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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
Aging and Disability Services Division  
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## MEETING MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday November 19, 2020 | 10:00 am

### 1. Roll Call

**Members Present:**

Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen  
Chuck Duarte  
Connie Johnson  
Dr. Jennifer Carson  
Dr. Peter Reed  
Gini Cunningham  
Niki Rubarth-Alternate  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Susan Hirsch-Alternate  
Tina Dortch

**Members not Present:**

Wendy Knorr

**Staff:**

Carole Hanley

**Guest:**

Valerie Balen

### 2. Public Comment

- (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. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name and provide the secretary with written comments.)
- Senator Woodhouse has retired and would like to convey her appreciation for the honor of serving on the Task Force. She extends her best wishes and thanks all that serve on the Task Force and encourages the continued work.
- Welcome to Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop. Senator Dondero Loop is a lifelong Nevadan who has served three terms in the Legislature and is currently serving as a Nevada State Senator.
- Senator Dondero Loop is a teacher by trade, but her interest is in helping our community.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of the September 10th, 2020 meeting (For Possible Action)

Peter Reed, PhD, Chair

Chuck Duarte motioned to approve the minutes, Tina Dortch second the minutes.

- Correction to be made in #5 on the 4<sup>th</sup> page name is spelled incorrectly.
- Recommendation #17 Initiative and programs needs to be bulleted as its own statement.
- All approved the minutes with the noted revisions made.

**4. Review-Discuss and Approve Emergency-Response Verbiage (using Covid 19 examples) in the introduction of the Start Plan. (For Possible Action)**

Peter Reed PhD, Chair

- Chuck Duarte will assist Dr. Reed with language for the introduction of the State Plan

**5. Discussion-Recommendation and Approval of actions needed to Urge Healthy People 2030 to track Dementia/Alzheimer's measures in Nevada. (For Possible Action)**

Peter Reed, PhD, Chair

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) has been funded for 2020 & 2021; it is unclear if funding will be available in the future.
- BRFSS collects data for the cognitive decline and caregiver health through specific data modules.
- Dr. Wei Yang is collecting the data for 2020's cognitive decline modules and the 2021 caregiver.
- It is important that TFAD strongly encourage that the collection of these data continue.

**6. Final Revision and Approval of the entire State Plan Recommendations. (For Possible Action)**

Peter Reed, PhD, Chair

- Recommendation #1 – Minor corrections made.
- Recommendation #2 – Include Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicaid Dual Special needs plan in the Indicators.
- Recommendation #3 – Added "the included progress and implementation of Nevada Senate Bill (SB) 361 & SB 470 (2019)".
- Recommendation #4 – Was retired to Appendix.
- Recommendation #5 – Introduction of language stayed the same, but a complete revision was made to the Indicators.
- Recommendation #6 – No Changes noted.
- Recommendation #7 – Retire recommendation on Care Pathway to the Appendix a new recommendation will be brought forward for a Research Consortium later.
  - TFAD members are encouraged to consider bringing forward Recommendations backing research for the 2023 Plan. 2021 State Plan may include language in the introduction supporting the efforts of research.
- Recommendation #8 – Added Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations, Dementia Action Alliance/ Eden Alternative's Raising the Bar practice guide and others as appropriate.
- Recommendation #9 – No Changes noted.
- Recommendation #10 – Some verbiage changes.
- Recommendation #11 – Changes were reviewed, and verbiage added to provided necessary infrastructure and support to volunteers.
- Recommendation #12 – Title Change to broaden the awareness.
- Recommendation #13 – Small corrections made.
- Recommendation #14 – Corrected Division of Healthcare Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

- Recommendation #15 – No Changes made.
- Recommendation #16 – Title Changed to Community Awareness
- Recommendation #17 – Title Changed to Organizational Outreach
- Final draft of review will be cleaned up and presented with the updated Appendix A for final approval in January' 2021's meeting.
- Chuck Duarte motioned to adopt the State Plan revisions made today and give ADSD staff and Chair the right to make spelling, grammar and formatting changes as needed. Tina Dortch second the motion, all approved the motion passed.
- The January meeting a full review of the State Plan introduction and Appendix to complete the full State Plan.
- Possibly hear from ADSD how services will be affected by budget cuts

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- 2021 Proposed meeting dates were posted in the meeting materials

### **8. Adjournment: 12:43pm**

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