



Southern Arizona Falls Coalition Meeting
Meeting Minutes Thursday October 17 2019
9:00am-11:00am
Abrams Public Health Center Rm 3110 3950 S Country Club Rd.

Attendance:

Angela Lynch, APS
Andrea Seach, UofA
Adina Wingate, Pima Council on Aging
Brooke Reaves, Carondelet - St. Joseph's Hospital
Krista Cardenas-Romero, Pima County Health
Michelle Faddoul, Banner Alzheimer's Center
Debra Adams, Pima Council on Aging

Nic Cogdall, Pima County Health Dept.
Rebecca O'Brien, Pima County Health Dept.
Renee Wentworth, Pima County Health Dept.
Ruth Taylor-Piliae, College of Nursing
Sammy Fetterly, Pima County Health Dept.
Tracy Koslowski, Drexel Heights Fire District
Lee Itule-Klasen, Pima County Health Dept.

Welcome & Introductions:

Lee and Debbie welcomed everyone in attendance and a round-robin of introductions were done, both in the room and on the phone.

Reporting on AZ Falls Prevention Coalition September Falls Events

- Banner Falls Event, feedback to have event at a different time of day and better parking availability.
- KGUN 9 Morning Blend highlights SCAFPC <https://www.kgun9.com/the-morning-blend/why-you-should-make-every-effort-to-avoid-falling-down>
- Discussion of recording keynote speakers for September Fall presentations to then add onto website.

Updates from Arizona Falls Prevention Coalition:

Back in the spring there was a request for policy recommendations regarding falls that could be submitted to American Registry of Medical Assistants (ArMA). Tawab and Lee sent a policy brief to Dr. Molina who submitted it to the Arizona Medical Association. Dr. Molina has been invited to the November 18th ArMA meeting to discuss the policies.

Review Falls Prevention Community Events Held to Date:

The Pima County Health Department created an evaluation for partners who've tabled events. The evaluation will ask what event they attended, the coordination of the event, attendance, relevance, and setup. For suggestions on questions that should be added, please email healthypima@pima.gov.

Opportunity to Present Poster at Conference:

On behalf of the Coalition, Lee submitted a poster abstract for the AZPHA conference. The abstract was accepted and the poster featuring the Coalition's collaboration will be displayed at the October 29 conference in Phoenix. 50 presentation packets will be assembled for distribution.

Next Areas/Strategies to work on:

As the end of the year approaches, members would like to start thinking about goals the coalition can begin to work on for 2020. If you or your organization has an idea that could be enhanced through the SCAFPC partnerships, please bring your ideas to the next meeting or share them with healthypima@pima.gov.



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St. Joseph hospital has started to include the Fall Risk Assessment tool in their patient admissions packet. Some suggestions were made to upload the assessment to patient charts, so primary care physicians could see it also once patients were released and followed up with their doctor.

Members expressed interest to work within the hospital structure and with physicians to implement the use of the assessment tool. First steps would include exploring how to integrate new tools that are best practices into current physician practice. Next steps include interacting with primary care physicians and emergency physicians to discuss resources and how their hospital addresses falls and discharge. Discussions with health insurers and thinking of prevention and potential incentives for fall risk assessment to share fall resource information.

Questions and Ideas for identifying “Gaps in Service”

- Discuss discharge plan and take home information
- Upload fall’s assessment information chart
- Share fall risk assessment questionnaires
- Are healthcare providers following up with discharged patients?
- Are patients utilizing the resources shared with them?
 - o If so, which ones? If not, why not?
- Who to contact for PCP contact leads
 - o Arizona Community Physicians
 - o Carondelet Health Network
 - o El Rio Community Health Center
 - o Banner locations

Find representatives from hospitals, fire districts and community organizations to come talk with the coalition and learn how they are addressing falls and resources that are available.

Announcements:

Lee shared that Dr. Joseph appeared on the morning blend on Sept 23 and the video is available to watch on YouTube. The link will be shared on Healthy Pima avenues and also share with coalition members.

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Adjournment:

Next meeting will be at Abrams Public Health Center on Thursday November 21st