



# DEPARTMENT OF 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:* Wednesday, November 10, 2021  
10:00AM

*Place of Meeting:* Virtual: Zoom

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1. Roll Call & Opening Statement:  
Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

- Members & Alternates in attendance: Dr. Dylan Wint, LeeAnn Mandarino, Gini Cunningham, Chuck Duarte, Dr. Peter Reed, Tina Dortch, Casey Acklin, Susan Hirsch (phone), Cheyenne Pasquale
- Staff & Guest: Niki Haag, Carole Hanley, Jamie Ahumada, Cheryl Dinnell, Kristen Coulombe

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 five 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.)

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

- Wendy Knorr has resigned from the Task Force
- Introduction about Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) from Executive Director Cheryl Dinnell
  - Cheryl Dinnell, Executive Director, Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition  
T: (775) 401-4163
  - [cdinnell.contractor@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:cdinnell.contractor@adsd.nv.gov)
  - NVCaregivingRelief.org
  - Vision: Adequate Respite Care for All Mission: The mission of the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition is to support caregivers in our community by promoting awareness and access to, as well as coordination and advocacy for, respite services in Nevada throughout the lifespan.

3. Approval of Minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting: (For Possible Action)

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

- Chuck Duarte moved to approve the minutes with revisions
- Dr. Wint second the motion
- All approved

4. Presentation/Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) activities:

Kirsten Coulombe, Social Service Chief III, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

- Medicaid received a 10% increase in match funds to help provide more services.
- Submitted a spending plan for the American Rescue Plan Funding (ARPF)
- Partial approval was granted on September 30, 2021
- Clarification was requested on 3 or 4 of the topics in the spending plan. These clarifications are being addressed and funds will be released for the items that have been approved.
- The ARPF is time sensitive starting April 1, 2021, until March 31, 2022, but funds have until 2024 to be spent.
- ARPF are very specific on what the funds can be used for. Funds need to enhance, expand, and strengthen Home Based Community Services (HBCS).
- Areas of focus are:
  - Bonus Payment for home care workers (\$500) working through a PC's agency and an additional \$500 after 6 months of continued employment.
  - Align rates to ensure that services meet minimum wage requirements.
  - Restoring 6% budget cuts to providers that were implemented.
  - 15% supplemental payments to Adult Day Health Centers, Home Health Care, Personal Care, and the ID Wavers have a 26.9% increase for services.
  - Expansion of services by assessments for environmental adaptations.
  - Improve on homecare vaccinations and adding dental benefits for ID waiver.
  - Establishing a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE program) in Nevada.
  - Adding home delivered meals for the frail elders.
  - Infrastructure opportunities.
  - Three studies: (1) rate methodology, (2) how to improve care for age, blind and disabled community, and (3) value-based payment.
  - Improve series occurrence database reporting for the Katie Beckett eligibility option.
- Nevada was 1 of 7 states that were selected to have intensive technical assistance from advancing states to work on the implementation plan for PACE.
- Payments to direct work force, payments to providers, and additional match will be the initial focus.
- [Link to Home and Community Based Services ARPA spending plan](#)

5. Discussion and Update regarding Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) Olmstead Planning Survey:

Nikki Haag, Public Information Officer ADSD, Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ADSD

- A survey will be going out to the public and all boards, and commissions members.
- The survey will provide valuable information during the pre-planning stage on the needs of the community and what direction the new Olmstead Plan will take.
- A Steering Committee will be assembled from individuals noted interest on the survey.
- The mission of the plan is to ensure that older persons with disabilities have the opportunity to achieve optimal quality of life in the community of their choice.
- ADSD will be working with an outside agency starting in January to help develop the Olmstead Plan.

6. Update from ADSD on the Current State of the Dementia Toolbox, Caregiver Support Grant Funds and Dementia Care Connection Responses:  
Cheyenne Pasquale, Chief I, Planning, ADSD, Jamie Ahumada, ADSD, No Wrong Door Coordinator
- Resource Navigators offer a wide range of support and help navigate complex systems.
  - Case management is offered to those with dementia or who have memory loss, hearing loss or a speech disability that hinders their ability to maintain services long term.
  - Access to Nevada Care Connections (NCC) can be done several ways, calling 211, [Nevada Care Connection | Adult & Caregiver Support Services](#) or contacting any of the Resource Centers directly.
  - In 2021-3,238 consumers have been served with 315 identified as having Alzheimer's /dementia.
  - ADSD will be hiring a Caregiver Support Coordinator to help expand caregiver support services in Nevada. It will be funded through ARPA & Lifespan Respite Care Act funds.
  - The New State Plan for Aging Services went into effect October 1, 2021.
  - Currently have two active Lifespan Respite Care grants.
  - The Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition is no longer a standalone nonprofit and has transitioned into a public advisory board specific to caregiver services.
  - During the Pandemic efforts were focused on strengthening existing services.
  - Next Competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity for social services will be in January 2022.
7. Final Discussion and Approval of Potential New Recommendations to be added and members assigned: (For Possible Action)  
Peter, Reed PhD, Chair
- Dementia Crisis Response in Community and Residential care: Chuck Duarte will lead this recommendation.
  - Health Brain Initiative Roadmap Priorities: Dr. Jennifer Carson and Chuck Duarte will co-Lead this recommendation.
  - Dementia Inclusion in Memory Care: Dr. Jennifer Carson will take the lead for this recommendation.
  - Advance Care Planning: Susan Hirsch, Dr. Dylan Wint and Gini Cunningham will lead this recommendation.
  - Cognitive Assessments and Diagnosis: Chuck Duarte and Dr. Dylan Wint will co-lead this recommendation.
  - Chuck Duarte motioned to accept the 5 areas of focus as a slate, moving forward into the work of the 2022 State Plan. Dr. Dylan Wint second the motion, All approved
8. Discuss, Review and Approve of 2022 meeting Dates: (For Possible Action)  
Peter, Reed PhD, Chair
- 1/18/2022
  - 3/15/2022
  - 5/17/2022
  - 7/19/2022
  - 9/20/2022
  - 11/15/2022
  - Each date is on the Third Tuesday of the odd months of the year and have the start time of 10:00am. These dates are subject to change.
9. Approval of tentative agenda topics for January 18, 2022, meeting (For Possible Action)  
Peter Reed, Chair
- Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition (NLRCC) presentation

- Updates for new Recommendations (what is the plan of action)
- Update from Division of Health Care Financing and Policy if any updates
- Assign current recommendations

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- No public Comment

11. **Adjournment:** 11:35

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

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