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PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The OPADD Project Collaborative Committee met on January 26 to examine questions pertaining to the sustainability of the project. Discussion identified successes to date and a vision of the future. Some of the successes include the regional committees and the work they have done to bring the players together, initiate cross sector dialogue and planning processes. The OPADD guides and other documents were also identified as important practical contributions to the work of service providers and planners. The Vision of the future includes a landscape where planning and service delivery silos have given way to a fluent cross sector dialogue and integrated planning that supports quality of life for older adults with a developmental disability.

Ideological barriers that keep some players from entering the dialogue to learn from one another and build new approaches that support quality of life were also noted. The Collaborative will be meeting again in the coming weeks to continue the discussion.

REGIONAL CO-CHAIR TRAINING FOLLOW-UP

During the Co-Chair sessions, Regional Co-chairs identified a number of ideas for building our communication capacity. A summary of these ideas were included in the last project report to OPADD. A survey has now gone out to the regions asking for an update on how regions are putting some of these ideas in place and requesting input on how we can achieve others with provincial implications. Thanks to the regions!

REGIONAL CO-CHAIR TRAINING COSTS

When the idea for the regional meeting was first proposed, regions were asked if they could contribute to the costs. Some indicated that this would be possible. We subsequently received funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Reena and New Leaf to help. However, the high cost of travel and inflation in the cost of hotel accommodation and meals has left us a little short. We will be sending a request out to the regions very soon to ask for some help in defraying the deficit. This approach helps us to fund some important additional activities, which are not covered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant.

WEB CHANGES CONTINUE BEHIND THE SCENES

Many changes have been made to the web site over the past several weeks: updated text, new content and new links. A more comprehensive set of changes is now being put in place by our web developer. Once these have been completed we will be uploading the new site structure so all can see it. In the meantime changes will continue behind the scenes.

LOCAL PROJECTS

If you are part of a project, have developed a policy or protocol or are aware of a cross sector initiative, please send us information or tell us who to contact for information. Send info to aamore@opadd.on.ca

OPADD GUIDE ON PERSONAL CARE AND PROPERTY

Second draft is being prepared. We will be going with a guide that focuses on older adults with a developmental disability. An expanded version that includes other special needs populations may be considered in the future.