Arthritis Council  
General Member Call Minutes  
September 3, 2013

1. **Call to Order/roll** - States: UT, KS, MO, IA, MI, OR, PA, SC, MT, RI, KY; National AF; CDC Epilepsy and Arthritis Program; NCOA

2. **Review of August meeting minutes** – approved and uploaded to the Arthritis Council website.

3. **Guest Presentation:**

*Maggie Moore*, CDC Epilepsy Program, Division of Population Health, CDC (Formerly with the CDC Healthy Aging Program)—Using Data for Action: *State of Aging and Health in America 2013* (see attached slides)


4. **State Presentations:**

States discuss their Recipient D activities of the arthritis grant - *Support Arthritis Evidence-based practice and Environmental Approaches to Address Arthritis*

- **SC – Cora Plass** – partnering with the SC Silver-haired legislators who provide general recommendations to the full state legislature regarding things like legislation for older adults, submitting proclamations, etc. The state arthritis program is also working with Parks and Rec and the Aging Network to add programs to their services. Finally, working with Community Health system linkages and 4 FQHCs to recommend and implement Better Choices, Better Health (SC’s name for CDSMP). Eventually would like to get state Medicaid to reimburse but that is farther in the future.

- **MT - Heather Beck** – working to disseminate the AFEP and WWE. The dissemination sites developed and follow a sustainability plan to get the programs into the routine operations of the organization. CDSMP will soon be added; as well as getting the Medicaid program to reimbursement for the interventions.

- **KY – Jennye Grider** – working with the state Personnel Cabinet which oversees state insurance plan to retirees. During the annual open enrollment, WWE application forms will be available for retirees to pick up. Completed forms will be returned to the Arthritis Program. Also, Title IIID funding with the Dept of Aging will be used to train CDSMP and WWE facilitators.

5. **Arthritis Council Update:**

- Arthritis Council Poll re disability-related adaptations for WWE materials When asked, the AF indicated that they were not aware of any requests for these types of adaptations and had not heard from Chapters that they received requests like these either. Based on the AF’s experience, the lack of demand from the states, and the lack of use of other adapted materials (e.g. the large font fact sheets for patients produced as a part of the provider outreach toolkit), there doesn’t seem to be adequate justification or need for CDC to devote resources to this. Perhaps states that
are interested can partner together to offset the cost and time that it might take to make materials available in alternative formats

- April Rautio, Chair of the Arthritis Council, is leaving her position on September 13 to move out of state. Thank you, April! Best wishes for a smooth transition and new life in Chicago.

6. CDC Update (via email):

   Attracting Media Coverage for Arthritis Issues

   - Both CDC sessions on obtaining media coverage took place in August and focused on how to build the internal (and external) relationships necessary to secure media coverage and pitching potential stories. Thank you to those that attended and participated in the discussion. Feedback is welcome as are suggestions for future media related technical assistance.

   Publications

   - Several publications have been recently published with contributions from the CDC Arthritis Program staff. These include:
     - “Meeting Physical Activity Guidelines and the Risk of Incident Knee Osteoarthritis”; published in Arthritis Care and Research
     - An MMWR on the CDC Grand Rounds: Public Health Practices to Include Persons with Disabilities
     - “Social Participation Restriction Among US Adults with Arthritis: A Population-based Study using the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health”; published in Arthritis Care & Research

   - Project Officer Availability
     - There are several site visits planned for the month of September. As such, response time to inquiries with your project officer and/or scientist may be delayed.

7. Arthritis Foundation Update:

   - Please remember to work with your AF Regional chapter if you are wanting to adapt any of the WWE or other AF materials for people with disabilities.

   - There are 9 awardees for the 12-month WWE Worksite Minigrants including 2 in the Pacific Region (Hilton hotels and CAPP), New England Region AF, KS State Health Dept, Heartland Region; Great West region, Upper mid-West region, Florida AF, Mid-Atlantic Region.

8. NACDD Update:

   - NACDD General Member Call, August 2013: https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/751072279
   - NACDD Webinar: Domains 3 and 4, August 26, 2013: https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/318656599
9. Adjourn

10. Next Meeting – October 1, 2013