B&F SIG Meeting 02/18/2016

Introductions of new officers

Chair: Mariana Wingood
Vice Chair: Emma Phillips
Secretary: Ann Lowery
Treasurer: Kathy Mercuris
Nominating: Cielita Lopez-Lennon

Attendees: 19

National Fall Prevention Awareness Day:

- We will have additional calls for NFPAD 2016 to assist with planning and collaboration.
- Can we see if there is a better way to advertise these as it appears many people were not aware of the calls? will try to create a Facebook group- check with AGPT for rules and regulations.

Goals for 2016:

- How to facilitate multidisciplinary approach
  - Learning experience with pharmacy school to have them come and teach the medication portion of the STEADI. Promote local pharmacist to help with interactions/clarification in house. 65+ they automatically have a pharmacy screen at their hospital, reassessment after a fall for a huddle. 4+ or more should be referred to pharm/PCP for a medication review. Pharmacist may be able to be reimbursed for medication review. May vary state to state (variable CMS intermediary).
  - FL APTA community grant, promote the role of PT in the ER for fall prevention, target staff and patient. In the process of ID hospitals, next step to disseminate information and have PT as a standard in the ER.
  - SLP is also important to have interact in the process. How to develop program for multidisciplinary interaction to decrease risk for falls/how to meet goals. Program focusing on how to you get groups together to create the program you want (falls, geriatric functional assessment, geriatric exercise, etc.).
- Promote PCP for online CDC STEADI training
  - Try to promote to your local PCP’s. Stay STEADI toolkit, full webinar (for all staff members, not just PCP). Can be for NA, students. Get certificate of completion.
  - Resources:
    - Video: http://www.cdc.gov/steadi/videos.html
    - Webinar: http://www.cdc.gov/steadi/webinar.html
Question:

- Are we working with private practice section, marketing tool to physicians?
  - Can we connect on a national level. Expand to OP private practice. CDC.gov/steadi… choose webinar from practitioner link. Webinar for clinicians 40 minute webinar. ([http://www.cdc.gov/steadi/webinar.html](http://www.cdc.gov/steadi/webinar.html))
  - Reach out to local physicians in your state.
- What is the utilization rate for the STEADI (4 states disseminating NY Co WA Or) set of adoption rates and ROI, article should be coming out in APHA next month. Trying to find statistics with updates from Matt Smith for cost-savings for practices. In Mindy’s anecdotal evidence ~25%.
- **B&F SIG will send out article when it comes out to members. Is anyone working with first responders, folks have fallen repeatedly and they don’t always go in?**
  - EMT’s only get paid if they get transported, they have to get out quickly. New bill to see if they can bill for the services that they provide. Give packet to give falls packet to individuals who fall to EMT groups. 0.40 cost per person. STEADI stay independent, home safety checklist, list of resources (ask that you call here to help, AAA case manager, ADRC case manager) Info for fall prevention program. There are a few pilot program to look at follow up (HH visit or AAA contact). Offer to the EMS in their state a continuing education program, create an hour long video for them. Ask if he can share the video (Mark Bosen), send to us. We need to educate the elderly, more community outreach, they tend to lie about it). Dental Hygienist, great referral sources.

- **Can we have a balance and falls listserv??** A SIG is not allow to have a listserv per AGPT bylaws, however if you add a question to the listserv add the following to the subject line to give a heads up to others: BALANCE and FALLS SIG

UPDATE

- **White House Conference on Aging:** we do know that the larger HMO, medical enterprises, know that if they promote falls prevention that it will reduce costs for them overall. They endorse the evidenced based fall prevention programs.
- **NCHE committee program:** In Acute care, multidisciplinary for fall prevention, expanding to non-health care providers. Provide education “March Madness” education meetings to have varied approaches by disciplines, outreach programs. **We will send updates to keep this information on members radar**
- **Balance and falls regional course:** 6 online modules List names of modules. Will be hybrid online and face to face course. Face to face for case base analysis, psychomotor skills, case discussion, q&a, portfolio binder. Credential only will be provided with completion of the F2F course.
- **Beth Black-**State Advocates:
- **States that need Advocates:** Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, and Virginia
- **Goals:** Provide two-way communication between AGPT and the chapter and Communicate with SoG members in your state when there are geriatric-related issues, courses, meetings, etc. in your chapter.
- **AOTA Update:** Mindy wrote letter to the AOTA, but did not receive the response we were looking for. However, please promote multi-disciplinary approach to falls screening/assessment/prevention programs. Reach out to those that we work with and with our other state groups to help get them involved.