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MEETING MINUTES

Name of Organization: Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)
Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 17, 2022
10:00AM
Place of Meeting: Virtual: Zoom

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

- Members & alternates present: Dr. Dylan Wint, Gini Cunningham, Chuck Duarte, Dr. Peter Reed, Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Tina Dortch, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Susan Hirsch, LeeAnn Mandarino, Niki Rubarth, Chuck McClatchey
- Staff: Carole Hanley, Lisa Torres
- Guest: Tracy Johnson, Brett Salmon, Sarah Mott, Sarah Adler, Sara Dombrowski
- Meeting focus will be on major ideas and word smithing for the State Plan
- Still one vacant position on TFAD for a Representative that provides services for person with cognitive disorders from the Department of Veterans Services.

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.)

- No public comment

3. **Approval of Minutes of the March 15, 2022, meeting:** (For Possible Action)

- Dr. Wint motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Carson second the motion.

- One correction noted.
- All approved

4. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair (for Possible Action)

- Chuck Duarte nominated Dr. Peter Reed for the Chair, Dr. Reed accepted, noting that this would be his last year as Chair.
- No other nominations were made.
- Dr. Peter Reed abstained from the vote, all approved
- Dr. Jennifer Carson nominated Chuck Duarte for Vice Chair; Chuck Duarte accepted. No other nominations were made.
- All approved
- Thank you, Tina Dortch, for your time as Vice Chair.

5. Presentation, Discussion and Approval on Existing Recommendations (For Possible Action)

- 01 - **Statewide Information Referral System**, **Approved**
 - **Retain & Revise**
 - Add State General Funds to potential funding section
 - General Grants donations and gifts
 - American Recovery Act Funds
 - Potentially remove Northern & Southern to the Alzheimer's Association title
 - Dr. Wint motioned to approve the recommendation with discussed revisions and final wording revisions, Dr. Carson second the motion, All approved
- 02 – **Telehealth**, **present in July's meeting**
- 03 - **Cultural Competence**, **present in July's meeting**
- 04 - **Outreach to Physicians**, **present updates in July's meeting**
 - **Retain & Revise**
 - Add State General Funds to potential funding
 - Spell out KAER (Kickstart, Assess, Evaluate & Refer)
 - Research if any indicators can be added for data tracking
 - Output: need the number of Physicians that are taking trainings
 - Input is if the information is being used
 - Receive data on the outreach
 - Outcomes to review clinical data on cognitive assessments
- 05 – **State Match Program for APRNs**, **Retired to appendix**
 - **Retire to appendix**
 - State Office of Rural Health has a loan repayment program in place with available funding
 - Chuck Duarte motioned to retire and retain to the Appendix, Dr. Carson second the motion, no abstentions, all approved
- 06 – **Long-term Care**, **Present update in July's meeting**
 - **Retain & Revise**
 - Long-term Care is being viewed as a residential- Assisted Living & Nursing Homes
 - Long-term Care Support and Services is for all kinds of care - Adult Day Care and In-Home Care.
 - Clear up language to make clear what type of Long-term Care the recommendation is referencing.
 - Suggestion made to include Nevada Healthcare Association and Nevada Association of County Organizations (NACO) in conversation to help ensure recommendations are aligned with their priorities.
 - Potentially separate this recommendation into two. The first one would create a Statewide committee within the Ombudsman program to support and monitor activities. The second is aligning training content and encourage the Legislature to change training requirements.
 - Point to a particular group and encourage that group to implement a policy.

- Discussed Long-Term Care Ombudsman to write a reform for quality care in residential care homes. The reform should include focus on quality of trainings for staff.
- Reform, Resources and Revision are the three areas of focus.
- Nevada Medicaid Program and the Division of Healthcare Quality and Compliance (HCQC) have the authority to make changes and reform in Residential Care Homes.
- A clear definition of quality indicators is needed so reform can be made.
- Bring back recommendation #6 in July's meeting, noting if this recommendation should be split, what feedback was received from partners, and how this recommendation should be put forward.
- 07 – **Caregiver Support**, **Present update in July's meeting**
 - **Retain & Revise**
 - Update the information of the prevalence of Alzheimer's
 - Add language on helping caregivers manage/recognize dementia related symptoms
 - Understanding effective support (additional training needed)
 - Look at expanding assessments to caregivers/care partners that receive other state funding.
 - State General Funds and potential funding sources
 - Connecting the caregivers/partners to the care team and provide them with the support and training they need will make person center care effective.
- 08 – **Dementia Training**, **present in July's meeting**
- 09 - **Volunteers**, **present in July's meeting**
- 10 – **Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession**, **present in July's meeting**
- 11 – **Hospital Transitional Care Practices**, **present in July's meeting**
- 12 – **Veterans and Their Families**, **present in July's meeting**
- 13 – **Driving and Dementia**, **present in July's meeting**
- 14 – **Community Awareness**, **present in July's meeting**
- 15 – **Organizational Outreach**, **present in July's meeting**

6. Tentative Agenda Topics for July 19, 2022, meeting

- Jennifer Richards, Presentation regarding Guardianship, and advance care planning.
- Presentation, Discussion & Approval of determination for the remainder of the Recommendations noted in the State Plan 2021.
- Update on development of new recommendations for State Plan 2023

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- Thank you to TFAD for their hard work
- The Nevada Healthcare Association will provide input as requested
- COVID deaths in nursing facilities by states, excluding Hawaii & Alaska, Nevada ranked second to last with 5.6% of the total deaths coming from facilities.

8. Adjournment: 1:00pm

Meeting Materials:

Note:

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