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## **Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024  
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:**

- Members & Alternates: Dr. Dylan Wint, Gini Cunningham, Casey Acklin, LeeAnn Mandarino, Ben Challinor, Susan Hirsch
- Jeff Duncan, Susan Farris, Kate Ingalsby, Sabrina Schnur, Antonia Capparelli-Twait, Donna Laffey, Autumn Blattman, Phillip Kalsman, Kaiulani Karosich, Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Kelsey Meyer, Carolyn Carr, Olivia GrafMank, Shauna Brennan, Belz & Case Government Affairs Scribe by Rewatch x3, Carole Hanley, Cheyenne Pasquale, Niki Rubarth

#### **2. Public Comment:**

- Carolyn Carr from Senator Jackie Rosen's office introduced herself and provided contact information if anyone has questions or concerns with things such as Social Security, Veterans Administration, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or other federal agency issues.  
[carolyn\\_carr@rosen.senate.gov](mailto:carolyn_carr@rosen.senate.gov)
- Niki Rubarth from the Alzheimer's Association expressed gratitude toward Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD) for the work that was done on the State Plan. The Alzheimer's Association would like to see more references of inclusion around dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The Alzheimer's Association would also like to be able to include more details, trends and other workarounds that could assist in education, risk reduction and timely diagnosis.

#### **3. For Possible Action: Discussion and Approval of TFAD's May 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes:**

- Corrections noted

- LeeAnn Mandarino motioned to approve with corrections
- Gini Cunningham second the motion
- All approved

4. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Legislative Subcommittee Goals, Purpose and Objectives,

- Must have approval from the Full Task Force to act.
- Update the full Task Force during the Legislative session on bills that are within the interest of dementia and or Alzheimer's.
- Can have up to 5 members not all having to be Task Force members.
- LeeAnn Mandarino motioned to approve moving forward with the Legislative subcommittee with Dr. Jennifer Carson, LeeAnn Mandarino, & Ben Challinor to be part of the subcommittee.
- Casy Acklin second the motion,
- All approved

5. **For Possible Action:** Review and Approve Recommendations to be Retained, Retired, or Revised

- Statewide Information and Referral System (#1) – Gini Cunningham
  - After discussion and coming to agreement that the groundwork on this recommendation and foundation continues with partners and the state's support.
  - It is recommended that this recommendation be retired, Gini Cunningham will bring it forward in the next meeting for a formal vote.
- Telehealth (#2) – Peter Reed, PhD,
- Cultural Competence (#3) - Ben Challinor & Gini Cunningham
- Outreach to Primary Care Providers (#4) - LeeAnn Mandarino & Peter Reed, PhD,
- Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program (#5) – Jennifer Carson, PhD,
  - Is an ADSD funded pilot program that the Dementia Engagement, Education and Research (DEER) program provides training for.
  - Dr. Carson will Present on this recommendations in the September meeting.
- Residential Long-Term Care (#6) - Peter Reed, PhD & Jennifer Carson, PhD,
- Caregiver Support (#7) – Ben Challinor
  - Discussion to retain with some inclusions. This will be brought back for a full vote.
- Dementia Training (#8) – LeeAnn Mandarino, Ben Challinor & Gini Cunningham
- Volunteers (#9) – Gini Cunningham
  - It is recommended that this recommendation be retired, Gini Cunningham will bring it forward in the next meeting for a formal vote.
- Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession (#10) – Susan Hirsch

- The key focus is on the types of legal services that are needed during the different stages of dementia.
- Refocused the recommendation by taking awareness out as a concept to focus on increasing knowledge and understanding.
- Add a bullet point about living arrangements
- Fix typo and add the specific title for Bench Bar committee
- Add a paragraph that lists the other organizations' property, legal issues and other property issues.
- LeeAnn Mandarino motion to approve recommendation #10 with revisions discussed.
- Casey Acklin second the motion
- No one opposed or abstained all approved
- Hospital Transitional Care Practices (#11) - Peter Reed, PhD,
- Veterans and Their Families (#12) -Ben Challinor
  - Discussion to revise with a formal vote to take place in September's meeting.
- Driving and Dementia (#13) – Dylan Wint, M.D., Gini Cunningham
  - Discussion of a revision may be needed. Dr. Wint to bring the recommendation to September's meeting.
- Developing Community Awareness Around Increased Brain Health Literacy (#14) - LeeAnn Mandarino & Gini Cunningham
  - Recommended to retain, documentation to be presented for a vote at September's meeting.
- Organizational Outreach (#15)
  - It is recommended that this recommendation be retired, Gini Cunningham will bring it forward in the next meeting for a formal vote.
- Advance Care Planning (#16) \_ Susan Hirsch
  - As this was a new recommendation previously the background and justification will now be removed.
  - Removal of the initial call for a stakeholder meeting and medical legal partnerships.
  - Indicators updates for resource and education offered under the Older Americans Act, legal and other grants to assist individuals complete advanced directives.
  - Add more of the background justifications verbiage into the recommendation section.
  - Add decision making capacity into the indicators
  - Add a specific call out.
  - This recommendation will be revisited in September's meeting for a vote.
- Choice in Care and Care Settings (#17) - Jennifer Carson, PhD, & Ben Challinor

8. **For Discussion Only**; Discuss agenda topics for September 10, 2024, meeting:

- New/ Merging recommendations discussion
- Review and approve recommendations

- Bill sponsor for Dementia Care Specialist
- Subcommittee update

9. **Public Comment:**

- No Public Comment

10. **Adjournment:** 12:23 PM

- Supporting documents referenced above in the “for possible action” items may be requested from Carole Hanley Task Force Administrative Support, ADSD at [clhanley@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:clhanley@adsd.nv.gov) and is/will be available at the meeting locations and the [Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease page](#).

**AGENDA POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following Aging and Disability Services Office at 3208 Goni Road, Building I, Suite 181, Carson City, NV. 89706. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Internet through the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division website at <https://adsd.nv.gov> and Nevada Public Notices website at <https://notice.nv.gov>

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