

State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease Recommendations

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ID	Recommendations	Description	Lead Person	Timeframe	Comments	State Plan Area
1	Statewide Information and Referral System	Establish and fund a system for those with Alzheimer's disease and their families to enable them to connect with local case management and support services.	Mr. Chavez		1/15/14 on-line link to Alzheimer's Association Information from DHHS Website Reports contacts at quarterly meetings of TFAD	Access to Services
2	Nurse Practitioners	Authorize nurse practitioners to have independent practices to provide better access to care.	Senator Wiener		1/15/14 AB 170 allowed for nursing practitioners to have independence in practice. State Board of Nursing to adopt regulations. Next meeting, TFAD will have an update from the nursing board.	Access to Services (Rural)
3	Telehealth Funding Streams	Examine and Identify funding streams to develop and facilitate telehealth services to rural communities.	Mr. Chavez		1/15/14 Determine DHHS funding streams; Evaluate ECHO	Access to Services
4	Remove Age Barriers	Remove age barriers that typically keep people with the younger-onset Alzheimer's disease and related disorders from receiving services (adopt language of the Older American's Act).	Senator Wiener		1/15/14 Passage of AB86 in 2013 Legislative Session allows for younger individuals with AD to access respite services funded by the Fund for a Healthy Nevada. Could this work for Meals on Wheels?	Access to Services (Early Onset)
5	Disseminate Information	Educate about the many aspects of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in a variety of ways to meet the needs of every person (Develop toolkits to assist with outreach to different cultural communities).	Dr. Fisher		1/15/14 Change recommendation to state English and Spanish vs variety of languages; Work with DHHS staff.	Access to Services (Cultural Competence)

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6	Affordability of Services	Address affordability by implementing sliding fee scales and other cost-sharing mechanisms.	Ms. Simons		1/15/14 Currently federal law addressed this under ACA; this should be documented in the TFAD status report	Access to Services
7	Nevada Consortium	Establish a consortium to maximize current and future efforts in our State to address Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.	Dr. Bernick		1/15/14 Combine with # 8; Chair to discuss with lead person	Quality of Care
8	Research Opportunities	Investigate and encourage expanded research opportunities throughout Nevada to study current and develop new medications that treat Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Also, promote the dissemination of information about treatments available.	Dr. Bernick		1/15/14 Combine with # 7; Chair to discuss with lead person	Quality of Care
9	Long-term Care Funding Streams	Review current funding and funding streams to support the development of quality long-term care facilities in Nevada. Provide funding or incentives to develop or increase inpatient capacity for placement into existing facilities.	Ms. Simon		1/15/14 Continue to work with DHHS to maximize and clarify coverage	Quality of Care
10	Out-of-State Placements	Reduce the need for out-of-state placements in Nevada	Dr. Fisher		1/15/14 Review national level work to improve quality. An initiative on preventing out of state placements will be included. Report to the TFAD.	Quality of Care

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11	Promote Awareness and Education to Providers	Encourage the Board of Medical Examiners, the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, professional associations, and educational institutions to promote awareness and education to health care providers.	Senator Hardy		1/15/14 Combine 11-14; lead to review and provide status update to the group	Quality of Care
12	School Training on Alzheimer's Disease	Encourage schools in Nevada with programs in nursing and other health care professions to include specific training regarding Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in their curriculum, including continuing education.	Senator Hardy		1/15/14 Combine 11-14; lead to review and provide status update to the group	Quality of Care
13	Training for Hospital Personnel	Encourage training and education about Alzheimer's disease and related disorders for all levels of medical personnel in hospitals.	Senator Hardy		1/15/14 Combine 11-14; lead to review and provide status update to the group	Quality of Care
14	Hours of Training	Encourage first responders, law enforcement, and fire department personnel to have a specified number of hours of training to help them assess and learn how to respond to people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.	Senator Hardy		1/15/14 Combine 11-14; lead to review and provide status update to the group	Quality of Care
15	Expand Respite Services	Provide and expand respite services for family caregiver's of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders to reduce the need for emergency room visits and caregiver stress.	Dr. Fisher		1/15/14 Combine 1, 4 and 15 to provide information and expanded communication access	Quality of Life vs Quality of Care?

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16	Volunteers	Explore the use of volunteers to provide support to family caregivers by collaborating with community organizations and faith-based groups.	Ms. Cunningham		1/15/14 Work With DHHS	Quality of Life
17	Mandatory Reviews	Enforce mandatory administrative or judicial reviews of all persons with dementia under guardianship who are involuntarily placed out of state. Reviews should take place at least every six months.	Senator Wiener		1/15/14 This item requires funding. Should the language state enforce vs encourage? TFAD would like a presentation from Sally Ramm, Senior Legal Advisor for ADSD.	Quality of Life
18	Hospital Transitional Care Programs	Establish hospital transitional care programs that include information on community resources for caregivers and persons with dementia. Investigate federal funding opportunities through Medicare Innovations or Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a transitions planning program or to avoid the hospital setting altogether.	Senator Wiener		1/15/14 TFAD would like a presentation on Money Follows the Person and other Medicaid initiatives.	Quality of Life
19	Employee Assistance Programs	Collaborate with the business community to create employee assistance programs that include education and training for caregivers.	Dr. Bernick		1/15/14 Lou Ruvo has a robust outreach department. Chair will ask Dr. Bernick to lead this recommendation.	Public Awareness

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20	Awareness Campaigns	Foster the development of three awareness programs to provide information about the earliest signs of dementia and to rebuke the stigma of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Target audiences: Professionals that may have contact with persons with dementia (health providers, bankers, emergency responders, lawyers), the general public, and family & caregivers.	Dr. Bernick		1/15/14 Lou Ruvo has a robust outreach department. Chair will ask Dr. Bernick to lead this recommendation.	Public Awareness