



MEETING MINUTES

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

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Virtual: Zoom

NOTE:

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement: 10:04 am

Tina Dortch, Vice-Chair

- Members & Alternates: Dr. Dylan Wint, Gini Cunningham, Chuck Duarte, Dr. Peter Reed, Tina Dortch, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Susan Hirsch, Chuck McClatchy
- Staff & Guest: Lorraine Belt, Cheryl Dinnell, Gary Aldax, Kat Hartley, Valerie Balen, Sarah M., LeeAnn Mandarino

2. Public Comment:

Tina Dortch, Vice-Chair

- No Public comment

3. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2021, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Tina Dortch, Vice-Chair

- Dr Dylan Wint made the motion to approve the minutes.
- Susan Hirsch seconded the motion.
- The motion passed.

4. Presentation on Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NVRCC):

Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director NLRCC

- Respite is a short-term caregiver support that provides caregivers temporary breaks.
- Data from AARP shows that 41.8 million people, or 16.8% of the population currently provides care for an adult over 50.
- Only 3 in10 caregivers have additional help, and 27% struggle to find affordable care in their area.

- 1 in 4 caregivers find it hard to take care of their own health while caring for others.
- Having protective and emergency support services available and accessible to caregivers can help with the long-term services and supports system.
- When a gap in eligibility is created, the caregiver often takes on the additional burden without any kind of assistance.
- The administrative task is often left for caregivers to carry the burden.
- Care recipients often need assistance in managing finances, case management and care coordination.
- Providers are struggling to find qualified workers.
- 53% of caregivers feel like they have no choices.
- NLRCC will be looking into what Nevadans know about caregiving across the lifespan, what caregivers need, and what support is needed.
- Someone who is support or connection can be considered respite. It can be in or out of the home.
- [Respite RX report \(nv.gov\)](#)

5. Review and Approval of TFAD 2022 Annual Report (for Possible Action)

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

- Jennifer Carson made the motion to approve the annual report
- Dylan Wint seconded.
- The motion passed with suggested revisions to incorporate feedback from TFAD members.
- Tina had a question about naming the organizations that have presented to the committee and does it add any value to the report oppose to just talking about categories? It was agreed to add the list of presenters to the report.

6. Discussion and Approval of the Action Plans for the New Recommendations approved at the November 10, 2021, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

- Dementia Crisis Response in Community and Residential Care: Meeting with several organizations that have been involved in a statewide crisis intervention. Report back to TFAD as things progress.
- Healthy Brain Initiative: Research with potential stakeholders for these recommendations.
- Dementia Inclusion in Memory Care: Work with the Department of Behavioral Health (DPBH), Healthcare Quality and Compliance (HCQC), Aging and Disability Service Division's (ADSD) Chief Elder and Disability Rights Attorney and bring back what is being done as well as invite presenters to present to TFAD.
- Advanced Care Planning: Narrowing down the areas of focus and contacting legal, medical, and social services stakeholders. Looking at state specific terms for guardianship and when a healthcare power of attorney goes in effect. Early expectations are that more than one focus area will be attached to this recommendation.
- Cognitive Assessments and Diagnosis: Gathering a list of areas that cognitive assessments can be done (example: hospital discharges). Gathering data on annual wellness visits and their utilizations, potential home screenings and what level of evaluation can be completed statewide. Publicize and identify the locations that can perform the evaluations.

7. Discuss, Assign and Approve Member for Current Recommendations noted in the 2021 TFAD State Plan (For Possible Action)

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

Assignments for reviewing existing recommendations:

- Statewide Information and Referral System – Gini Cunningham
 - Telehealth – Peter Reed
 - Cultural Competence – Tina Dortch
 - Outreach to Physicians – Charles Duarte and Tina Dortch
 - State Match Program for APRN's – Dylan Wint
 - Long-term Care –Jennifer Carson
 - Caregiver Support – Charles Duarte
 - Dementia Training – Jennifer Carson and Charles Duarte
 - Volunteers – Gini Cunningham
 - Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession – Susan Hirsch
 - Hospital Transitional Care Practices – Peter Reed
 - Veterans and Their Families – Jennifer Carson and Chuck McClatchey
 - Driving and Dementia – Dylan Wint
 - Community Awareness – Tina Dortch
 - Organizational Outreach – Susan Hirsch and Tina Dortch
- Charles Duarte motion to approve the list of reviewers.
 - Jennifer Carson seconded the motion
 - The motion passed unanimously.

8. Tentative Agenda Topics for March 15, 2022, meeting

Peter Reed, Chair

- Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) activities- Kirsten Coulombe
- Presentation from Jennifer Richards, ADSD Chief Elder & Disability Rights Attorney
- Presentation from ADSD on respite funding available within the state.
- Inviting Paul Schubert or representative from HCQC to present their ideas regarding new regulations for Alzheimer's facilities.

9. Public Comment:

Peter, Reed PhD

- Sarah Motts introduced herself – she is a graduate student at UNR working on her master's degree in public health and works full-time.

10. Adjournment: 12:16 PM

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

Note:

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