

UTHealth Consortium on Aging

ANNUAL REPORT

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OVERVIEW

Overview

AN IMPRESSIVE YEAR

Dear Consortium Members:

Our consortium is made up of dynamic individuals dedicated to improving the lives of older adults. Each of you brings a different skill set to our community and I thank you for the hard work you do every day.

The UTHealth Consortium on Aging, with 163 members, is uniquely positioned to change the landscape of healthcare for older adults by providing geriatric education and training to more healthcare providers and caregivers, supporting translational research collaboration, and working to create a coordinated, comprehensive approach to inpatient and outpatient geriatric care.

I hope to get to see each of you at one of our 2017 events and encourage you to keep in touch with our programs through our website: <https://www.uth.edu/aging/>.



Carmel Dyer, MD
Executive Director
January 10, 2017

EVENTS

Events

AGING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM



Dr. Johnny Huard giving a lecture during the Symposium

The Consortium on Aging hosted an Aging Research Symposium in June 2016. Co-chaired by Dr. Carmel Dyer and Dr. Johnny Huard, this full-day event featured lectures by nine aging researchers, including Dr. Paul Robbins from Scripps in Florida and Dr. Irina Conboy from the University of California at Berkeley. This symposium was designed to increase collaboration across aging researchers at UTHealth and other Texas Medical Center institutions in order to build relationships leading to increased translational research.

With almost 100 in attendance, we received very positive feedback and plan to make this an annual event. Please see “Future Goals” for more information.

HOT TOPICS IN AGING

Together with the Phyllis Gough Huffington Endowed Lecture Series, the Consortium on Aging hosted an interprofessional continuing education course titled “Hot Topics in Aging.” Dr. Jessica Lee, Program Director, led the event which featured presentations by internal and external faculty. The keynote speakers were Dr. Christopher Callahan, Director of the Indiana University Center for Aging Research, and Dr. Thomas Finucane, Professor of Medicine and Bioethics at Johns Hopkins. Continuing education credits for medicine, nursing, social work, and dentistry were offered. We were delighted to have almost 90 individuals in attendance and hope to expand on this success in the coming year.

WORLD ALZHEIMER’S DAY

On World Alzheimer’s Day, September 21, the Consortium on Aging collaborated with the UTHealth Department of Psychiatry to feature a panel focused on recent research and current trends in treatment care for those with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia. The event was appreciated by the community, with over 130 people in attendance.

We were proud to be a part of such a successful gathering and look forward to continuing this partnership in the year to come.



REVIEW OF ACTIVITY

Review of Activity

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Consortium on Aging has 163 members from five UTHealth schools, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas Women's University, University of Houston, Sam Houston State University and other local aging-related organizations. This represents an 11% increase from last year. We are so pleased that our members find value in their Consortium on Aging membership and that we continue to receive applications for new membership. The opportunities for collaboration and interprofessional education are so important as we work to promote healthy and meaningful aging.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

The Consortium on Aging undertook a complete redesign of our website in the last year. The new website is now live and contains a monthly blog post by Bryant Boutwell, DrPH; resource pages for patients and caregivers and health care professionals; and educational products from our Houston Geriatric Education Center. The new site is much easier to navigate and actively directs people to resources and educational products that have been made available for both patients and healthcare professionals. See: <https://www.uth.edu/aging/>

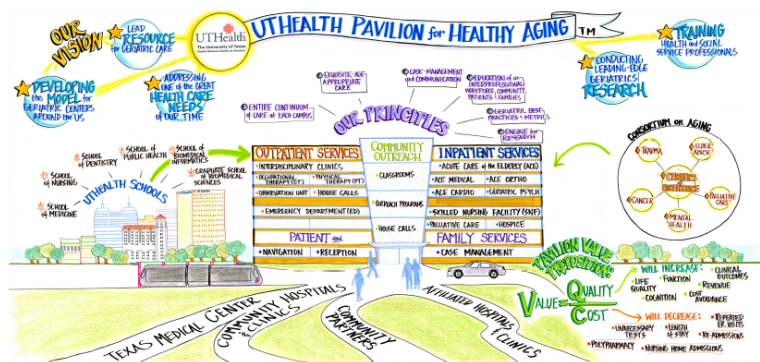


EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

The Phyllis Gough Huffington Endowed Lectureship brought Paula K. Shireman, MD, MS, Professor of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and Microbiology and Immunology, from the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio to give a lecture titled "Developing the Evidence Base for Vascular Interventions." Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, BCPS, CPE, Professor and Vice Chair of Education at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, came to give a lecture titled "Consensus Guidelines for Methadone Safety and Effectiveness in Hospice and Palliative Care." These lectures provide an important opportunity for Consortium on Aging members to learn from experts from other organizations. Stay tuned for more lectures in the coming months!

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GERIATRIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM



The 2015 Consortium on Aging Strategic Plan dictated the need for a coordinated, comprehensive approach to inpatient and outpatient care for older adults. The Consortium on Aging leadership team worked tirelessly throughout 2016 to garner support and consensus for this initiative. A group of community leaders formed the Texas Geriatric Hospital Coalition and have been instrumental in moving this initiative forward. Chancellor McRaven

commissioned a University of Texas System Texas Geriatric Hospital Task Force to provide input and guidance. Local and national political leaders have become engaged and are hopeful that they can help facilitate negotiations with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services for some kind of Medicare Innovation Funding.

The pavilion approach we have been working with is now being called the Geriatric Hospital System. We believe that this title best reflects the clinical research and educational goals of this initiative. We are pleased to report that we received support from President Colasurdo to start the planning phase for this system on December 1, 2016. This has been a major focus for the Consortium on Aging and will continue to be during 2017.

SENIOR JUSTICE ASSESSMENT CENTER GRANT AWARD

One of the projects designed by a community-based interprofessional team and supported by the Consortium on Aging strategic plan is the Senior Justice Assessment Center, a one-stop shop where older adults can seek assistance through representatives from Adult Protective Services, Houston Police Department, The District Attorney's office, the County Attorney's office, UTHealth geriatricians, and others. Harris County Protective Services received a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant to fund the center. The leadership team is busy hiring key team members and fleshing out policies and procedures with the goal of starting to serve clients in March, 2017.

THE JOHN A. HARTFORD FOUNDATION (JAHF) SITE VISIT AND AWARD

The John A. Hartford Foundation, under the guidance of their new President Dr. Terry Fulmer, has made elder abuse a new area of focus. We were selected to be one of four sites for a visit from representatives from the JAHF in June 2016. Three Senior Program Officers from the JAHF came for a half-day site visit. We were able to convene representatives from the Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment (TEAM) Institute, LBJ General Hospital, Harris Health System, and UTHealth to share all of the work we have done around elder abuse and brainstorm ideas for a hospital-based intervention to identify, treat, and prevent elder abuse. UTHealth is one of four sites that were included in a 2-year planning grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation to develop an intervention to identify

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and prevent elder mistreatment. We are very proud to be included in this grant and look forward to making an impact on elder mistreatment in the United States.

FIFTY+ RADIO SHOW

The Consortium on Aging continues to serve as the presenting sponsor for the Doug Pike Fifty+ Radio show. This radio show is broadcast Sundays at 11am on AM950 KPRC and again at 4pm on NewsRadio 740 KTRH. The bulk of its audience remains on KTHR with an overall audience of 8,000 listeners. A hearty thank you to all of our Consortium members that have given radio interviews! We have plans to better promote this partnership through the Consortium website, including a mechanism for listeners to submit questions in advance of the radio interview. Please consider signing up for an interview on the Fifty+ show so that you can share your knowledge and expertise with our community!

FUTURE GOALS

Future Goals

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

2017 will be a very exciting year for the Consortium on Aging. Effective December 1, 2016, we have begun the planning phase of the Geriatric Hospital System, in partnership with Memorial Hermann Hospital System. Our goals for the planning phase include:

- Work closely with Memorial Hermann Hospital System to develop a detailed plan for the Geriatric Hospital System, ensuring that it becomes an excellent site for interprofessional education.
- Work with UTHealth and Memorial Hermann Hospital System to develop an economic model that is beneficial to both the hospital and the university and ensure that there is a mechanism in place so that the Geriatric Hospital System will be financially viable in the long term.
- Develop evidence-based geriatric protocols and procedures for the entire continuum of care that could be implemented in hospitals across the UT System.
- Develop a robust interprofessional training program that will increase the geriatric workforce by providing opportunities for certificate courses and other short courses in geriatrics.
- Engage with community partners to identify opportunities for philanthropic support for the Geriatric Hospital System.
- Develop a robust and comprehensive onboarding and orientation program to ensure that faculty and staff hired to work in the Geriatric Hospital System are all trained with a strong understanding of service standards and geriatric principles.

2017 EVENTS

We hope to continue our involvement in important geriatric events and look forward to hosting our annual events as well. Some of the ones to look forward to are as follows:

- Member Retreat, April 25
- 2nd Annual Aging Research Symposium, June 21
- 2nd Annual Hot Topics, September 8
- World Alzheimer's Day, September 20

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