



Oklahoma Arthritis Network (OAN)

Thursday, April 10, 2003

MINUTES

Attendees:

Jennifer Kelly- Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation/OUHSC Bio/Epi Student
Dan Leong- INTEGRIS Joint Replacement Center
Teresa Ooten- Comm. Dev. Dir., Hearthstone Assisted Living
Marisa New- OTR, MPH, OSDH Arthritis Prevention and Education Program
David Thompson- OU, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology
Sheryl York- Okla. Able Tech, Assistant Tech, , Oklahoma AgrAbility Project
Jackie Hicks- Oklahoma City County Health Department
Joyce Lewis- Oklahoma Disability Law Center
Mona Yutterman- Comanche County Health Department, Lawton
Sandy Smith- Tinker Area YMCA, Midwest City
Betsy Replogle- Vice Chair, Oklahoma Arthritis Network
Shona Lennon- Program Dir., Arthritis Foundation, Oklahoma Chapter
Paulette Shafer- OCAST
David Craighead- IMPACT COMMITTEE, Conference of Churches
Russ Calhoun- OSU-OKC EMS

- I. **WELCOME** – Betsy Replogle, Vice Chair
New OAN Members present: Jennifer Kelly, Don Leong and Teresa Ooten
- II. **MARCH MINUTES APPROVED** – no corrections
- III. **PROJECTS**

Promotion: Arthritis Walk – Shona Lennon

(Brochures distributed)

Will be held May 10th at the OKC State Fairgrounds from 9a-12: 30p. No fee to enter. There will be a 1mile walk and a shorter 5k. Anyone can participate, including those who are not able to walk. “Stars” will be available for those who wish to contribute without walking at Love’s Country Stores for \$1, or you may contact Shona Lennon for more information. Prizes will also be awarded to those with the most contributions. Brochures are available to distribute to friends, family, co-workers, etc. There will be a Health Fair. Booth rental for a team will be \$100 & without a team- \$150. If interested in registering, e-mail’s will be sent to all from Marisa New, or you may contact **Shona Lennon at (405) 936-3366**.

Media Campaign – Marisa New

(handouts distributed)

“Physical Activity. The Arthritis Pain Reliever.”

Contract development is underway for radio and print ad placement. The hopeful launch month will be May but no later than July 1, 2003. If anyone has any type of programs or services available to benefit those with arthritis, please fill out a *Partner Profile* form. This information will be turned over to OASIS in order to utilize you or your business’s services for those who call in need of information. If your organization has a newsletter and you would like to advertise the campaign, there are print ads and arthritis related articles available. Marisa will e-mail this information to you at your request.

People will be trained to be leaders of the AF PACE, Aquatics and Arthritis Self Help Courses.

IV. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

“Advocacy 101” – Betsy Replogle & Paulette Shafer

(Handouts distributed)

Brief backgrounds of Betsy and Paulette, their experiences, and why they are advocates for arthritis (and related diseases.)

Legislative update-

- NAAP (National Arthritis Action Plan) received \$1 million increase for FY2003.
- Bill to be sponsored in senate by Bond (R-MO) & Kennedy (D-MA) to make NAAP part of regular legislation.
- Effort to double funding for National Institutes of Health (NIH) over 5 years completed; now asking for 10% increase for FY2004.
- Changes in insurance, Medicare & Medicaid uncertain.

Betsy then proceeded to give helpful tips for effective advocacy, which was followed by the differences between OK legislative process & Congress.

OAN Advocacy workgroup meetings-

Will meet one Tuesday evening a month at the Lido's Restaurant, starting in September. For suggestion or information, contact Betsy Replogle by e-mail at Okbr1@yahoo.com for further details.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT

April 26th – Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program - Shona Lennon

Workshop will be held from 8:30a-3:30p at Health South. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Training application must be received no later than **April 23rd**. Workshop fee is \$45.00.

For more details contact **Shona at (405) 936-3366**.

June 6th – YMCA Health Fair – Sandy Smith

Will be held at the downtown YMCA from 8:30a-1:30p. Booth rental will be free.

Seniors from other branches of the YMCA will be in attendance. Anyone can participate. If interested contact **Sandy at 733-9622**.

EMS MedFile Program – Russ Calhoun

Start up distribution date will be April 26th from 10-2, at Deaconess Hospital. If interested in having a booth, contact Marisa for more information. The *MedFile's* main purpose is EMS readiness. If seniors need assistance filling out their medical history forms, EMS, fire fighters and physicians have volunteered to provide assistance to those who request help by calling them during business hours. Currently in the process of building a web page which would link to the OSU-OKC site and many other sites that pertain to this matter. For more information contact **Russ Calhoun at (405) 945-8622**.

If you are outside the Bethany area, and would like to get involved with this program, please contact **Mary Pinzon, with “Senior Health On the Go” at (405) 528-7724 x163**.

April 23rd-24th – Senior Expo

Will be held at the fairgrounds from 10-6. Arthritis Network will have a booth and if you would like to participate in “manning” the booth you may do so and display some of your material while doing so.

If interested please e-mail Marisa at marisan@health.state.ok.us