



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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MEETING MINUTES

Name of Organization: Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)
Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 2022
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Virtual: Zoom

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1. Roll Call, New Member Introductions & Opening Statement:

Peter Reed, Chair

- Acknowledgment of re-appointed Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop
- Acknowledgment appointed Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
- Members/Alternates: LeeAnn Mandarino, Gini Cunningham, Chuck Duarte, Dr. Peter Reed, Cheyenne Pasquale, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Susan Hirsch, Chuck McClatchey
- Staff/Guest: Kirsten Coulombe, Brett Salmon (phone), Kat Hartley, Obioma Officer, Sarah M, Carole Hanley(staff)

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, Chair

- Public Comment: Request for committee name change to include dementia.
 - Response: TFAD is legislatively chartered and is in the Nevada Revised Statutes, so while we discuss implications of such a change and can certainly represent the broader scope of dementia in practice, our authority to change the name of TFAD is limited.
- Public Comment: Use care partners instead of caregivers.
 - Response: TFAD does strive to use constant language throughout State Plan and can review for consistency as we develop the next version (currently being developed).

- Public Comment: 2022 Alzheimer's [Facts and Figures Report](#) was released by the Alzheimer's Association. 2022 [Facts and Figure Infographic](#), [More Than Normal Aging report](#), [2022 Nevada Alzheimer's Statistics Chart](#).

3. Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting: (For Possible Action)
Peter Reed, Chair

- Jennifer Carson motion to approve the minutes, Susan Hirsch second the motion, revisions noted, All approved

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

Kirsten Coulombe, Social Service Chief 3, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

- [American Rescue Plan website](#)
- American Rescue Plan email: AmericanRescuePlan@dhsfp.nv.gov.
- Medicaid Federal match funds were increased.
- Funds are for a limited time April 1, 2021-March 30,2021.
- \$500.00 payment to healthcare workers went out in February 2022.
- Payments are temporary until funding is no longer available.
- Expanding Home Delivered meals to the persons on the elderly waiver not just the physically disability wavers.
- The supplemental payments for: home healthcare 15%, PCN 15%, rural differential 14%, intellectual disability providers 26.9%, and adult daycare/ adult health daycare 15%.
- Working on restoring the 6% cuts that were implemented for Medicaid services, by April.
- Review of having evaluations for the waivers for elderly (sic) and physical disabilities, adult day, and healthcare rehabilitation to follow Medicaid rates evaluation standards. Personal care services will also be evaluated the same way because it has waiver like services.
- Reviewing the study on value-based payment models and how it can benefit Nevada and how to improve the age, blind and disabled. These studies may be combined as they service the same populations.
- Added new services for children with behavioral health initiative, electronic visit verifications, and a new provider type for alcohol and drug counselors.

5. Presentation from Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) on Nevada Respite Funding availability:

Cheyenne Pasquale, ADSD, Chief I, Planning

- Respite falls under the caregiver's support category which is 25% of older adult supportive services.
- In the State Fiscal year 22, \$2,257,125 was provided for respite care.
- Funding sources include funds from Healthy Nevada Independent Living grants, The Older American Act Title III Caregiver Support Funding and State General Funds.
- The allocation of \$296,803 from the State General Funds was added in 2019 Legislative session.
- Respite is also available through ADSD waivers, which are funded particularly for older adults.
- Other respite services come from the Grants Management unit at the Director's office of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The respite allocation for fiscal years 22 & 23 were \$640,000.
- ADSD has received federal grant money for several years under the Lifespan Respite Care Act. Currently 2 grants under the Lifespan Respite Act and are being used to strengthen our system to identify and support caregivers specifically.
- Working with state partners and community partners to improve caregiver data collection. This will help better understand respite needs.

- A pilot training program was developed in Wisconsin that is used to track interested providers.
- A respite registry is in the beginning stages of development for Nevada. This would be a great resource for connecting interested providers with families and caregivers that.
- First Caregiving in Nevada Annual report will be published soon.

6. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of Determinations on Existing Recommendation noted in the 2021 State Plan (For Possible Action)

Peter Reed, Chair

- Recommendation #1 Statewide Information and Referral system:
 - Retain & Revise but replace the word help with promote.
 - The revised statute utilizes caregiver instead of care partner.
 - Expand on the resources list.
 - Add a discussion of the importance of language and terms as part of the introduction in the State Plan
 - Add an indicator to outline expectations for presenters in terms of what they share with TFAD, such as service levels, managing waitlists & identifying unmet needs.
- This recommendation is going to be presented at the May meeting with the revisions discussed for a final vote.
- Recommendation #9 Volunteers:
 - Retain & Revise.
 - Change the wording taking out "will" and add "volunteers promote".
 - Recommends taking out the word "their" to just preserve personal dignity.
- Recommendation to change verbiage: Ensure volunteers have access to the most current, reliable information about brain health, dementia, and dementia care partner's practice.
- <https://bpc.caregiver.org/#home> could be used to promote training.
- Recommendation was made to add additional requirements to have organizations to provide a certain number of elements in the volunteer training they provide.
- Recommendation #9 will be revised and presented at May's meeting.

7. Tentative Agenda Topics for May 17, 2022, meeting

Peter Reed, Chair

- Jennifer Richards, Presentation on 1) Guardianship/, Alzheimer's Endorsement and Dementia Inclusion and 2) opportunities to support Advance Care Planning.
- Presentation/Update from Healthcare Quality and Compliance (HCQC) regarding new regulations in facilities for persons with Alzheimer's/ Dementia.
- Presentation, Discussion and Approval of Determinations on Existing Recommendation noted in the 2021 State Plan (#1 & #9 clean-up and approve) (For Possible Action)

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Peter, Reed PhD

- No Public Comment

9. Adjournment: 12:32pm

Peter, Reed PhD, Chair

Accommodation Requests and Meeting Materials:

Note:

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