



Next SE Ohio ADRN Meeting
NOVEMBER 15, 2011 10a –12p
 1400 Pike St., Marietta or
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How ADRN's Can Effectively Assist Veterans

Among the nearly 24 million Americans that are veterans of the military, many returning from tours of duty in the Middle East have acquired disabilities and/or need assistance; many veterans who served the country in prior conflicts continue to rapidly age. As such, it is imperative that ADRNs have knowledge and skills in linking veterans with the full range of information and services available through The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In addition, ADRNs should train their staff to assist veterans who come to ADRNs to seek their expertise and assistance with information and programs in their local communities.

In 2008, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) - a component of the VA-and the Administration on Aging (AoA), formed a partnership to develop Veterans Directed Home and Community-Based Services (VDHCBS) programs to enhance home-based supports for veterans. DDHCBS programs offer eligible veterans a flexible budget to purchase services that that help them to

live independently at home rather than in institutions. As many of the entities involved in offering the program either interact with or operate ADRNs, it is vital that ADRNs are aware of VDHCBS and other benefits for veterans.

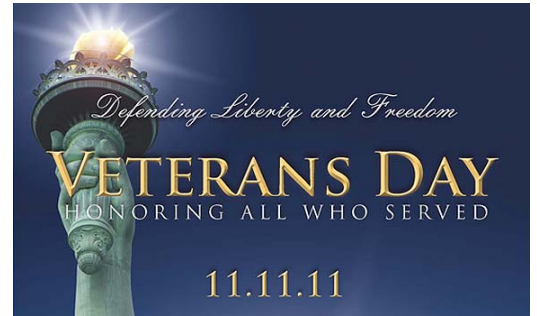
Adapted from an Issue Brief prepared by Amy Herr and Kip Brown of The Lewin Group. The entire brief may be accessed at: www.adrctae.org (The Aging and Disability Resource Technical Assistance Exchange.)

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Total: 890,300
Wartime Veterans: 653,600
Gulf War: 193,800
Vietnam Era: 302,500
Korean Conflict: 94,800
World War II: 82,600
Peacetime: 236,700
Female: 60,900
Male: 829,400
Veteran Population as of 9/30/2010

Source: United States Department of Veterans Affairs

http://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp



SE Ohio Veterans Service Offices

Athens County—740-592-3216
 Hocking County—740-385-7507
 Meigs County—740-992-2820
 Monroe County—740-472-0743
 Morgan County – 740-962-4181
 Noble County—740-732-5567
 Perry County—740-342-2536
 Washington County—740-568-9009

SE Ohio ADRN Submits App for Articles of Incorporation

As the SE Ohio ADRN continues to take shape, the question about whether the SE Ohio ADRN members felt that legal formation under a cooperative structure was answered during the September meeting. Members in attendance moved that proceeding toward legal formation was in the best interest of the group.

At the September meeting, Tom Snyder, Project Manager for the Ohio Cooperative Development Center at OSU South Centers, provided an overview and guidance on cooperative formation. He noted that grant availability and liability protection under the corporation were two benefits of cooperative formation. Mindy Cayton, Planner for AAA8 added that this formal arrangement would also provide the mechanism to financially contribute to the ADRN for help in supporting the Network of Care and for outreach

and marketing efforts of the SE Ohio ADRN.

The focus of the group at the October meeting was to answer 15 key questions to by-law development (available in .pdf format at www.areaagency8.org/services/ADRN)

Volunteers for an Interim Board are as follows: Mindy Cayton, BH-AAA8, will serve as President; Becky Pein, Marietta Care & Rehab Center, will serve as Vice President, and Pam Patula, Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living will serve as Secretary/Treasurer. The application for Articles of Incorporation was submitted via mail to the Ohio Secretary of State's office in October.

By-law development discussion will continue at the November meeting.

"IT" Making ADRN Meetings Easily Accessible

Travel time and expense can sometimes be a barrier to attendance at meetings. With this in mind, the SE Ohio ADRN has begun using GoToMeeting and a teleconference bridge-line to make it possible to participate in the meetings from the comfort of your own office.

GoToMeeting® The Go to Meeting Link is e-mailed with the meeting

reminder prior to the date of the upcoming meeting. The link is noted at the top of the upcoming meeting agenda which is also posted on the AAA8/ADRN webpage (<http://www.areaagency8.org/services/ADRN>).

The Teleconference Bridge Line is also available for each meeting.
 Phone Number: (877) 336-1828
 Access Code: 6554346.

Agencies who currently have an MOU with the SE Ohio ADRN

- Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Monroe County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Washington County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Athens County Department of Jobs & Family Services
- Noble County Department of Jobs & Family Services
- GMN Tri-County Community Action Corporation, Inc.
- WV Alzheimer's Association-Mid Ohio Valley Regional Office
- Washington County Health Department
- Meigs County Council on Aging, Inc.
- Brain Injury Association of Ohio
- Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living
- AAA8 Ombudsman
- Athens County 211—United Appeal for Athens County
- Hocking County Veterans Service Commission
- Perry County Veterans Service Commission
- Washington County Veterans Service Commission
- Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks & Ohio's Benefit Bank
- CareStar, Inc.
- Marietta Care and Rehabilitation Center

Support for SE Ohio ADRN Continues to Grow

Many local and state level agencies have shown their support of the SE Ohio ADRN by signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to promote cooperation, coordination and enhance the provision of services to ensure elderly, vulnerable or disabled Ohioans are served in the most efficient manner between the signing parties to:

1. Provide information regarding available long-term service and housing options.
2. Promote expedient eligibility determinations for services.
3. Promote choice with regard to service delivery and providers.
4. Promote and sustain access to long-term care services.
5. Promote appropriate and effective service availability.
6. Promote coordination of services between parties and providers.
7. Promote maintenance of consistent informa-

tion dissemination regarding services, supports and care options.

8. Promote and develop a “no wrong door” approach within the service area ensuring that all options are made available leading to the client’s access of supports and services.
9. Promote development of resources and expansion of the Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) initiative.

All parties have agreed to work toward the establishment of a coordinated ADRN in SE Ohio with the vision of creating a centralized client-focused collaboration of service providers that advocate for the client through a streamlined referral process ensuring that all options are made available to the client.

The SE Ohio ADRN M.O.U. template can be viewed at:

www.areaagency8.org/services/ADRN

For questions or more information contact Mindy Cayton at 740-376-7645

SE Ohio ADRNs Network of Care Usage Strong



Use of the SE Ohio ADRN Network of Care site is not only very strong, it is increasing! In fact, Trilogy Software, Inc. is seeing the same trend all over the country.

The SE Ohio ADRNs Network of Care features:

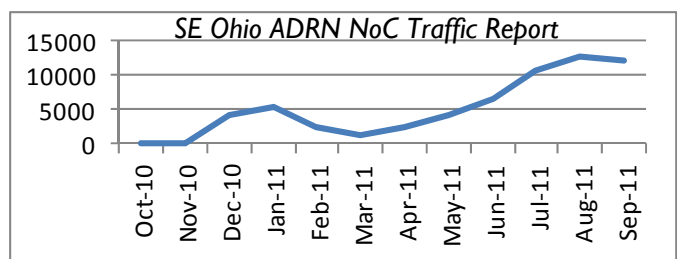
- An easy to use Service Directory
- A 40-volume Health Library powered by Health Wise.
- A listing of over 30,000 Assistive Device listing powered by Able Data
- Online Training Tools for Fall Prevention and Financial Abuse
- Ability to view in large print and text-only version in over 50 different languages.
- A Legislative Tool

•Links to Federal, State and Local resources

•“My Folder”, a free, private and secure online Personal Electronic Health Record. Include your:

- Medical History
- Conditions
- Treatment Plan
- Health, Vision, Dental Providers
- Medications
- And much more!

Check to be sure that your agency’s information is listed on the SE Ohio ADRNs Network of Care. This listing is free and can be updated as your programs and services change. If you need to make updates, just click the “Update this Listing” button and you will be walked through the process. If you agency isn’t listed, click “Add listing” and you can add your agency to the NoC. For assistance contact Mindy at 740-376-7645.



Referral Becoming Much Easier in SE Ohio

In addressing the first program component and core function of an ADRN as defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid and the Administration on Aging, Information, Referral and Awareness, the SE Ohio ADRN sent a request for information to service providers across the eight-county service area asking that they participate in the process by providing contact information for the person in their agency who receives referrals.

The goal is to establish a point of referral process network wide in which a specific person, staff position or

department at each agency is identified as the agency contact for receipt of a referral.

This information will help to create a systematic process across all operating partners to efficiently perform referrals and assist the clients who are seeking assistance. If referrals to an agency need to be directed to different departments depending on the presenting need of the client, respondents were asked to make additional copies and complete appropriately.

The [SE Ohio ADRN Partner Point of Contact List](#) currently includes over 60

listings to make the referral process much smoother. The completed ADRN partner point of contact list is posted on the AAA8 website. Anyone is welcome to access this information to use in your agency's referral process.

If you have not yet submitted your information and would like to be included, the form is available on the AAA8/ADRN webpage:

www.aaagency8.org/services/ADRN

Complete and fax to the attention of Mindy at 740-373-1594.



Streamlining the referral process is one of the goals of the SE Ohio ADRN.

SE Ohio ADRN Mission:

To facilitate access to services regardless of age or disability.

Patient-Centered Transition Support

This function is defined by an ADRN's ability to create formal linkages between and among the major pathways that people travel when transitioning from one setting of care to another or from one public program payer to another.

These pathways represent critical junctures where decisions are made—usually in a time of crisis—that often determine whether a person ends up in a nursing home or is transitioned back to their own home.

On March 23, 2010, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law. This law puts in place comprehensive health insurance reforms that will roll out over four years and beyond, with most changes taking place by 2014.

The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP) is mandated by Section 3026 of the ACA.

The goals of the CCTP are to:

- Improve transitions of beneficiaries from the inpatient hospital setting to other care

settings

- To improve the quality of care
- To reduce readmissions for high risk beneficiaries
- Document measurable savings to the Medicare Program.

Care Transitions is a Medicare Quality Improvement program under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Its goal is to reduce the rate of avoidable

re-hospitalizations by improving the transition of patients across care settings AAA8 has partnered with two AAAs and four hospital systems to form the Southern Ohio Care Transitions Project covering a 26-county area in Southern Ohio.



<http://www.caretransitions.org>

The Southern Ohio Care Transitions Project Partners

Buckeye Hills-AAA8, Marietta
AAA6 - Columbus
AAA7- Rio Grande

Fairfield Medical Center
Adena Health System
Memorial Health System
Southern Ohio Medical Center

Potential savings if Ohio improved its performance to the performance level of the best-performing state in the U.S.

Preventable Hospital Admissions	44,865 fewer hospitalizations for ambulatory care sensitive conditions would occur among Medicare beneficiaries (age 65 and older)	\$276,103,274 dollars would be saved from the reduction in hospitalizations.
Hospital Readmissions	13,124 fewer hospital readmissions would occur among Medicare beneficiaries (age 65 and older)	\$162,254,116 dollars would be saved from the reduction in readmissions.
Hospitalization of Nursing Home Residents	6,630 fewer long-stay nursing home residents would be hospitalized	\$49,213,233 dollars would be saved from the reduction in hospitalizations.

Source: Commonwealth Fund State Scorecard 2009

The Aging and Disability Resource Network Program (ADRN) is a collaborative effort of the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designed to streamline access to long-term care.

It is part of a nationwide effort to restructure services and supports for older adults, all persons with disabilities, family members and care providers.

It also complements long term care system change activities designed to enhance access by older adults and people with disabilities of all ages to community living, personal choice and independence.

Components and Core Functions of an ADRN:

1. Information, Referral and Awareness
2. Options Counseling and Assistance
3. Streamlined Eligibility Determination for Public Programs
4. Person-Centered Transition Support

The SE Ohio ADRN streamlines services and supports for:



older adults,
people with
disabilities,



family
members and
caregivers.



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One click or one call can open
doors to many long term services
and supports in SE Ohio.

SE Ohio ADRN Network of Care

<http://seohioadrn.oh.networkofcare.org>