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## OHIO INJURY PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

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*Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition*

### Older Adult Falls Coalition News

5/9/14 Meeting Minutes

1. Participants were welcomed and introduced themselves.
2. Katherine Hays, DNP Student at Otterbein, spoke with the group about the PSA she developed for Older Adult Falls Prevention. Participants gave ideas and suggestions for running the PSA in various formats and for sponsorship and/or funding. ODA is working with Katherine to further develop and run the PSA.
3. Teresa Cook (AAA 5), Dancie Mohler (AAA 3) and Helen Fisher (Clermont Senior Services) provided a summary of how their organization used mini-grant funding for older adult falls prevention in 2013). A written report on the minigrants is attached.
4. Elizabeth Fries provided a overview of the RFP's for 2014 and answered questions from the group about the RFP.
5. Subcommittees of the Coalition met and created an action plan for priority objectives:
  - a. The Promotion Workgroup discussed and planned for the Statewide Conference.
  - b. The Monitoring Trends/Data workgroup discussed identifying data sources and networking with interested parties for trend data. There was discussion regarding integrating with OIPP's Data Action Group.
  - c. The Policy workgroup discussed how to rekindle HB 84 Livable Homes Tax Credit.
  - d. The Infrastructure workgroup discussed how to provide resources to local communities for falls prevention, specifically powerpoint slides to support champions who are presenting information to groups on falls prevention, materials for local entities to create their own display board, a photo/logo bank and how to guide for developing coalitions.

**FOLLOW UP Conference Calls:**

Subcommittees will follow up with conference calls in June. Here is tentative schedule of calls for each subcommittee:

June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am ---- Policy

June 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am --- infrastructure

June 24<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am---- Promotion

**The Administration on Aging has released a grant to fund Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs. Stacia Harper from Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy contacted me to get coalition support. Here is a synopsis of what they are doing:**

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, and is looking for resources/partners in the health arena. OPAE is a member based agency providing weatherization to low income households across the state of Ohio. They have 60 member agencies, the majority are community action agencies and over a dozen have ties to public health agencies or house medical clinics. They are seeking funding to use weatherization as a strategy to assess elderly homes for falls risks. They hope to offset premature admittance into long-term care facilities for the elderly population by also installing safety measures to assist in fall/injury prevention. OPAE agencies currently offer health and safety measures, however, only if there is an available funding source. There are very low cost measures that these agencies can do while at a residents home, such as installation of tub grab bars, wheelchair ramp install, banister/stair repair. Currently, there is no funding source for these low cost measures.

Stacia is looking for partners to assist with the evidence- based methodology. She also indicated that as a partner, the Coalition should consider where we have funding needs to plug into the grant. I am looking for feedback regarding Stacia's request for Coalition support. Thank you!