



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD) Legislative Subcommittee

MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, August 28, 2024
1:30PM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

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

- Members: Ben Challinor, Dr. Dylan Wint, Dr. Jennifer Carson, LeeAnn Mandarino
- Staff & Guest: Sam D'Ambrosio-Garcia, Carole Hanley, Lea Case, Olivia GrafMank, NVHCA Staff, Susan Hirsch, Dr. Peter Reed, Autumn Blattman, Assemblyman Duy Nguyen, Antonia Capparelli Twait

2. **Public Comment:**

- No public comment made

3. **For Possible Action:** Approval of Nominations and elections of Chair

- Dr. Jennifer Carson nominated Ben Challinor as Chair
- LeeAnn Mandarino second the nomination
- A rollcall votes of all members resulted in Ben Challinor as Chair
- LeeAnn Manderino motion to approve the vote
- Dr. Jennifer Carson second the motion
- All approved

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

- Clarification on who Subcommittee members is, (Ben Challinor, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Dr. Dylan Wint, LeeAnn Mandarino).
- Clarification that all recommendations would not be considered for Legislation priorities.
- Provide better awareness and education to Nevada Legislative representatives, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD)

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and external stakeholders about the policies that TFAD aims to achieve.

- Champion priorities by bringing them Infront of legislative representatives.
- Once the subcommittee identifies goals that would be of interest to the full Task Force they will bring the priorities to all members for a vote for approval.
- Presenting to the Assembly or Senate on items of importance to TFAD during Legislative Session.
- Some items of interest for Legislation were presented during the interim session by Dr. Peter Reed highlighting the key.
- LeeAnn Mandarinio moved to adopt the Subcommittee objectives
- Dr. Jennifer Carson second the motion.
- All approved
- Ben Challinor presented to the Interim Committee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults with special needs on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association bringing light some recommendations that had not been introduced las session.
- Memory Net and Dementia Care Specialist were highlighted.
- Dr. Reed and Ben Challinor were both attended work groups to discuss the possibility of a Bill Draft Request (BDR) with both topics included.
- LeeAnn Mandarinio motion to approve the goals, purpose and objectives of the subcommittee.
- Dr. Jennifer Carson second the motion.
- All approved

5. **For Possible Action:** Discuss, identify and approval of potential topics for Legislative actions from TFAD's Recommendations:

- **Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program (#5)**
 - This is being combined into 1 Bill Draft Request (BDR) with the Nevada Memory Net.
 - Potentially will receive a copy of the Bill language before the November bill introductions.
- **Residential Long-Term Care (#6)**
 - Suggestion to expand training requirements increasing the current 8 hours of training for skilled nursing, and assisted living providers to match other states requirements.
 - Using the information that is currently available compare it with other states that have more training and compare the outcomes.
 - If available use Medicare cost for hospitalizations and medications.
 - Potentially ask for an interim study and compare dementia care support data from other states.
- **Caregiver Support (#7)**
 - Recommendation base on new GUIDE Model from (CMS) to increase the amount given on the voucher program for caregivers.

- Suggestions to continue use funds from the Fund for Health or the Health and Nevada Funds that are the Tobacco settlement funds.
- **Dementia Training (#8)**
 - Have a training process the includes a timeline when staff is to complete dementia trainings.
 - Recommended adding dementia training requirements to the first responders. Mental health counseling requirements passed in previous legislative sessions.
 - Making sure to notate specific training needed like healthcare provider requirements.
- **Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession (#10)**
 - Request to have priorities #'s 10 & 16 reviewed by the Elders Rights Attorney that may have Legislation priorities potential.
- **Advance Care Planning (#16)**
- **Choice in Care and Care Settings (#17)**
 - Dr. Carson recommended legislation funding an interim study of the admissions processes for locked and secured dementia care facilities.
 - Identify and standardize the assessment processes.
 - Clarification made that an interim study is what would be asked for Recommendation #17 Choice in Care and Care Settings.
 - Other avenues may be identified to assist gathering data.
- LeeAnn Mandarino moved to bring forward to TFAD's full group the recommendations and priorities discussed.
- Dr. Dylan Wint second the motion
- All approved.

8. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and approve meeting dates and times

- Meetings to be held two weeks before regular TFAD meetings. A poll will be sent out to members to set dates and times.

9. **For Discussion Only:** Discuss agenda topics for next meeting

- Presentation from HCQC on training hours
- Review Bill Draft Request (BDR)s
- Work on Recommendations #6,7,8,10,16,17

10. **Public Comment:** Welcome to Assemblyman Duy Nguyen

11. **Adjournment: 2:56pm**

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 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>