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Elkhorn, NE: Vetter Health Services hosts Dementia Seminar

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Individuals caring for residents with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders need to have compassion, a caring heart, an understanding of the disease, and how it impacts an individual as well as family members.

Team members need to understand that the disease affects the way an individual thinks, sees, and interprets the world. Team members need to know they make an impact. They can change the environment, their communication style, the way they approach residents, and it will change the experience the resident has as well as manage feelings of anxiety and/or agitation.

The 8 hour Alzheimer's and Dementia Seminar was presented by Cameo Rogers, CTRS, CDP, CDCM at Vetter Health Services. Cameo is an approved instructor for NCCDP or National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners, an organization focused on enhancing knowledge and skills for individuals serving residents with dementia. The curriculum includes but is not limited to sections on Alzheimer's Disease, communication, behaviors, wandering, activities, end of life, and spiritual care.

There were a total of 32 team members who attended the training including 16 team members from Brookestone Meadows, 7 from Brookestone Village, 7 from Papillion Manor, and 2 from Vetter Health Services. Team members who meet the qualifications for NCCDP Certification will be seeking the path to certification through NCCDP.

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