

Nevada Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

State Plan Recommendations Planning Template

Recommendation #: 5

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Current Recommendation as Stated:

Recommendation #5: Outreach to Physicians (2017)

Recommendation

Support collaborations between medical professionals and medical associations to adopt and promote use of best-practice diagnostic guidelines for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Support a meaningful and effective communication continuum between these professionals and community-based service organizations, including referrals to community-based resources.

Indicators

Data gathered by the Alzheimer's Association.

Potential Funding

Alzheimer's Association. Grants, donations, and/or gifts.

Determination: Do you propose that for the 2021 State Plan this recommendation be:

- 1) ~~Retained as is~~
- 2) ~~Retired to the Appendix (it has been accomplished or is no longer relevant)~~
- 3) **Revised / Updated**

Justification: If you propose revising this recommendation, what is your rationale for your suggested changes? Updated resources for physician referral, health systems outreach and a new partnership agreement with Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

Suggested Revisions: Please provide the text for your suggestions on how to revise the recommendation (and be sure to include each of the following required elements):

- **Recommendation:**

Continue to support collaborations between medical professionals and medical associations to adopt and promote use of best-practice diagnostic guidelines for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Support a meaningful and effective communication continuum between these professionals and community-based service organizations, including referrals to community-based resources.

Specifically, support statewide partnerships and collaborations to increase access to early diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other dementias, and to expand dementia care education across primary care practices and health systems in Nevada. These initiatives will include, but are not limited to, the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Programs (GWEPs) through the UNR and UNLV schools of medicine, the Sanford Center for Aging, Project ECHO Nevada, the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, as well as the partnership between the Alzheimer's Association and the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

- **Indicators:**

Data gathered through the CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey modules on subjective cognitive decline and caregiver burden. Alzheimer's Association physician referral data reports

- **Potential Funding:**

Federal/state, foundation grants. Private gifts.