

Presentation on Nevada Memory Network to Nevada TFAD

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Georgia Memory Network

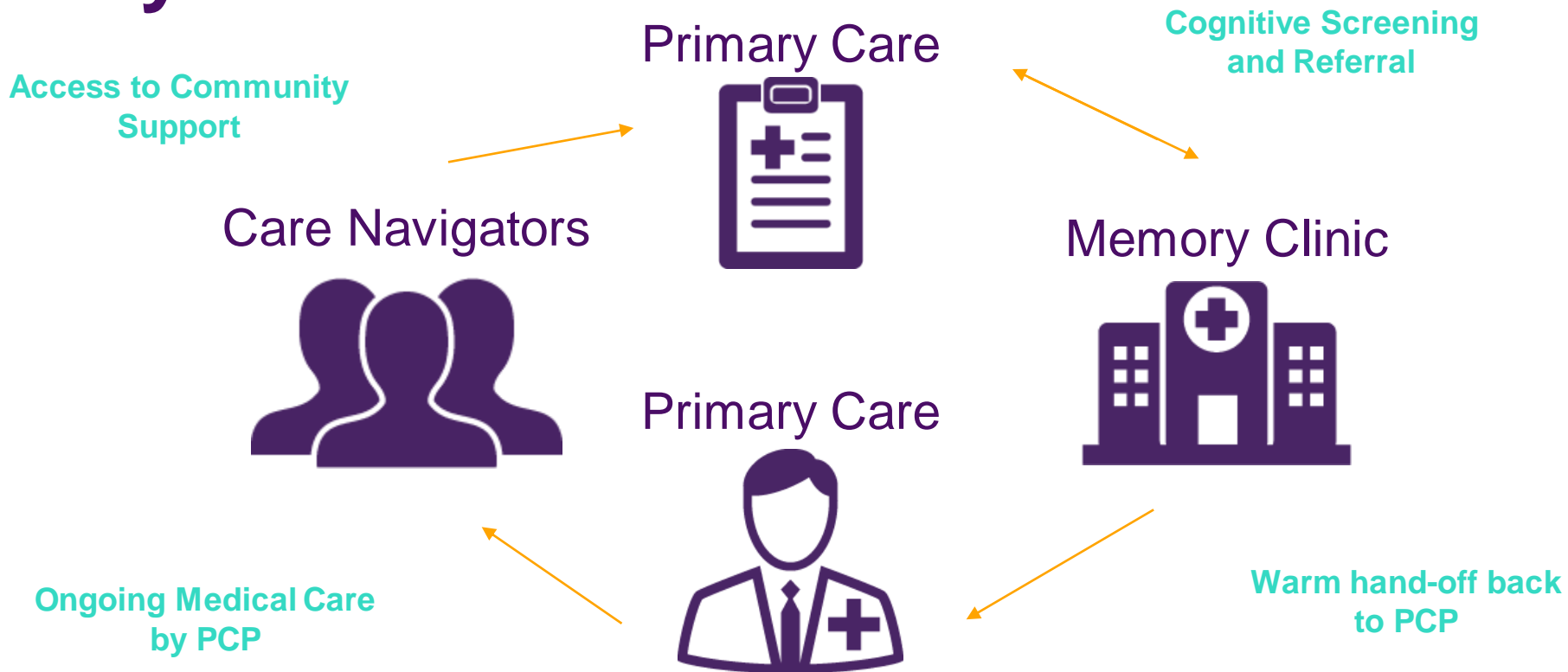


- Started in 2018
- Partnership between Emory University and Georgia Department of Human Services
- Started with 5 clinics
- Currently has 7 memory assessment clinics statewide
- Additional partnerships with community organizations and healthcare organizations

Nevada Memory Network

1. Improve the screening of Nevadans with memory loss with a sustainable Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) model.
2. Establish Memory Assessment Clinics, or hubs, in Northern and Southern Nevada that can accurately diagnose Alzheimer's and related dementias, and improve care.
3. Improve patient health outcomes through an early and accurate diagnosis, and support the needs of care partners.
4. Reduce the overall cost of care associated with a dementia diagnosis.
5. Support the oversight and evaluation of project performance and direct data collection for research.

System of Care



Primary Care Provider Screening and Referrals



PCPs will serve as the most important part of the proposal by screening and referring patients to the Memory Assessment Clinics (MACs) as a part of the Medicare Annual Wellness Exam.

Memory Assessment Clinics

MACs will serve as the hub of the model. Specialists, including neurologists, neuropsychologists and/or geriatricians trained in diagnosing dementia will work with the patient and their care partner(s). The MACs will provide the necessary testing to obtain an accurate diagnosis and will also work with the patient/care partner dyad on a plan of care. The MACs, as well as academic medical partners, will also provide ongoing training to PCPs to better screen and diagnose common forms of dementia. The MACs will also take full advantage of telehealth technology to assist PCPs and patients particularly in rural Nevada.



Warm Hand-off to PCP



MACs will provide a comprehensive, person-centered care plan to the PCP and patient/care partner dyad. The care plan will also include caregiver training recommendations and resources.

Dementia Care Navigators (DCNs)

DCNs are community health workers who will provide care coordination and referrals to community-based services to meet not only the needs of the patient, but also the care partner. Access to in-home care, monitoring the well-being of the caregiver, and access to care partner supports such as respite will be a part of the work of the DCNs.



Previous Attempts Slide 1

- Previous attempt in 2023 Legislative Session
- SB297 was introduced March 16, 2023
- Hearing in Senate HHS on April 4, 2023
- Heard in Senate Finance on May 20, 2023
- Stalled in Senate Finance

S.B. 297

SENATE BILL No. 297—COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

MARCH 16, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Provides for the establishment of the Nevada Memory Network. (BDR 40-298)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION - Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets **[inserted/repealed]** is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to dementia; providing for the establishment of the Nevada Memory Network for the diagnosis of dementia and the care of patients with dementia; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

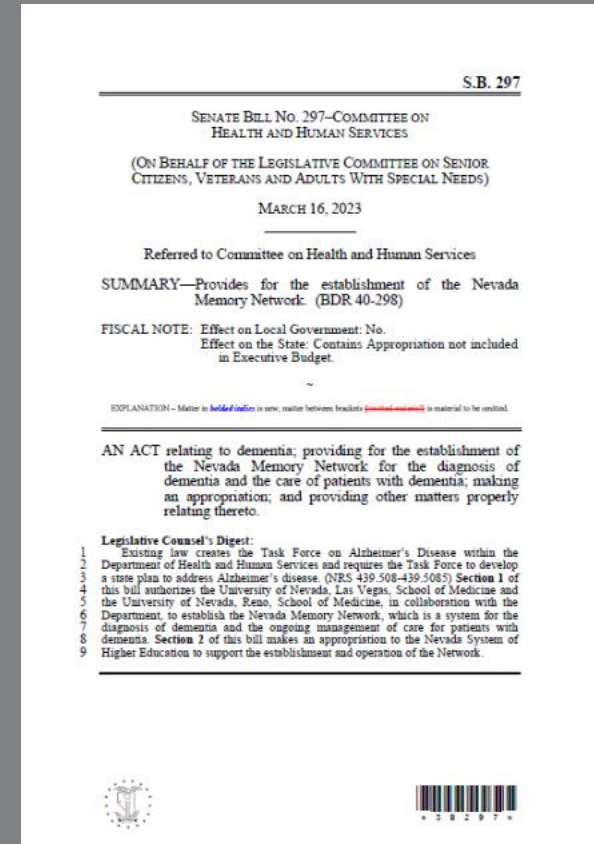
Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law creates the Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease within the
2 Department of Health and Human Services and requires the Task Force to develop
3 a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease. (NRS 439.508-439.5085) **Section 1** of
4 this bill authorizes the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Medicine and
5 the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine, in collaboration with the
6 Department, to establish the Nevada Memory Network, which is a system for the
7 diagnosis of dementia and the ongoing management of care for patients with
8 dementia. **Section 2** of this bill makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of
9 Higher Education to support the establishment and operation of the Network.



Previous Attempts Slide 2

- Instructed for Schools of Medicine for UNR and UNLV to contract with clinics specializing in neurology.
- Additionally, for the SOMs to contract dementia care navigation
- Appropriated \$684,573 to SOMs



Future

- Present to TFAD (Today)
- Alzheimer's Association presentation to the Interim Committee on Seniors, Veterans, and Adults with Special Needs (March 26)

Questions?