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September 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Name of Organization: Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

Date and Time of Meeting: September 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Locations: Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 South Carson St.
Room 3137
Carson City, NV 89701

Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Avenue
Room 4412
Las Vegas, NV 89101

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Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Peter Reed, PhD, Chair

Members Present: Dr. Peter Reed, Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Senator Wiener,
Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen, Dr. Marwan Sabbagh (Phone), Gini
Cunningham, Tina Dortch, Wendy Simons, Niki Rubarth, Wendy Simons
Alternates Present: LeeAnne Mandarino

Staff Present: Carole Hanley, Jeff Doucet

2. Public Comment (This item is to receive comments, limited to three (3) minutes, on any issue and any discussion of those items. However, no action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an action item.)
 - No Public Comments

3. Welcoming Remarks
Peter Reed, PhD, Chair
 - Thank you to all for the continued great work that the Task Force is doing and will continue to do.
 - Welcome new members, Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen (reappointed), Dr. Marwan Sabbagh, & Marco Valera.

4. Approval of July 12, 2019, Meeting Minutes (**For Possible Action**)
Peter Reed, PhD, Chair
 - Wendy Simons motioned to approved, Tina Dortch second, all approved the Motion passed

5. Election of TFAD Vice Chair (**For Possible Action**)
Peter Reed, PhD, Chair
 - Dr. Reed nominated Tina Dortch as Vice Chair, no one else was nominated.
 - Senator Wiener motioned to close, Wendy Simons second, all approved, the motion for Tina Dortch being Vice Chair has passed.

6. Update/Presentation on 2019 State Plan, Appendix # 7
LeeAnn Mandarino, Cleveland Clinic, Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health

In 2015 efforts were made to create a research consortium in Nevada. The consortium would connect potential recruits and physicians with different types of clinical trials that are being performed in Nevada. A landing page was created on the Alzheimer's, Dementia Research Center (ADRC's), Nevada Care Connect web site. At that time only two listed clinical trials were in process and the consortium momentum was lost.

New avenues are now being examined to get the consortium on track in Nevada. The Cleveland Clinic is submitting a P20 grant to the National Institute of Aging so that they can become an Alzheimer's, Dementia Research Center (ADRC's). Currently there are only 30 ADRC's throughout the country. Researchers at these Centers work to translate research advances into important diagnosis and care for people with Alzheimer's disease, as well as to find a way to cure and possibly prevent Alzheimer's.

- Opportunities for patients and families to volunteer by participating in clinical trials, studies and patient registries.
- Help in obtaining diagnoses and medical management
- Provide information about the disease, services and resources.
- Services and other resources that provide support to volunteers and families.

Having an ADRC in Nevada could open several opportunities for Nevadans such as:

- Creating an environment that supports innovative research that has a significant impact on the field of dementia research and treatment.
- Raise awareness and interest in fundamental, clinical and translational dementia research and treatment.
- Foster Interdisciplinary collaborations, especially in emerging areas of research, to catalyze new ideas and scientific approaches.
- Attract and retain early stage investigators and investigators new to dementia research.
- Promote the translation of scientific discoveries from bench to bedside to community that improve public health and provide an opportunity for feedback, including validation and effectiveness measures.
- Enable bi-directional translation aimed at accelerating the development of effective treatment and prevention for AD patients at all stages of the disease.
- Provide rapid and broad sharing of analytic and research tools, as well as data, as appropriate and consistent with achieving the goals of the program.
- Enhance dementia-related research education and training opportunities for people with dementia, their care partners, students, scientists, and clinicians.

The focus is to address the healthcare disparities of the rural community, engage, recruit and retain rural participants. This submission works alongside the Geriatric Workforce grant that was received to educate rural practitioners and healthcare trainees on dementia care. Practitioners in rural area can refer patients to clinical trial research and can improve networking and outreach in the outer areas of the state.

Task Force can assist Cleveland Clinic by providing partner connections in the rural areas so outreach can be established.

7. Presentation from Mental Health and Dementia Guidance

Ruth Gay, Chief Public Policy Officer, Alzheimer's Association

- This presentation was tabled for November's meeting

8. Update/Presentation on Inter-Agency Collaboration to Address Adequacy of Dementia Care in Residential Facilities

Kyle Devine, Clinical Program Manager II, Disease Prevention and Investigation, Public and Behavioral Health

- Updating regulations for persons with Dementia and/or Alzheimer's
- Work group meet on August 1st and August 29th.
- Training recommendations were made to encompass a two-tiered training program for residential group homes.
 - Tier-1. Basic emergency training, communicating with residents and families and Person Center Services to be completed within the first 40 hours of hire.
 - Tier-2. Best practices, signs and symptoms, how to care for someone with dementia and more advance trainings as needed.
- These classes would be approved by the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC), all trainings would be required to publish on-line by HCQC so that providers know what trainings are available. All state agencies have agreed to work together to

assure training resources are available in person, web base or other forms of training can be identified.

- No Statute or Regulations are currently in place for dementia or Alzheimer's, so the collaboration has requested to adopt the definitions for both Alzheimer's and dementia from the National Institute of Aging.
- Minimum standards to have Person Center Service Plans will be discussed in October's meetings.
- It is estimated that a draft Amended Regulation will be sent to the Legislative Council Bureau by the end of October.

9. Presentation from CSI Steering Committee

Nick Tscheekar, Community Engagement Officer

- The goal is direct to unpaid family caregivers to seniors in Washoe County.
- First step was to convene the community – Hear directly from family care givers.
- Two main topics of difficulty needed to be addressed; how to find resources and where to begin when you enter caregiver unexpectedly.
- Washoe County Caregivers Guidebook goes over 12 topics as to how to be a caregiver and established washoecounty.org that list over 300 resources for caregivers. Over 13,000 books have been distributed in the Washoe area.
- Employee caregiver toolkit serves as an assessment for employers to see if they are caregiver friendly and how to use the toolkit.
- All 300 resources are updated every 6 months so that it has the most accurate information.
- The Caretaker Guidebook can be found on WashoeCaregivers.org.

10. Update/Presentation on the Dementia Education and Training Resource Sheet

Niki Rubarth, Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association

- Continues to be a work in process, resources that have been listed are ones that are available statewide or region wide along with attachments.
- Considerations for changes and/or suggestions need to be sent in so the final version can be provided for November's meeting.
- Next meeting members will review the final version and then consent to the accuracy and consider adding a version of the Resource Sheet to the State plan appendix

11. Approval of Agenda Items for November 15, 2019, Meeting (**For Possible Action**)

Peter Reed, PhD, Chair

- Update on Inter-Agency Collaboration – Kyle Devine
- Presentation Mental Health and Dementia Guidance- Ruth Gay
- Final version of the Dementia Education and Training Resource Sheet- Niki Rubarth or Kate Ingalsby
- Update on Dementia Friendly Nevada, ongoing resource plans for Alzheimer's Association- Jeff Doucet & LeeAnne Mandarinino

- Bills & Legislation on Behavioral Issues-Joyce Woodhouse
- State Plan Schedule- Senator Wiener
- Assigning recommendations to Task Force members and appendix
- Outline the process of 2021 Plan

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- No Public Comments

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:36am

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