Wiregrass Diabetes Coalition

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast Monday, March 16, 2009 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

Produced by the Alabama Department of Public Health Video Communications and Distance Learning Division

Faculty

Elizabeth Dean, RN, BSN Coordinator Wiregrass Diabetes Coalition

Objectives

- Understand how the Alabama electronic system improves care coordination
- Recognize complications smoke has on diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- Gain knowledge of smoking cessation plans and the Alabama QuitLine

Objectives

- List contributing factors to successful diabetes coalitions in rural Alabama counties and identify where a coalition is needed
- Know how to recruit and develop new partnerships to create a successful community coalition
- Identify three themes for community training programs

Objectives

 Become familiar with how to create an action plan and communicate with physicians and primary care providers

Coalition Members

- Public health agencies
- · Funding organizations
- Governmental organizations
- · Business/economic sector
- · Non-profit organizations

Coalition Members

- · Private health providers
- · Elected officials
- · Health system networks
- Food suppliers/vendors

Goal

 To provide community leaders with the tools to work together to plan, implement, and evaluate community level programs to prevent and control diabetes and its complications

Mission

 To assist medically indigent patients of the Wiregrass to access proper diabetes care to improve the quality of life of their lives

Wiregrass Area

- Includes all counties in Public Health Area X
 - Crenshaw
- Henry
- -Pike
- Coffee
- -Barbour
- Houston
- -Geneva
- Dale

Wiregrass Coalition

- Have assisted patients in all counties in Area X
- · In 2008
 - Serviced approximately 85 individuals with assistance of medications and/or supplies

Wiregrass Coalition

- Approximately 100 individuals attended monthly diabetes classes
- Approximately 75 attended quarterly support group meetings

Offerings

- Diabetes education classes are held monthly
- A quarterly support group meeting for individuals and their families
- Assistance with medications and/or supplies
- Annual diabetes wellness and prevention workshop

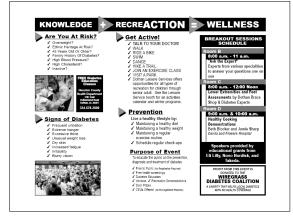
Workshop

- Collaboration with Dothan Leisure Services and the City of Dothan
- Annual event
- · Free to the public
- · Free health screenings
- Diabetes educators and speakers

Workshop

- · Free breakfast and lunch
- Door prizes
- CEU's





Approximately 450 Wiregrass Citizens Took Part In The Day's Activities

- Speakers
- · Vendor's booths
- "Ask the Expert" Room
- Lower extremities assessment room

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- Fitness demonstrations by Dothan Leisure Services
- · Breakfast and lunch
- · Door prize drawings
- · Cooking demonstrations

Speakers

- Dennis J. Pillion, Ph.D.
 Professor and Interim Chair
 Dept. of Parmacology & Toxicology
 UAB School of Medicine
 - -"Using Drugs to Treat Diabetes:
 What You Need to Know"

Speakers

- Claude T. Ashley, Jr., M.D., Ph.D, F.A.A.P.
 - **Southeastern Pediatric Associates**
 - "Type 1 Diabetes, Something Old Something New"

Speakers

- A. Jay Cohen, M.D., F.A.C.E., C.E.C. Endocrinology Practice Memphis, TN
 - "Helping Patients Fit Improved Control Into Their Lives"

Speakers

- Constance Brown-Riggs, MSEd, R.D., C.D.E.
 - New York, New York
 - "Eating Soulfully and Healthfully with Diabetes"

"Ask The Expert"

- Perico G. Osby, Regional Extension Agent III, Diet and Health
- Dr. Warren Thompson, M.D., Retina Associates
- Medtronic insulin pump representative
- Speakers were available for one on one questions

Workshop

 The funds generated from the workshop are donated to the Wiregrass Diabetes Coalition to help promote the mission of the organization

Total Donations to Wiregrass Diabetes Coalition	
2003	\$5,700.00
2004	\$7,145.00
2005	\$8,389.00
2006	\$8,900.00
2007	\$8,210.00
2008	<u>\$9,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$47,344.00