

Minutes of Training Teleconference
4/16/08

Roll call:

Brenda Steenblock-Homer
Alice Bioff – Nome
Carol Jackson – Anchorage
Tisha Kingeekuk – Savoonga
Art Delaune – Frbnx
Kathy Roberts – Anchorage
Jim Lunsford – Jnu
Elena Rath – Ketchikan
Judy Brown – Sitka
Sandy Camery – Anchorage

Brenda reports The Senior Center advertises in a “The Senior Corner” in the Homer Tribute and Homer News and it advertises that Brenda will assist with Medicare. That is helping bring in a lot of people just turning 65 who she can counsel

Alice from Nome – calling to listen and learn
Tisha Kingeekuk – Savoonga

Carol Jackson – Anchorage has organized a Community Resources Workshop on April 29th. Judith will be presenting along with Carol

Art Delaune – ADRC in Fairbanks at Access Alaska
Was involved at Fairbanks Native Association Elder’s Program outreach event.
Art has counseled two clients recently re. Part D Programs that had a premium increase that they didn’t know about. They seem to have gotten somewhat deceptive information “there have been no changes to your policy” until they got to page 4 to find out after the fact that there was a premium increase.

Kathy Roberts – 190 people came through the Health Fair; the Senior Information Office had a display table and spoke to 130 people; there are at least 22 client contacts to follow up on!

Jim Lunsford discussed a rumor related to the pharmaceutical industry switching their charges to clients.

Elena Rath raised a couple of questions we discussed:
If a person misses enrollment in part D and can qualify for QMB, SLMB or LIS, they don’t have to pay the penalty if they enroll outside the open enrollment period.
She applied and enrolled the client for LIS “extra help” and then enrolled them in the Part D plan.

