant impact on their partners like the Y as they are the providers in NYC area.
- Beth (MO) shared her perspective as a contractor for the MO DOH implementing the arthritis program. She has not been impacted directly but did report that the 7 arthritis center regions in the state chose not to go virtual route for AAEBIs; they are pursuing the CDSMP toolkits and vendor (Bull Publishing) is allowing them to order just the booklets at a bulk price of \$7/ea.
- Ashley (AR) shared that they are working to encourage an online platform for WWE.
- WWE e-book:

III. Announcements

- Walk With Ease work group call April 16, 2020, 11 AM ET. Contact hmurphy@chronicdisease.org for more information.
- May 2020 Arthritis Council call will feature a presentation and discussion on the OA Action Alliance WWE Portal
- The NACDD healthcare provider communications toolkit is complete and all files/resources will be available via a Dropbox link, once the CDC arthritis team provides a final review
- NACDD is hosting a virtual Disability Inclusion Summit that will take place over several days (May 19, 20, 27, June 3 and 10). This webinar series will highlight the Inclusive Healthy Communities Model. For more information email Karma Harris at kedwards@chronicdisease.org.

IV. Adjourn

*The next Arthritis Council call will be held on Tuesday, **May 5, 2020** at 2:00 PM ET.*