MAKING THINGS HAPPEN IN GERIATRIC CARE:
Don’t let “no, there isn’t any money” stop you!

Pre-conference Workshop: Saturday, May 21, 2010
Lecture, Interactive, Experiential - Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Objectives:
1. Come up with an idea to impact geriatric care positively
   (where you work, or where you would like to work)
2. Identify resources right under your nose
3. Formulate an action plan

Description of Workshop:
Come to this hands-on workshop if you are looking for a jump-start in making an impact on geriatric spiritual care. Plan on diving into our lively pooling of experience, energy, ideas, spiritual zeal, resourcefulness, wisdom, courage, creativity, and prayer.

My background in proposal writing and marketing has served me well in making things happen in geriatric spiritual care at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, even though I am new as a chaplain. I offer this business experience to the “business” of chaplaincy. Our passion is ministry. We will look at our projects from a marketing perspective, identify stakeholders, create needs and benefits statements, and prepare presentations targeted to likely sources of funding.

Powered by the creative grace of He who created everything from nothing, we can and will launch effective ministry on a shoestring!

Workshop Outline:
Prayer, Participant Goals, Examples by Jeanne, Individual and Group Work, Plan Refinement, Prayer

Suggested Preparation:
I have attached six exhibits (my own proposals and project documents) to start ideas flowing. Read whatever appeals to you; I hope they set off some light bulbs in your mind. Then, start working on page two of this document. The more you progress with it, the more you can use our workshop time to refine it and move toward the launch pad.

Pre-Conference Questions:
Feel free to contact me!
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Worksheet

Start with Prayer .... then ..... 

Part I:
1. Create a list of issues in geriatric spiritual care which you feel need to be addressed. Just sit still and let your mind wander over all the things you wish could happen, or things that have happened but need to be fine-tuned for greater effectiveness.
2. Now, impose some order on this list. Group related items. Set priorities.
3. Select one that you feel most excited about.

Part II:
1. Describe what needs to be done for the issue you selected.
2. Name all who would benefit and what the benefits are for each.
3. Name all others who might want to see this happen and why they care.
4. Identify the barriers to getting this idea accepted .... then list possible ways to overcome these barriers.
5. Identify the costs associated with the idea. *(Be sure this is a reasonable assessment even if it needs further refinement.)*
6. Identify sources of funding. *(Think outside the box.)*
7. Identify key decision makers.
8. Draft a preliminary proposal with all the elements above in it.
8. Meet with all the people you named in #s 2 and 3 above for their feedback and further refinement.
   - Review, clarify, edit your proposal.
   - Ask them to help you going forward.
   - Determine the next steps and who will do them.
Exhibits

Exhibit A: Extended Care Facility
This is the final report of a pilot study for which I obtained funding after one unit of CPE. It contains the original proposal which I took around to nursing homes in our area. The rest of the document contains the study plan as actualized and various statistics, reports and recommendations.

Exhibit B: DHMC Centers for Health and Aging
This is the final report on my internship during my fourth unit of CPE. It contains the original mission, results and recommendations.

Exhibit C: Powerpoint for Geriatric Operations Committee
I presented this powerpoint early in my fellowship with the Centers for Health and Aging because I felt that many members of the group were on the fence regarding how involved with spiritual care geriatric outpatient and community care should be.

Exhibit D: Referral Pocket Guide
When it became clear that I could provide spiritual care for outpatient geriatric referrals from physicians, I realized that most of them had no idea how the need for spiritual care might present itself in their patients. Therefore, I created this pocket guide.

Exhibit E: Mascoma Savings Bank Grant
There was an ad in the paper for submission for non-profit grant monies from a local bank foundation. I obtained permission and wrote this grant to support the caregiver support program which I lead at the Centers for Health and Aging. We were awarded $3,750. Definitely encouraged, I sent the same grant to several other businesses in our community who have philanthropic funds to disperse. One sent $200 and the other has promised $5,000.

Exhibit F: Pastoral Visitor Training
I wrote a “Listening” course for the Pastoral Visitors in our church after finding out that they had no training program, and would basically just deliver communion to the homebound. It was pretty successful, so I began offering it to area churches. So far it has been taught in three, and I have inquiries for a few more! The fee is a $200 (minimum) donation to support the chaplaincy program at the Centers for Health and Aging where I work! Our goal is to get that position endowed.