



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

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1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:

- Members and Alternates: LeeAnn Mandarino, Dr. Dylan Wint, Gini Cunningham, Dolores Ward Cox, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Dr. Peter Reed, Ben Challinor, Phil Kalsman, Susan Hirsch, Cheyenne Pasquale
- Staff and Guest: Carole Hanley, Antonia Capparelli-Twait, Sabrina Schnur, Autumn Blattman, Samantha D'Ambrosio-Garcia, CJ Johnson, Shauna Brennan, Cory Lutz, Caroline Baumis, Bels & Case Government Affairs by Rewatch, Guest name unknown

2. Public Comment:

- No public comment made.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of TFAD's March 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

- Ben Challinor motioned to approve as written,
- Senator Loop seconded the motion,
- All approved.

4. For Possible Action: Chair and Vice Chair Elections:

- Ben Challinor self-nominated for Chair, Dr. Carson asked if LeeAnn Mandarino would like the position. LeeAnn turned down the Chair position, no other nominations were made.
- Senator Loop motioned to approve Benn Challinor as Chair,
- Jennifer Carson second the motion,
- All approved.
- LeeAnn Mandarino self-nominated for Vice-Chair,

- Senator Loop motioned to approve LeeAnn as Vice-Chair
- Dr. Carson second the motion
- All approved

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Presentation from the Alzheimer’s Association on the New Facts and Figures:

- Alzheimer’s and dementia are the 5th cause of death across the country.
- The state prevalence is 10.6% with Clark County at 10.9% and Washoe with 9.70%.
- 84,000 caregivers provide \$2.3 billion in unpaid care.
- A 312% increase in Alzheimer’s death from 2000-2021.
- A dementia survey was done with key items such as navigating support. More information can be found in the Facts and Figures presentation materials.
- 42% of nurses and 35% of social workers are care team members.
- 3 out of 5 caregivers say the quality of life for persons with Alzheimer’s improves with a health care navigator.
- 6 in 10 healthcare workers believe the healthcare system is effective.
- 4 out of 5 say their organizations do not have clear processes.
- 3 in 4 say a lack of community-based resources are a barrier.
- 9 out of 10 say developing an alternative pay module is needed.
- 75% of caregivers have no formal dementia care training.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Dementia Care Specialist Program (DCS):

- A three-year grant from Aging Disability Service Division (ADSD) initiative lead pilot program.
- Three project goals are: developing specialized community-based support, expanding the Nevada dementia toolbox, and strengthening Dementia Friendly Nevada (see complete descriptions in presentation).
- One-on one crisis response, memory screenings, family resources and service navigator support, training, and education, expand community-based support and promote the Nevada Dementia Support Toolbox.
- DCS will provide one on one crisis response and stabilization to individuals living with dementia.
- DCS will provide education and training to community providers and families with individuals living with dementia.
- It is not yet known what service area the DCS will be assigned.
- The pilot program will focus on three priority areas that are supporting Dementia Friendly Nevada efforts.
- Open Minds through Art (OMA) is an evidence-based intervention. Partner organizations will be selected to facilitate the program and promote other toolbox programs. View the [short OMA video](#).

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** Developing Community Awareness Around Increased Brain Health Literacy: <https://vimeo.com/938745639?share=copy>

- View video presentation

- The workshop is based off six pillars of brain health, exercise, nutrition, risk factors, sleep, relaxation, mental fitness, and social connection.
 - The brain drives and controls emotions, to see an overview of how lifestyles impact the brain visit the [healthy brains website](#).
8. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discuss and Possible Approval of Revised wording on the Recommendation's Grouping (see [recommendation list in meeting materials](#)):
- Tabled
9. **For Possible Action:** Recommendation Assignments and Due Dates:
- LeeAnn Mandarino, Vice Chair
10. **For Possible Action:** Tentative Agenda Topics for July 9, 2024, meeting:
- Assisted Living Residential Wandering Problems in Nevada: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/interactive/2023/assisted-living-wander-patient-deaths/>
 - Annual Report and Recommendations review
 - Legislative Subcommittee goals, purpose, and objectives
 - Update from HCQC on Survey Tags and new dementia training,
 - Proposals for new recommendations.
11. **Public Comment:**
- No public comment made,
12. **Adjournment:** 12:21
- 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>