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### **Meeting Minutes**

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

Date and Time of Meeting: July 12, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

Locations: Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)  
9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 200  
Reno, NV 89521

Grant Sawyer Building  
555 E. Washington Ave. Suite 1400  
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### **Agenda**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Sen. Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair

Members Present: Senator Joseph Hardy (phone), Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen, Sen. Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Dr. Peter Reed, Tina Dortch, Gini Cunningham, Wendy Simons(phone), Niki Rubarth,

Alternates Present: Dolores Ward (phone), Connie Johnson (phone), Jennifer Carson

Staff Present: Carole Hanley, Homa Woodrum, Jennifer Williams-Woods

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**  
Sen. Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
4. **Approval of March 15, 2019, & May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**  
Sen. Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
  - Wendy Simons moved to approve March 15, 2019 Minutes, Tina Dortch second the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
  - Wendy Simons moved to approve May 15, 2019 minutes, Niki Rubarth second the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
5. **Welcome to New and Renewed Appointees to TFAD, Beginning July 1, 2019**  
Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
  - Renewed Appointees are: Dr. Peter Reed, Gini Cunningham and Niki Rubarth
  - Newley appointed: Dr. Marwan Sabbagh
6. **Election of TFAD Chair and Vice Chair (For Possible Action)**  
Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.), Chair
  - Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.) nominated Dr. Peter Reed for the chair. Wendy Simons second the motion. No other nominations were made. Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.) called for a vote. The motion passed.
  - Dr. Peter Reed opened the nomination for vice chair, Tina Dortch is interested but would like others to have the opportunity to express their interest.
  - Wendy Simons moved to postpone the vice chair vote to September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting with recognition of one interested party and allowing others to reach out to the newly elected chair to express interest. Senator Valerie Wiener (Ret.) second the motion. Dr. Peter Reed called for a vote. The vote passed
7. **Update/Presentation on the Dementia Education and Training Resource Sheet**  
Niki Rubarth, Regional Director, Alzheimer's Association
  - This document is still a work in progress, it is taking time to make sure all agencies statewide have been included. Information from the Alzheimer's Association, Cleveland Clinic, Nevada Senior Services, Stanford Center for Aging, Veterans Affairs and others are being entered into the Resource Guide. A final working draft of the guide should be ready for review by the next TFAD meeting.

8. Update/Presentation on 2019 State Plan, Appendix # 7  
LeeAnn Mandarino, Cleveland Clinic, Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health
  - Presenter was not present, so this update/presentation was tabled until the next meeting.
9. 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
  - Meetings have started with participants from Public and Behavioral Health, Aging, State Medicaid, TFAD Members, and Residential Group Homeowners all being represented. The meetings are following Open Meeting Law so that all who would like to speak will have an opportunity.
  - It has become apparent the regulations we currently used for Alzheimer's endorsed facility's may no longer be accurate. A closer look at the regulations and how changes can be addresses is needed before changes are made.
  - A clearer definition of what Alzheimer's and dementia is being reviewed so that everyone can identify the dementia behaviors and be able to provide the appropriate care.
  - More training on dementia care is needed in all facilities. This may require the regulations to increase the amount of training hours needed. Low cost and free alternatives are being investigated.
  - Individual care plans are being considered
10. Update/Presentation on Veterans in Care (VIC) Initiative  
Wendy Simons, Deputy Director of Wellness, State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services/ Peter Reed, PhD, Director, Sanford Center for Aging
  - Overview of the Veterans in Care (VIC) Initiative
  - Over 2,000 veterans' ceremonies performed
  - To make sure veterans were aware of the services available to them.
  - 19 Centurion Veterans have been located and recognized.
  - Veterans have been able to enhance their personal situation with veterans' benefits.
  - Dr. Carson helped develop and is the primary presenter of the Bravo Zulu Program Bravo Zulu is a 16-hour course that overlays the foundation of military experience with the process of providing dementia care. This program is approved for dementia training credit for facilities.
  - Sanford Center for Aging applied and received a 5-year grant From Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA), worth over three million dollars and will be used to integrate primary care with geriatrics training, particularly up north. 1/3 of the content must be geriatric related.
  - Bravo Zulu training was included in the grant. Bravo Zulu will now be offered twice a year in both north and south.

- Marketing will be going out. Look for ICECAP Nevada (Improving Care of Elders thru community and academic partnerships).
- Jennifer Carson spoke on the educational relevance Bravo Zulu has for both veterans and civilians in any type of personal care facility living with dementia. The program does exceed the Nevada State requirement for 8hrs of training for Skilled and Assisted Living providers. Community bases providers have expressed gratitude for being allowed to attend.

11. Presentation on 2019 Legislation Session and Dementia-Related Bills:

Homa Woodrum, Aging and Disability Service Division, Chief Advocacy Attorney

**Senate Resolution 5** Recognizes Senator Valerie Wiener was admitted to the Senate Hall of Fame.

**AB65** Provisions relating to notaries public – This bills intention was to “clean up” notarial language on forms concerning guardianship and made provisions for placement of the nomination form in a “lock box”. This does not affect forms that are currently in place.

**AB91** Provisions concerning the sterilization of protected persons – Care Givers must seek court authority to have an individual sterilized.

**AB170** Provisions relating to health care – Places pre-existing condition protection from the Affordable Care Act into Nevada law.

**AB228** Jurisdiction expansion of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCOP) in settings such as: supported living arrangements, community-based living, adult daycare and long-term rehabilitation– This bill was renewed from 2017’s AB228 that was amended. The law will allow permissive offering of LTCOP help in these types of facilities to allow time to collect data making sure that services are not being duplicated. This will be a more responsive roll at this time. The discussion on increasing the budget to provide for the possible increase of services has already started for the next Legislature Session.

**AB299** Provisions governing certain powers of attorney – Added to the language of the Health Care Reform. Distinguishing between “durable” and “nondurable” power of attorney. Nevada Pulse Form is the providers orders for licensing and treatment that was recently changed. All the Healthcare Directive forms need reform because no matter what you have in place if a Pulse Form comes along it will override all others and can even be signed by someone that does not have the right to.

**AB480** Provisions governing supported decision-making agreements – Allowing a person with Dementia to have a support in making informal decisions. The existence of the agreement cannot be used to argue that the individual being supported needs a guardian. Recognized by the United Nations as a best practice. There is no threshold for use for the supported decision-making agreements, but it does stop being useful at a certain point.

**SB20** Provisions relating to guardianships – Addresses the issue of successor guardianships and numerous other Guardianship reforms made in the 2017 session. Please see hand out for a detailed breakdown.

**SB121** Provisions relating to fiduciaries – An individual that has failed to make Power of Attorney arrangements before a diagnosis of Dementia will be allowed a

window of opportunity to have assistance in their healthcare decisions from their designated agent.

Bill 121 also provides that certain information can be provided to the Public Guardians prior to the appointment of a guardian if that information originates from the court, law enforcement, or the Aging and Disability Services Division. 15 counties are on board (counties are 100,000 residents are less), Not all counties are participating Washoe and Clark have objected to this process.

**SB223** Provisions relating to persons in need of care or assistance – Amended provisions relating to power of attorney and touches upon transfers and discharges and notifications. Senate Bill 540 has additional language. A discussion on a possible bed hold law is on a possibility.

**SB312** Requires an employer in private employment to provide paid leave to employees under certain circumstances.

**SB362** Provisions concerning the placement of persons with dementia in a residential facility for groups – Allows for a more individualized determination of a resident's placement and care needs.

**SB540** Provisions relating to persons in need of protection – As of July 1, 2019 Adult Protective Services is serving not only the 60 and older population but the 18-59 adult population. The contact information for Adult Protective Services remains the same the prior Elder Protective Services.

12. Update/Presentation of Remaining Retired Recommendations in 2019 State Plan, Appendix B, #11, #12, #13, #14 2019 State Plan  
Sheryl Giordano, DMP, Parent Consultant, Nevada State Board of Nursing

- A survey was sent to 2070 to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with 1970 emails received and 422 completed survey's this is 20% of Nevada's APRN's
- 68 Nurses of the 422 that responded are practicing in the rural areas.
- 180 are caring for patients with Alzheimer's or Dementia
- 77 stating that other Dementia Care educational courses are being offered
- 188 of the Nurse Practitioners choose to take continuing educational programs in dementia care.
- The need for more education and getting the word out about the progression of dementia and Alzheimer's is needed.
- Request for caregiver and family support, resources, screening tools, activities, safety and nutrition are just a few topics that are needed.

13. Presentation on Health and Human Services, Public Health Planning  
Julia Peek, Deputy Director of Programs

- Nevada is 1 of 8 states to be selected for the Healthy Brain Initiative Planning Lab supported by the CDC and is a collaboration between the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and the National Alzheimer's Association. Dr. Peter Reed, Niki Rubarth, Julia Peeks and other Aging and Disability Services and Public and Behavior Health Department will all be sitting on the Board to help tackle what

public health to dementia looks like. Planning is scheduled to start with in the month.

- The collaboration group would like to focus on topics such as: prevention, early identification, intervention, a population-based approaches, how data is looked at, target areas of need, what current State resources that are available currently. A way to get the most data is to reach out to the public with a mass media campaign. The collaboration group hopes to work with the Nevada Broadcasters Association and other Public Health Partners to help collect the need information.
- Looking at tracking and evaluation and data collection. Continued use of the Behavioral Risk Survey to help gain knowledge on the number of people who have dementia, the impacted-on families, caregivers and other statistics.
- The Directors Office and the Alzheimer's Association are looking at a potential use of a Block Grant that helps keep people out of institutions. With the efforts from the Sanford Center for Aging, and UNR's efforts that people will be able to articulate what is available.

14. Approval of Agenda Items for September 11, 2019, Meeting (For Possible Action)  
Peter Reed, PhD, Chair

- Elect a Vice Chair
- Update/ Final Draft on Resource Guide by Niki Rubarth

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Ruth Gay the Chief Public Policy Officer for the Alzheimer's Association for the Northern Nevada and Northern California Chapter has moved into a higher position in DC working on Federal affairs, she will continue her work along with the Association. The new Chief Public Policy Officer is Susan Damaris who has been with the Association for many years.

16. Adjournment

Senator Wiener moved to Adjourn Tina Dortch second all approved. The motioned passed  
11:55

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104, Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City, NV 89706
8. Carson City Senior Center, 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City, NV 89706
9. Washoe County Senior Center, 1155 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV 89512
10. Las Vegas Senior Center, 451 East Bonanza Road, Las Vegas NV 89101
11. Sanford Center for Aging, University of Nevada Reno, 1644 N. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557
12. Humboldt General Hospital, 118 E Haskell St, Winnemucca, NV 89445

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