



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 2023
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Virtual Microsoft Teams meeting

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1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:

- Members/Alternates: Katurah Hartley, Gini Cunningham, Phillip Kalsman, Dr. Peter Reed, Tina Dortch, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Susan Hirsch, LeeAnn Mandarino, Cheyenne Pasquale, Kate Ingalsby
- Staff/ Guest: Cheryl Dinnell, Carole Hanley, Jennifer Richards, Marie Coe, Kelcy Meyer, Amanda Annan, Niki Rubarth, Benjamin Mendez Plancarte, Jeanne Bishop-Parise, Tina Leopard, Linda Anderson, Connie McMullen, Elyse Monroy-Marsala

2. Public Comment:

- AB100 passed directing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop an assessment to measure the capabilities of family caregivers and implement a pilot program to collect the data.
- The data collected will help identify unmet demands for community resources.
- To collaboration with the Nevada Lifespan Respite Care Coalition contact the executive Director Cheryl Dinnell cdinnell.contractor@adsd.nv.gov.
- Nikki Rubarth with the Alzheimer's Association announced that the Alzheimer's Association and the CDC have launched the new Healthy Brain Initiative Road map for 2023-2027. <https://www.alz.org/professionals/public-health/models-frameworks/hbi-road-map>

- Webinar Registration [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

3. **For Possible Action:**

- Approval of TFAD's May 2, 2023, Meeting Minutes:
- Dr. Reed motioned to approve the minutes,
- LeeAnn Mandarino second the motion,
- All approved.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Update from Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) on NRS 449.274:

- Specific topics were added to the training sections for tier 1 and tier 2 facilities to ensure that not just the endorsed facilities receive training on dementia care.
- Updates to the Person Center Plan were made to specific sections.
- Providing Information- changes were made to ensure that the individual receives information as well as the representative.
- Endorsements had the biggest change. It provides that an individual with dementia/Alzheimer's may stay in a facility that does not have an Alzheimer's endorsement. If a resident's condition deteriorates to such an extent that the residential facility is unable to provide the services necessary, a healthcare provider must complete a physical exam noting that the resident possess a danger to himself/herself. Once it has been determined that the resident needs a more secure environment a plan to the transfer the resident to an endorsed facility that is able to provide the services necessary to treat the resident properly can be made.
- Public workshops were held, and some verbiage was updated.
- Regulations will be reviewed at the next Legislative Commission or Subcommittee scheduled meeting.
- Full presentation can be found in meeting materials.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE):

- This presentation highlighted Nevada demographics between races, genders, population, health findings and leading causes of death in Nevada.
- The Minority Health Report 2023 can be found with the meeting materials and on the NOMHE [Office of Minority Health \(nv.gov\)](#) and the Office of Analytics [OFFICE OF ANALYTICS - DATA & REPORTS \(nv.gov\)](#) websites.
- Alzheimer's disease is the eighth leading cause of death among Nevadans.
- Full presentation can be found in the meeting materials.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Status and Updates on Legislation related to Alzheimer's and other Dementias:

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 119:**

- AN ACT relating to adult maltreatment; creating the Vulnerable Adult Fatality Review Committee.
- Passed
- **AB167:**
 - AN ACT relating to persons with dementia; requesting that ADSD establish and administer a dementia care specialist program.
 - Did not pass.
- **AB208:**
 - AN ACT relating to Medicaid; Structured Family Caregiving Waiver.
 - Passed
- **AB414:**
 - AN ACT relating to powers of attorney and uniform healthcare decisions.
 - Passed
- **Senate Bill (SB)45:**
 - AN ACT relating to Medicaid; Establishes the personal needs allowance for recipients in skilled nursing facilities.
 - Passed
 - Request for detailed presentation on this bill was made.
- **SB239:**
 - AN ACT relating to health care; Relating to self-administering a medication designed to end his/her life.
 - Governor Vetoed.
- **SB297:**
 - AN ACT relating to dementia; Establishment of the Nevada Memory Network.
 - Did not pass.
- **SB 298:**
 - AN ACT relating to residential facilities for groups.
 - Passed
- **SB315:**
 - AN ACT relating to persons with disabilities; Establishes certain right for persons with disabilities who are receiving certain types of home care and community-based services.
 - Passed
- A request was made to have an update on SB390.
- Disappointment was expressed that the TFAD Legislative Representatives did not back bills that directly related to the TFAD State Plan, resulting in some part to those bills not passing.

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** Update on the Aging and Disability Services Divisions: (ADSD) State Olmstead Plan:

- Social Entrepreneurs Inc. have completed gathering data via community workshops, key informant interviews and other data gathering formats.
- The next steps will include developing goals and objectives related to critical issues.
- The draft plan, goals and objectives will be presented to the public for feedback once the Steering Committee has completed them. Estimated time frame for this is September or October of 2023.
- Completion is estimated for November of 2023.

- Culture Inclusion could be obtained by integrating the disability community into every aspect of the ADSD service system. This could be obtained by bringing people with disabilities in as subject matters experts to assist policymakers and service providers.
- Improving knowledge sharing, by establishing a clear complete accessible method of sharing information.
- Prioritize ADSD workforce supports. Identify barriers and encourage a full sustainable workforce. Include training on Olmstead person center planning.
- Data Collection and continuous quality improvement.
- Develop a statewide solution by multidisciplinary planning groups to address individuals with disabilities needs.
- Information and materials on the Olmstead plan can be found at: [ADSD Olmstead Planning Process – Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.](#)

8. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approval of TFAD’s 2023 Recommendations in the State Plan to Address Alzheimer’s for potential presentation grouping, subcommittees, and combined efforts:

- LeeAnn Mandarino moved to put this topic on hold until September meeting.
- Susan Hirsch second the motion.
- All approved.

9. **For Possible Action:** Presentation, Discussion and Approval of TFAD’s Definition of Capacity:

- Request for a process map on how one goes from capacity to competence and the stakeholders as it proceeds through the courts.
- Like to have the definition indicated in the indicator section of the State Plan.
- A need for a discussion about what criteria is being used by healthcare professionals to determine competency / legal capacity.
- What type of healthcare providers are authorized to make the determinations.
- What trainings are required?

10. **For Possible Action:** Tentative Agenda Topics: Tuesday September 5, 2023, meeting:

- Review and Approval of TFAD’s 2023 Recommendations in the State Plan to Address Alzheimer’s for potential presentation grouping, subcommittees, and combined effort.

11. **Public Comment:**

- The next Guardianship Commission meeting is August 18th at 1:30PM. Information will be posted on the Supreme Court of Nevada website https://nvcourts.gov/aoc/committees_and_commissions/guardianship/overview.

12. **Adjournment:**

- LeeAnn Mandarino motion to adjourn.
- Tina Dortch second the motion
- All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am

AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Notice of this meeting was posted at the main office for this public body: Aging and Disability Services Office at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at www.adsd.nv.gov and Nevada Public Notices website at www.notice.nv.gov.