

Rosemary Bakker: I would like to thank several organizations and individuals who were instrumental in making this conference happen. We would not be here today without the funding of the James N. Jarvie Commonwealth Service, the Isaac H. Tuttle Fund, and the Ira M. Resnick Foundation. Thank you all for your support. I also want to thank Cardozo for donating this wonderful space, Toby Golick for mentoring us, and finally, Janet Lessem, who has worked tirelessly on this conference. I could not have done it without you. Janet, you have truly been amazing. (Applause)

Last night, the section on hoarding was launched on Cornell's website: cornellaging.org/gem. You will find a wide body of practical information including Frequently Asked Questions, Top 20 Best Practices, and a list of cleaning services recommended by social workers.

In the upcoming year, my two main goals are to continue developing the internet resource center and brainstorming with service providers on developing additional services, including the feasibility of a manned hotline two days a week so adult children can call for help, a list serve for social workers, a speaker's bureau, and support groups for people who hoard.

Randy, do you want to say anything about program development?

Randy Frost: We have been doing a lot of planning and brainstorming about possible programs. We are trying to generate ways of changing the point of engagement that we have with people who suffer from this problem. How can we better involve the family and the wider community in dealing with this problem? How can we focus on issues related to insight and motivation in people who have this problem? How can we change the structure and the way heavy-duty cleanings are done so we can get a more acceptable long-term outcome? These are just some of the questions we have been toying with and hopefully will have some things to try before too long.

Rosemary Bakker: I want to thank everyone for participating today. I have organized other groups before, from bathing safety to aging-in-place advisory groups but I can honestly say that I have never met as dedicated a group as this Task Force. It has been an honor working with all of you and I look forward to continuing our work over the next year.