Gerontology Symposium:
Broadening Our Support for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers
Agenda - May 9, 2022

7:30 – 8:10am  Registration / Coffee

8:10 – 8:15  Welcome and Introduction
Amber Snow, APRN and Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH

8:15 – 8:45  DAIL and VDH Update
Angela Smith-Dieng, Director, Adult Services Div, Dept of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living
Rhonda Williams, Chief, Chronic Disease Prevention, Vermont Department of Health

8:45 – 9:45  KEYNOTE – ACT on Alzheimer’s: A Whole Community Approach to Dementia Support
Dawn Simonson, MPA, President & CEO
Trellis (Area Agency on Aging, Twin Cities Metro Area, MN)

9:45 – 10:00  BREAK

10:00 – 11:15  CONCURRENT SESSIONS I
Choice 1  Remembrance (Legacy) Projects
Francesca Lynn Arndoldy, Director, End-of-Life Doula Certificate Program, UVM Larner College of Medicine; Emily Mars Raymond, MSW Intern, UVM Center on Aging

Choice 2  Becoming a Dementia Friendly Community
Tiffany Smith, Aging and Disabilities Program Administrator, Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Choice 3  Managing Challenging Behaviors in Persons Living with Dementia (Non-Pharmacological Approaches)
Amber Snow, APRN; Rachael Beauchemin, BSN, RN, WCC, CDP

11:15 – 12:15pm  PANEL – Supports for Care Partners and Families
Moderator: Angela Smith-Dieng, Director, Adult Services Div, DAIL
Volunteer-Lead Respite Program - Erica R. Marks, MA, Age Well
Innovative Therapy Groups for Caregivers - Jeanne Hutchins, MA
Home Modifications and Occupational Therapy Support - Sherry Pidgeon, OT

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch

1:15 – 2:30  CONCURRENT SESSIONS II (repeated from Session I)

2:30 – 2:45  BREAK

2:45 – 3:45  PANEL – Social Engagement - Connecting to Thrive Together (Innovative Programs)
Moderator: Tiffany Smith, DAIL
Creative Art Kits - Luke Rackers, CVCOA
Supporting Older Drivers - Tiffany Smith, DAIL; Allie Breyer, Vermont Dept. of Health; Sarah Benis, OTR/L, UVMMC; Kelly Stoddard-Poor, AARP; Doug Masson, AARP; Linda Bowden, AARP

3:45 – 4:00pm  Wrap-up