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OPADD is alive and enabling some very important work on the linkages between Long Term Care and Developmental Disability service workers as evidenced in the recent meeting of Co-chairs with the Collaborative which continues as the linkage for Regions.

Health & Long Term Care, Community and Social Services Ministries along with the Senior's Secretariat maintains their interest in OPADD through 3 or 4 meetings per year to identify any arising issues facing the work in the Regions.

The Regions reported on their meetings and activities, which included:

- : Aging in place initiatives. It is recommended that all agencies have a policy on this.
- : Training in the "Gentle Persuasion Approach" with workshops to follow.
- : Simcoe held a very successful Market place of services - a model perhaps.
- : Workshops were held in various regions on Dementia
- : U-First Training has been revised and will be offered in early 2010

Some issues were identified such as: flagging persons with Developmental Disabilities in hospitals, and on the street.

OPADD as a Community of Practice (CoP) within the Senior's Health Research Health Transfer Network, presented a three session learning process called Showcase. This employs a three step learning process through teleconferencing, the computer and finally a one hour discussion. Other workshop being planned for early 2010 include one on Integrated Day Programs.