Minnesota’s Alzheimer’s Plan

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Genesis of Minnesota’s Alzheimer’s Plan

- 2009 Legislative Mandate for Alzheimer’s Disease Working Group (ADWG)
- Legislative Report Filed in January 2011
- ACT on Alzheimer’s is second generation of work focusing on implementation
What is ACT on Alzheimer’s?

Impacts of Alzheimer’s

- **50+ Organizations**
- **500+ Individuals**
- **Statewide**
- **Voluntary**
- **Collaborative**

- **Budgetary**
- **Social**
- **Personal**

- $$$$
Collective Action

- Complex Issue
- Urgency/Need for Change—Prevalence and Economics
- Influential Champion—MBA
  - and Alzheimer’s Association MN/ND
- Financial Resources— MBA and Alz. Assoc.

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Five Conditions for Collective Impact

• Common Agenda
• Mutually reinforcing activities
• Continuous Monitoring/Shared Measurement
• Continuous communication
• Backbone support

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Minnesota’s Goals

- identify & invest in promising approaches
- raise awareness & reduce stigma
- equip communities
- increase detection & improve care
- sustain caregivers

ACT on Alzheimer’s
Identify and Invest in Promising Approaches

- Model promising approaches to control costs associated with Alzheimer’s while maintaining quality care
- Approaches: In-person caregiver support and transitional care

** Funders: BCBS; Care Providers of MN Foundation; UCare
Increase Detection and Improve Care

- Develop and disseminate Practice Tools that support providers in assessing, diagnosing, treating and managing dementia
- Develop dementia curriculum for health professionals and standards for health care homes

** U of MN Center on Aging (HRSA funds)
Primary Care Provider Tool

- Screening/Detection
- Diagnostic Workup
- Quality Interventions
Sustain Caregivers

- Enhancements to MinnesotaHelp.info® search feature to find housing and services that indicate capability in dementia or memory care

- Dementia capable Senior LinkAge Line® staff and Caregiver Coaches

**Leveraged ACL/MBA Systems Integration Grant**
Equip Communities and Raise Awareness

- Develop a Community Toolkit to assist communities in becoming dementia capable so they can support their residents who are touched by Alzheimer’s disease
- Support community implementation of the toolkit

*Toolkit development funded by Greater Twin Cities United Way
Convene key community leaders and members to form an Action Team.

Assess current strengths and gaps within the community.

Analyze results and develop a plan to take action.

ACT Together to pursue priority goals to foster community readiness for dementia.
Convene – Initial Mobilization and Structure

Action Team

- Residential Settings
- Community Members
- Health Care Community
- Government Agencies
- Senior Service Providers
- Educational Institutions
- Non-profit Organizations
- Business
- Financial & Legal Planning
- Service Clubs
- Diverse & Underserved Populations
- Faith Community
- Wellness

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