Older Driver Summit 2015 Attendees

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Greg Brunette is a certified driver rehabilitation specialist (CDRS) who has worked in the Driver Rehabilitation program at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital for the past 25 years, 6 years as clinical manager and 19 years as a driving instructor. The Driver Rehabilitation program sees 300 to 350 individuals a year, addressing driving and transportation needs. Greg’s background is in education, a graduate of Aquinas College and a driver education certificate from Michigan State University. He has been a CDRS for the past 18 years.

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Sharon Beall has more than 30 years of experience in program and volunteer management, operations, leadership and human resources, with a strong background and expertise in strategic planning, resource management, transportation and safety, and volunteer training and development.
Sharon has served the last five years as the Manager, Strategy and Analytics for AARP Driver Safety, the second largest program within AARP, and the largest award winning driver improvement course designed for drivers age 50 and older. In this role, Sharon manages the programs offered under the Driver Safety umbrella, which include AARP Smart Driver, the CarFit program, We Need to Talk and the online Driving Resource Center. Most recent accomplishments include leading the research, development and launch of AARP’s Smart Driver Course curriculum both classroom and online. Additionally, Sharon manages training and development for over 4,400 volunteers who support Driver Safety Initiatives. She manages partnerships and coalitions to advance the issue of driver safety.
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He began his law enforcement career as a police officer and has also worked as a probation and parole officer for the Virginia Department of Corrections. Other work attributes include working for the Attorney General of Virginia in the Corrections-Litigation Section, and the Natural Resources Section. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections from the Pennsylvania State University and has completed additional graduate course work in Criminal Justice at the Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a graduate of the Mississippi College School of Law was admitted to the Virginia Bar.
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Dr. Anne Dickerson has been an occupational therapist for over 30 years primarily teaching in occupational therapy programs. She has been at East Carolina University since 1993 and is the Director of ROADI – Research for the Older Adult Driver Initiative. Anne has an occupational therapy degree from Temple University, a master’s degree in allied health education/health administration from Texas State University, and a PhD in developmental psychology from Florida International University. Her primary area of research is in older adults and she is a leader in the practice area of driving and community mobility. Current research projects include the use of GPS with older adults, standardization of assessment and screening tools, development of a framework for driving referral and “driving” terminology and the exploration of pathways of service between occupational generalists and specialists. She has numerous publications and presented nationally and internationally on the topic of driver evaluation and rehabilitation. Anne is editor of Occupational Therapy in Health Care, was awarded a fellow in both the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Gerontological Society of America, was a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, and has been awarded multiple honors from professional organizations and universities for service, teaching, and research. Anne was recently named as a member of the Safe Mobility of Older Persons subcommittee of the National Transportation Research Board (TRB).
Dr. Vanya Jones’ research agenda has focused on injury factors and their impact on the health of vulnerable populations to 1) explore psychosocial and environmental factors for injury outcomes of older adults and 2) develop and evaluate theory based interventions that utilize psychosocial and environmental factors to reduce the burden of injury on high risk populations. Dr. Jones is an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a core faculty member in the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy. Through her work, she has collaborated with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Association as an evaluator for the Seniors on the M.O.V.E. (Mature Operators Vehicular Education) older driver curriculum. Currently, she serves as the Maryland site principal investigator of the American Automotive Association (AAA) for Traffic Safety’s LongROAD older adult driver longitudinal cohort study. The LongROAD study has several states and universities collaborating to explore the complex issue of driving behavior and cessation of driving among older adults, driving regulations, and motor vehicle crashes. In addition, she is currently a member of the Safe Mobility of Older Persons subcommittee of the National Transportation Research Board (TRB).

For the past ten years, Gail Holley has managed the Florida Department of Transportation’s aging road user program “Safe Mobility for Life.” In this role, she leads a multi-disciplinary statewide Coalition represented by 28 member organizations as they work together to create resources and implement Florida’s Aging Road User Strategic Safety Plan. The broad strategic plan, comprised of ten emphasis areas, is designed to reduce crashes for older adults by improving their safety, access, and mobility. This balanced comprehensive approach was developed to ensure that aging Floridians maintain independence and remain active in the community even after they transition from driving.
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Kevin joined AAMVAnet in August, 1997 as the Driver Systems Implementation Manager and became Manager of the Operations Department in June, 1998. In March of 2000 he assumed the position of CDL Safety Director in AAMVA’s Programs department. He currently serves as Director of Driver Programs in AAMVA’s Member Services and Public Affairs Division and is the staff liaison to the AAMVA Driver Committee.

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In her current position with AOTA, Ms. Schold Davis manages projects funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration developed to build awareness of occupational therapy’s role in senior safe mobility and increase the capacity of occupational therapy programs to address driving as an instrumental activity of daily living. Significant initiatives include collaboration with The MIT Age Lab and The Hartford’s’ Center for Mature Market Excellence to develop the educational brochure Your Road Ahead: A Guide to Comprehensive Driving Evaluations, and the CarFit collaboration between AAA, AARP and AOTA. Schold Davis is a member of the Transportation Research Board’s Safe Mobility for Older Person’s Committee and member of the National Older Driver Safety Advisory Council.

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Dr. Carl Soderstrom earned his M.D. degree from the State University of New York – Downstate Medical School. Over a 25 years period he was a member of the surgery faculty of the University of Maryland and the research faculty at the School’s National Study Center for Trauma and EMS. He has published over 100 peer-review papers, chapters and report with his primary focus has been on injury prevention, particularly related to substance abuse and injury associated vehicular crashes. He has been the principal investigator of numerous injury prevention studies. In 2002 Dr. Soderstrom was appointed as the Associate Chief of the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, becoming the Chief in 2005. He leads the MAB in providing advice regarding medical fitness to drive and policy based on current research. Dr. Soderstrom is a Fellow of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine, serving as President for two years. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and serves on the Geriatric Trauma Committee. He is also a Faculty Associate at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health Department of Health Policy & Management. Dr. Soderstrom continues to serve on local, regional, and national committees, societies, and task forces addressing issues related to injury prevention including the National Research Council’s Safe Mobility for Older Persons Committee. Dr. Soderstrom has provided testimony on numerous injury prevention legislative initiatives, particularly those related to impaired driving. In 2003 he testified in the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) hearing on Medical Review of the Non-Commercial Driver. In 2010 he testified in the NTSB’s Forum on Safety, Mobility and the Aging Driver.

Wendy B. Stav received a BS in occupational therapy from Quinnipiac University and a PhD in occupational therapy from Nova Southeastern University, as well as a specialty certification in driving and community mobility. For more than 17 years her work has focused on driving and community mobility related to program development, medical reporting policies, driver licensing guidelines for medically at-risk drivers, assessment predictability, and occupational therapy practice. Dr. Stav’s research and professional involvement includes activities at the state and national levels including AOTA’s Older Driver Initiative, co-authorship of AOTA official documents and Occupational Therapy Practice Guidelines of Driving and Community Mobility for Older Adults, collaboration with the American Medical Association’s Older Driver Project, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrator’s Older Driver Working Group, and contribution to three separate evidence-based literature reviews on older drivers. Dr. Stav was named to the AOTA Roster of Fellows in 2009 for her contributions to the advancement of driving and community mobility practice and received the Maryland Occupational Therapy Association Award of Merit for similar contributions to driving rehabilitation practice. In 2012, she returned to Nova Southeastern University as the chair of the Occupational Therapy Department.
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Syneren Technologies Corporation Overview for Project:
• Establish and operate a web-based communications portal (clearinghouse) to support older driver safety.
• Develop content and processes for delivery and cross-pollination of information useful for the desired end-users.
• Cultivate state-level use of the Clearinghouse through a State Leadership Program.
• Provide technical assistance to users to encourage an information exchange.

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