

Senator Valerie Wiener (Retired), Chair, Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease
Chair Remarks, 3/15/19

TFAD Members, Alternates, and DHHS Support Staff, I would like to take a moment to share a message that I sent to Jeff Duncan on February 7th of this year. This is a message that I am conveying to you with just as much passion today.

"As I look ahead, I also find myself reflecting. Back in 2012, Assemblywoman April Mastroluca, chair of the interim Health Committee, asked me to chair "a task force to work on a state plan related to Alzheimer's Disease." I could not imagine that she was asking me to lead this effort. However, time and timing were important, and we did form that ACR 10 Task Force and produced the first *State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease*.

"Since then, TFAD has performed its duties in exemplary ways. Each TFAD member has demonstrated heartfelt dedication to TFAD and its mission. I often beam when describing the distinctive nature of TFAD and the exceptional people who serve it with their experience, expertise, and enthusiasm.

"As you know, I have served as the ACR 10 and TFAD chair since the summer of 2012. What a joy and privilege this has been for me. Again, as I reflect, I am so pleased about the exceptional accomplishments of this "advisory" task force.

"Looking forward, I realize that it is important for me to spend more time with my family (Australia and New Zealand), as well as balance my personal and civic-engagement commitments in Nevada.

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“Therefore, I would like to share my intentions with you. I will continue to chair TFAD with the same level of passion until the 2019 officer elections at the May or July 2019 meeting. At that time, I will support another TFAD member for chair. During the 2019-2020 year, I will eagerly provide assistance, expertise, and insights that might benefit TFAD and the new chair.

“My goal is a seamless transition. In addition I believe that my current appointment expires on May 31, 2020, at which time I will not be seeking reappointment.

“This has been an extraordinarily difficult decision to make. However, I know that it is time for another person to step into the TFAD leadership and experience the immeasurable satisfaction of this role and all the ways TFAD makes such a positive and powerful difference. This work has been demonstrated through the information-packed bi-monthly meetings, each *Annual Report*, and each bi-annual (odd years) *State Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease*.

“Thank you, TFAD Members and Alternates, as well as the many DHHS staff, who, throughout the years, have supported TFAD and me. It has been a privilege to work with you, as we honor our commitments to the State of Nevada and the countless people affected, directly or indirectly, by Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.”