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Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional Geriatric Education Center

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OVAR/GEC Programs Featured at 2008 UK Summer Series on Aging Conference

The OVAR/GEC sponsored two sessions at the 2008 annual University of Kentucky Summer Series on Aging Conference held in Lexington on June 23-25. The conference was attended by 330 health care professionals from 19 states representing 20 disciplines.

With a focus on health literacy, Kay Loughrey, MPH, MSM, RD, brought to the conference 20 years of successful leadership experience in building programs to ensure the health and well being of older adults and a unique combination of skills in social marketing, health promotion, and health communications. She currently works for the U.S Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) where one of her responsibilities is to lead town hall strategic planning meetings to help communities create their health literacy agendas for the future.

Jim Concotelli, MSW, PhD, recognized by the International Council on Active Aging as one of the top ten innovators in wellness programming for older adults, shared The LiveWell Program that he developed for Horizon Bay Senior Communities. He presented the initiative on fall prevention/fall reduction which has been documented as decreasing fear of falling while increasing confidence handling falls, activity levels, mobility, mobility range, and social activity. This successful program recently won a Best Practice award from the National Council on Aging Health Promotion Institute.

OVAR/GEC Essentials of Dementia Care Train the Trainer Training

The OVAR/GEC, University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association of Greater Kentucky and southern Indiana and Fayette County Extension Services will collaborate on a day-long Essentials of Dementia Care Training on 11/06/08. The training will present the latest information on AD while role modeling teaching techniques to enable health care providers to train long term care facility nurse aides to better care for persons with AD. Each trainee will complete a training action plan and take home a 100 page training manual complete with lesson plans, content, resources and evaluations. Six-month follow-up evaluations will document the number of nurse aides that were trained and changes identified in the institutions as a result of utilizing the training materials.

The Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers

Jennifer Griffith, MA, Program Manager

The Consortium of New York Geriatric Education Centers (CNYGEC) is pleased to announce our educational programming for 2008-2009. This year the CNYGEC features new faculty and topics. The CNYGEC partnered with healthcare professionals and faculty from community-based agencies, Mount Sinai School of Medicine Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Adult Development, New York University College of Nursing, Columbia University Stroud Center for Studies of Quality of Life in Health and Aging, and Hunter College's Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity to create a diverse curriculum for professionals in a range of disciplines, including but not limited to: nurses, social workers, physicians, case managers, administrators, therapists and others who plan to offer services to older adults.

Program Updates

Our upcoming trainings include: "Sexuality & Intimacy with Elders," "Transforming Long Term Care," "Living in the Community" and "Geriatric Care Management," which specifically targets social workers working with older adults.

The CNYGEC works closely with the Oneida Indian Nation, St. Regis Mohawk, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora tribes in Upstate New York in order to contribute to the health and well-being of older Native Americans. This year our "Indian Nation Conference" will be from May 4 – May 5, 2009.

The multi-site videoconference on emerging issues in aging will be held on June 2, 2009. If you would like to participate, please contact Jennifer Griffith via phone: (718) 584-9000 X3850, or via e-mail: jennifer.griffith@mssm.edu.

The CNYGEC and NYC Department for the Aging co-sponsor an annual "Geriatric Emergency Preparedness Program." This 40-hour certificate program teaches healthcare professionals assessment and intervention skills to respond to clients' needs, identify provider and caregiver burnout, develop and implement programming, and conduct training and in-service educational programs.

The CNYGEC introduces a training titled "Settings of Care and Transitions." This program focuses on the significant and traumatic changes older adults face in their "homes," including substandard, isolated and unaffordable housing options.

Miami Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC)

Mamie Brisker, MPA, Research Trainer

The Miami Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC) held its Intensive Geriatric Training July 21 through July 23 at the Miami VA Medical Center in Miami, Florida. The three days of training included presenters from various disciplines providing training in the delivery of efficient interdisciplinary team care in order to meet the healthcare needs of older adults. Additionally, from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Secretary E. Douglas Beach delivered an eye opening speech that addressed the key issues, benefits and problems associated with Florida's growing elder population. Altogether there were over 90 participants, 20 presenters and three full days of learning and team building.

In the coming months, MAGEC will be following up the Intensive Geriatric Training with discipline specific modules. Please check the MAGEC website for more information on these modules: <http://www.miami.edu/magec>.

Also, in October, MAGEC will be partnering with the Health Foundation of South Florida to implement several Master Trainings including *A Matter of Balance*, *Chronic Disease Self Management* and *Enhance Fitness*. These trainings will enable local agencies to adopt evidence based health promotion and prevention interventions by allowing their staff to be trained in these programs.

To get on our (e)mailing list, please email your information to magec@med.miami.edu.

National Training and Coordination Collaborative (NTACC) Geriatric Education Centers

Julianne Manchester, PhD, Project Director

AGHE 2009 Symposium:

“Exploring the Logic of Health Literacy Training and Evaluation: Measuring Secondary and Tertiary Effects in Geriatric Education”

Plan to attend the NTACC’s health literacy-based symposium at the annual conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), February 26-March 1, 2009. Several faculty members from the NTACC’s Leadership Team and Advisory Panel will be discussing the evaluation of health literacy programming in stakeholder-rich environments.

The first paper, “Stakeholder-Based Health Literacy Programming,” will discuss literature (characteristics, notions of causal chains) that informs health literacy programming. Learn about common barriers encountered in health literacy implementation and ways to anticipate obstacles to data collection. Health literacy, a Healthy People 2010 objective, is the most frequently cited programming area among the GECs. The second paper, “Measuring Secondary and Tertiary Effects of Geriatrics Education,” will explore secondary (Knowledge, Skills and Abilities – KSAs – and competencies) and tertiary effects measurable with health literacy programming. Quantitative and qualitative measures pertaining to the effects of educational interventions will be discussed. Special emphasis will be given to patient-level assessments and secondary data sets on health outcomes, and how the two may be integrated into evaluation planning. The third paper, “Logic Modeling for Formative and Summative Evaluation,” will discuss the NTACC evaluation continuum across 2 domains (Faculty-Student, 1-6, and Practitioner-Patient, 1-6) with associated logic models. Participants will learn to approach the questions of formative and summative evaluation using systems-based logic modeling. The logic modeling portion will translate this language from the proximal to distal levels of process, intermediate and impact. Both objective (observational) and subjective (self-report knowledge) measures, as well as target goals, across the 2 domains will be discussed.

Discussants and Faculty: Molly Engle, PhD; Rob Fischer, PhD; Judith L. Howe, PhD; Jurgis Karuza, PhD; Julianne Manchester, PhD, MA; Patrick Murray, MD, MS; Elyse Perweiler, MPP, RN; Rosellen Rosich, PhD; Joan Weiss, PhD, RN, CRNP.

The exact day/time/location of the symposium is yet to be determined. Please continue checking AGHE’s website, <http://www.aghe.org/site/aghewebsite/>, for updated information. Or contact Vanessa Astraitis, NTACC Project Coordinator, via phone: (216)778-8367, or via e-mail: vanessa.astraitis@case.edu.

NTACC Webinar Series on Evaluation Methodologies for GECs:

“To What Degree Do Geriatric Education Center (GEC) Trainings Influence Practice Among Health Professionals?”

The National Training and Coordination Collaborative (NTACC) is looking forward to delivering the second webinar in a series to address evaluation topics pertinent to GEC programming. Webinars were developed to provide useful frameworks for the shaping of evaluation plans using computer-based and interactive training

delivery. Planned webinars will focus on data management and analysis for enhanced reporting of secondary and tertiary indicators, the NTACC Evaluation Continuum, program logic modeling with GEC applications, measurement and scaling, the use of secondary data sets to estimate site and region-specific health outcomes and lessons from the field.

Registration begins October 23, 2008, for the NTACC's second webinar for 2008-2009. The webinar will be held December 4, 2008, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

This webinar will explore ways to capture primary through tertiary practitioner to patient outcomes of GEC programming, reportable in evaluation narratives. The webinar will apply these approaches using the tools of Survey Monkey, the Tracker and Excel. Participants will learn to organize data for comprehensive reporting and will be in a better position to answer important evaluation questions: Which modes of delivery produce the greatest gains in KSAs by program areas? Which trainee grouping is most likely to change practice in falls prevention, and to what degree are practice changes being made?

(1.5 hours) E-Course Syllabus

- ✓ Defining and measuring primary, secondary and tertiary indicators
- ✓ Tips on data collection and preparation (question clarity, data coding, etc.) using Excel and Survey Monkey illustrations
- ✓ Linking trainees to programs to highlight secondary and tertiary educational effects through descriptive statistics
- ✓ Integrating quantitative with qualitative data for comprehensive reporting
- ✓ Implications for advanced reporting

Contact Vanessa Astraitis, NTACC Project Coordinator, via phone: (216) 778-8367, or via e-mail: vanessa.astraitis@case.edu with questions and look for the e-invitation in October!

REMINDER: As announced in the last Pipeline edition, please plan to attend **Evaluating Geriatrics Education with Multiple Stakeholders: Using Logic and Intuition to Link Secondary and Tertiary Outcomes**, November 21, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., National Harbor 5, at the GSA conference. Check the official GSA website, <http://www.agingconference.com/>, for a full description of this Pre-Conference Institute.

2008-2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>DATE/TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>CONTACT</i>
September 14-17, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 6:10 p.m.	Intensive Update with Board Review in Geriatric and Palliative Medicine	New York City, NY	Mount Sinai School of Medicine Page and William Black Post-Graduate School Office of CME (212)731-7950
September 17-20, 2008	25th Annual UCLA Intensive Course in Geriatric Medicine Geriatric Pharmacy and Board Review	Marina del Rey Marriott Marina del Rey, CA	Pamela Jackson-McCall prjackso@mednet.ucla.edu (310)312-0531
September 19, 26, October 3, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Gerontology Continuing Education Program	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
September 24, 2008	Evidence-Based Community Interventions for Geriatric Depression and Cognitive Decline	Akron City Hospital Akron, Ohio	Jamie Henry (330)325-6361
September 24, 2008 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Grand Rounds OB-GYN	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
September 24, 2008 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Geriatric Student Forum	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
September 24–25, 2008	Nutrition and Aging XXIII: Alternative and Complementary Nutrition	Peabody Hotel Little Rock, AR	Sue Porbeck, CHES (501)257-5543 www.agec.org
September 25, 2008 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST	Webinar: Evaluation Foundations: Linking Competencies with Practice Using Continuous Approaches	N/A	Julianne Manchester, PhD julianne.manchester@case.edu (216)778-7147
September 26-27, 2008	The 16th Annual Care of the Elderly Conference	Sitka, AL	Marilyn Durocher marilyn.durocher@uas.alaska.edu (800)478-6653 ext. 7728 www.uas.alaska.edu/sitka/coed/conferences/elderly.html
October 1, 2008 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Parkinson's Disease: Sharing Wisdom	Las Vegas, Nevada	Diann Jones dsjones@medicine.nevada.edu (775)682-8470
October 8, 2008 9:00 a.m.	Update on Urinary Incontinence for the Practicing Internist	Stony Brook University Medical Center Stony Brook, NY	Melissa Simpson LIGEC@stonybrook.edu
October 8, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Senior Exposition	Nashville, TN Fairgrounds	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
October 10, 17, 24, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Gerontology Continuing Education Program	Bowling Green, KY	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec

October 24, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Third Annual Integrative Therapies Conference STRESS: Clinical Perspectives and Prescriptions for Wellness	MetroHealth Medical Center Cleveland, Ohio	Conference Line (216)778-7707 rradzewicz@metrohealth.org
October 24, 2008 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	The Aftermath of Trauma: Impacting the Victim and Society	Akron City Hospital Akron, Ohio	Area Agency on Aging (800)421-7277 ext 3606
October 22-24, 2008	Donald W. Reynolds Mini-Fellowship Program in Geriatrics at UCLA	Los Angeles, CA	Anne Hu, MPH annehu@mednet.ucla.edu (310)312-0531
November 12, 2008 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Family Medicine – Geriatric Lectures	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
November 19, 2008 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Geriatric Student Forum	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
November 21, 2008	Multiple Stakeholders: Using Logic and Intuition to Link Secondary and Tertiary Outcomes	N/A	Julianne Manchester, PhD julianne.manchester@case.edu (216)778-7147
December 5, 12, 19, 2008 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Gerontology Continuing Education Program	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
December 10, 2008 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Family Medicine – Geriatric Lectures	Meharry Medical College Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH rgarrett@mmc.edu (615)327-6919 www.mmc.edu/education/medical/mcgec
February 20 – 21, 2009	Geriatric Medicine Update: Cardiovascular Disease Conference	Little Rock, AR	Sue Porbeck, CHS SPPorbeck@uams.edu (501)257-5543 www.agec.org

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