



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

### **MINUTES**

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

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

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

- Members & Alternates: Ben Challinor, Gini Cunningham, Casey Acklin, Dr. Jennifer Carson, LeeAnn Mandarino, Dr. Peter Reed, Susan Hirsch, Cheyenne Pasquale, Kate Ingalsby
- Staff & Guest: Carole Hanley, Niki Rubarth, Antonia Capparelli-Twait, Autumn Blattman, Lani Karosich, Phillip Kalsman, Samantha D' Ambrosia-Garcia, Caroline Baumis, Luke (last name Unknown),

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

- No public Comment made.

#### **3. For Possible Action: Discussion and Approval of TFAD's July 9, 2024, Meeting Minutes.**

- One correction noted,
- Dr. Reed moved to approve with correction,
- Gini Cunningham second the motion
- All approved,

#### **4. For Information and Possible Discussion: Annual Training and Presentation on TFAD's Bylaws, Open Meeting Law, and Satisfactory Conduct Guided by Roberts' Rules of Order**

- Presentation available with meeting materials on the [ADSD website](#).

#### **5. For Possible Action: Discussion and Approval of Legislative Subcommittee Goals, Purpose, Objectives, and Recommendations.**

- Nevada Memory Net, Dementia Care Specialist, increasing respite voucher, and request a Legislative Study for training hours and standards for Long Term Care facilities.
- Educate Legislators and Bill sponsors on TFAD's priorities,

- Crate a draft letter of support for the new Bill containing Nevada Memory Net & Dementia Care Specialist but wait to submit until the full language is available.
- Provide TFAD Legislative Subcommittee meeting minutes before voting.
- Dr. Peter Reed motioned to authorize the Legislative Subcommittee members to engage in conversations with Legislators and their staff to help educate them about bills that are anticipate supporting pending final language.
- LeeAnn Mandarinone asked for a modification that TFAD Subcommittee members be allowed to apprise Legislators on Nevada Memory Network but not on behalf of TFAD until the full language is available.
- Dr. Reed's motion was withdrawn, and no vote made.
- All members can educate Legislators but not on behalf of TFAD.

6. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Possible Approve Additional TFAD Recommendations to be Included in the TFAD's State Plan.

- No New recommendations brought forward.

7. **For Possible Action:** Review and Possibly Approve Recommendations (1-17 listed below) to be Retained, Retired, or Revised in the TFAD's State Plan.

- Statewide Information and Referral System (#1) – Gini Cunningham
  - Retire - include a separate section within the State Plan's Introduction incorporating language to emphasize the importance.
  - Dr. Reed motioned to retire the recommendation,
  - LeeAnn Mandarinone second the motion,
  - All approved.
- Telehealth (#2) – Peter Reed, PhD,
  - Retain as is, removing reference to recommendation #1.
  - Recommendation for presentations on the current telehealth reimbursement rates from healthcare system providers.
  - Dr. Carson Moved to approve retaining with the removal of referencing recommendation #1.
  - LeeAnn Mandarinone seconded the motion,
  - All approved.
- Cultural Competence (#3) - Ben Challinor & Gini Cunningham
  - Dr. Carson motion to retain as is,
  - Susan Hirsch second the motion,
  - All approved.
- Outreach to Primary Care Providers (#4) - Peter Reed, PhD,
- Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program (#5) – Jennifer Carson, PhD,
- Residential Long-Term Care (#6) - Peter Reed, PhD & Jennifer Carson, PhD,
  - Retain - the need to identify a partner(s) to take on this recommendation possibly creating a committee of stakeholders.
  - Dr. Carson motioned to retain as is,

- Susan Hirsch second the motion,
  - All approved.
- Caregiver Support (#7) – Ben Challinor
  - Postponed vote until November’s meeting so members can have time to review.
- Dementia Training (#8) – LeeAnn Mandarino, Ben Challinor & Gini Cunningham
  - Retain with the addition of broadening dementia training requirements to incorporate first responders and professional care providers.
  - Include key training resources such as the [National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities and Dementia Practices](#) (NTG).
  - Cheyenne Pasquale moved to approve,
  - Gini Cunningham seconded the motion,
  - All approved.
- Volunteers (#9) – Gini Cunningham
- Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession (#10) – Susan Hirsch
  - Updates from July’s meeting was implemented, the vote stands as approved.
- Hospital Transitional Care Practices (#11) - Peter Reed, PhD,
  - Retain as is with intention to fulfill monitoring responsibilities.
  - Dr. Carson motioned to retain as is,
  - Cheyenne Pasquale second the motion,
  - All approved.
- Veterans and Their Families (#12) -Ben Challinor
  - Dr. Reed motion to retain as is,
  - Dr. Carson second the motion,
  - All approved.
- Driving and Dementia (#13) – Dylan Wint, M.D., Gini Cunningham
  - Retain – identify how this recommendation can be moved forward.
  - Cheyenne motion to retain with an amendment to create a short-term subcommittee with potential partners and do research on what other states are doing to overcome issues.
  - Dr. Reed second the motion,
  - All approved.
- Developing Community Awareness Around Increased Brain Health Literacy (#14) - LeeAnn Mandarino & Gini Cunningham
  - Revise - created a stronger focus on the underserved communities.
  - Cheyenne Pasquale motion to approve,
  - Dr. Reed second the motion,
  - Clarification that the suggested revisions would be added into the recommendation,
  - All approved
- Organizational Outreach (#15) –

- Retire – recommended to add the importance of dementia training in diverse sectors including law enforcement. Areas of focus could include restaurants, faith-based communities, government and more.
  - Gini Cunningham motioned to retire and move the essential part to recommendation #8 for a revote.
  - Dr. Carson second the motion,
  - All approved.
  - Advance Care Planning (#16) - Susan Hirsch
    - Updates/ additions from July’s meeting was incorporated into the document.
    - Cheyenne Pasquale moved to approve the recommendation as written with any changes to amended language be brought back to vote on in November’s meeting.
    - Dr. Reed second the motion,
    - All approved.
  - Choice in Care and Care Settings (#17) - Jennifer Carson, PhD, & Ben Challinor
8. **For Discussion Only;** Discuss agenda topics for November 12, 2024, meeting.
9. **Public Comment:**
- Ben Challinor commented that on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the location for the Alzheimer’s and Dementia Day for the 2025 Legislative Session has been secured.
10. **Adjournment:** 12:33pm
- NOTE:**
- 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>