



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

MINUTES

1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:

- Members & Alternates: Dr. Dylan Wint, Dolores Ward-Cox, Dr. Jennifer Carson, LeeAnn Mandarino, Kate Inglesby, Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, Dr. Peter Reed, Phillip Kalsman, Susan Hirsch, Tina Dortch, Cheyenne Pasquale
- Staff & Guest: Carole Hanley, Maggie Salas Crespo, Antonia Capparelli-Twait, Jennifer Richards, Elyse Monroy-Marsala, Niki Rubarth, Lisa Evans, Kelcy Meyer, Ferrari Reeder, Benjamin Challenor, Autumn Blattman, Lee Elkins, Belz & Case Government Affairs Scribe by Rewatch, Susan Waschevski, Tori Diego

2. Public Comment:

- Niki Rubarth requested that the caregivers' numbers and unpaid hours be updated in the TFAD Annual report.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of TFAD's November 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

- Grammatical errors were noted for correction.
- Dr. Peter Reed motioned to approve the minutes with corrections:
- Tina Dortch Second the motion:
- All approved

4. Presentation and Discussion: Advance Care Planning, Subjects may cover:

- Nevada laws/regulations regarding advance care planning
 - All 50 states subscribe to the uniform Power of Attorney (POA) law which may look different in each state.

- Nevada's POA laws have been amended many times over the years.
- Recommendation to have a Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) in place.
- The supported decision-making agreement is a tool for older adults that may be diagnosed with dementia. It is a standalone advanced planning document that has legal requirements to complete.
- You can use a POA as a backup to the supported decision-making agreement.
- The Advanced Psychiatric care directive is overlooked and underused by those who may have a co-occurring psychosocial diagnosis.
- Advance Psychiatric care directive does need to be kept updated.
- POA is a power over another individual, supported decision making is the person is still making the decision with support.
- Legal strategies to minimize the need for guardianship.
 - Before guardianship is put in place the individual must demonstrate that it is necessary, and they cannot complete basic needs without assistance being in place.
 - Assembly Bill (AB) 414 changes the language to be user friendly. It expands on priorities like what is very important, somewhat important, and not important at all.
 - Placement clarity is lacking with the special options powers check box section.
 - The new law removed the need for a certificate of capacity which could lead to abuse and exploitation for older adults.
- Efforts by Legal Aid (as an OAA grant recipient) to offer advance care planning resources (service/education) including the Legal Aid kiosk project.
- Assessment of unmet needs related to advance care planning (services/education)
- Potential new/revised legislation for the 2025 legislative session.
 - Presentation is available with the [meeting materials](#).

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Nevada Lock Boxes Who/How to use.

- Nevada Lockbox is a no-cost safe electronic repository to store advance directives and guardianship nominations accessible only by you, your designees, and authorized entities online 24/7
- The Office of the Secretary of State cannot help with creating documents or provide legal advice.
- To schedule a presentation contact Maggie Salas Crespo msalascrespo@sos.nv.gov
- For Lockbox information go to: website www.Nevadalockbox.nv.gov, e-mail Lockbox@sos.nv.gov, Call (702) 486-2887.
- Nevada Lockbox presentation is available with the meeting materials.

6. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approval of TFADs 2023 Annual Report:

- Update the caregiver's facts and figures information on page 3,
- Revise sections regarding separating Bills that TFAD were interested in, bills that TFAD has concerns about, and Bills that did not pass.
- Remove the PWD acronym's and use people living with dementia.
- Add comment that more Legislative support is needed going forward.
- Dr. Reed motioned to approve the TFAD 2023 Annual report with all the revisions detailed by the chair.

- LeeAnn Mandarino second the motion
- All approved

7. **For Possible Action:** Final Review and Approval of TFAD's 2023 Recommendations in the State Plan to Address Alzheimer's for potential presentation grouping, subcommittees, and combined efforts.

- LeeAnn Mandarino motioned to move this agenda item to the March meeting:
- Cheyenne Pasquale second the motion:
- All approved

8. **For Possible Action:** Tentative Agenda Topics for March 12, 2024, meeting:

- Final review of TFAD's 2023 Recommendations in the State Plan
- Presentation from the Alzheimer's Association on Nevada Memory Network
- Review Interim Committees and Opportunities to make a public comment on behalf of TFAD.

9. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment made.

10. **Adjournment:** 12:42pm

NOTE:

- Supporting documents referenced above in the "for possible action" items may be requested from Carole Hanley, Commission Administrative Support, ADSD at clhanley@adsd.nv.gov and is/will be available at the meeting locations and ADSD website at [Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease \(TFAD\)](#).

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at <https://adsd.nv.gov> and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>