



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2024
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

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1. Roll Call, Opening Statement:

- Members & Alternates: Dr. Dylan Wint, Gini Cunningham, Dr. Jennifer Carson, LeeAnn Mandarino, Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop, Dr. Peter Reed, Ben Challinor, Susan Hirsch, Kate Inglesby.
- Staff and Guest: Carole Hanley, Niki Rubarth, Linda Anderson, Kaiulani Karosich, Antonia Capparelli-Twait, Brett (last name known).

2. Public Comment:

- No public comment made.

3. For Possible Action: Discussion and Approval of TFAD's September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

- Tabled until January's meeting

4. For Discussion and Review: Overview of the 10/21/24 TFAD Legislative Subcommittee Meeting.

- Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) presented training requirements for residential facilities that provide care for people with Alzheimer's disease.
- The training requirements for employees [NAC 449.2768 R043-22](#) Filed on 8/22/2023.
- TFAD was not notified of the passing or the training requirements and the TFAD State Plan was not used to assist with the training recommendations.

5. 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) – Retired
- Telehealth (#2) – Peter Reed, PhD,

- Cultural Competence (3) - Ben Challinor & Gini Cunningham
- **Outreach to Primary Care Providers (4)** - Peter Reed, PhD,
 - Recommendation to retain as is,
 - Gini Cunningham motioned to retain as is,
 - Dr. Dylan Wint second the motion,
 - All Approved, the motion passed
- **Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) Program (#5)** – Jennifer Carson, PhD,
 - Three objectives were added to clarify key functions
 - The Dementia Care Specialist position was retitled to Dementia Support Specialist (DSS)
 - A breakdown of the regions and primary focus for the DSS was added
 - The goal is to one day have a DSS in every county
 - The DSS will be in one region but will be assigned to cover only one county.
 - Rural counties that have a Dementia Friendly Nevada effort will have a better chance of getting a DSS at this time.
 - The DSS will be employed by different Nevada Care Connection Resource Center.
 - It is anticipated that the Pilot program will possibly launch in January 2025.
 - The Legislative action on this recommendation is to secure funding in the state budget to support the expansion of the DSS program to every county in Nevada.
 - LeeAnn Mandarino motioned to approve the revised recommendation as presented.
 - Dr. Peter Reed second the motion,
 - All Approved, the motion passed
- Residential Long-Term Care (6) - Peter Reed, PhD & Jennifer Carson, PhD,
- **Caregiver Support (#7)** – Ben Challinor
 - Data was updated to reflect the current data.
 - Requesting a Medicare waiver for structured family caregiving passed in the previous legislative session.
 - Outreach for the structured family caregiver Medicaid waiver was added.
 - Request to increase the voucher amount.
 - This recommendation would need legislative action.
 - Dr. Jennifer Carson motioned to approve the recommendation.
 - LeeAnn Mandarino second the motion,
 - All Approved, the motion passed
- Dementia Training (#8) – LeeAnn Mandarino, Ben Challinor & Gini Cunningham
- Volunteers (#9) – Retired
- Awareness of Dementia and the Legal Profession (#10) – Susan Hirsch

- Hospital Transitional Care Practices (11) - Peter Reed, PhD,
- Veterans and Their Families (12) - Ben Challinor
- Driving and Dementia (#13) – Dylan Wint, M.D., Gini Cunningham
- Developing Community Awareness Around Increased Brain Health Literacy (14) - LeeAnn Mandarino & Gini Cunningham
- Organizational Outreach (#15) – Retired
- Advance Care Planning (#16) – Susan Hirsch
- **Choice in Care and Care Settings (17)** - Jennifer Carson, PhD, & Ben Challinor
 - University of Nevada Reno (UNR) has continued its dementia engagement education research program to raise awareness.
 - Working with the Nevada Long Term Care Ombudsman’s office trainings materials are being developed to clearly communicate the laws and regulations that protect the rights of people living with dementia.
 - The work will resume once a funding source can be secured.
 - Recommendation to retain as is with a legislative action need.
 - Recommendation for TFAD to encourage the formation of an expert committee to develop and propose regulatory requirements and standardized assessments for the admissions process for all locked dementia care settings to ensure the rights to receive care in the least restrictive environment.
 - Legislative action needs to be added to the recommendation.
 - Dr. Peter Reed motioned to approve the recommendation with the revised language around legislative priorities.
 - LeeAnn Mandarino second the motions,
 - All Approved, the motion passed

6. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discussion and Approval of TFADs Draft 2025 State Plan (see supporting materials).

- Member updates we completed along with the 2024 facts and figure numbers.
- Request to update the prevalence numbers to reflect the 2025 numbers were made.
- Retired recommendations were noted with how they were incorporated within other recommendations.
- State agencies were added to ongoing assessment,

7. **For Possible Action:** Review, Discussion and Approval of TFADs Draft 2024 Annual Report (see supporting materials).

- This item was tabled

8. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Approval of TFAD’s 2025 meetings schedule.

- Gini Cunningham moved to meet on the second Tuesday of the odd months at 10:00am-12:00pm. November’s meeting will be held on the 18th.
- Dr. Carson second the motion

- All approved
9. **For Discussion Only:** Discuss agenda topics for TFAD’s January 2025 meeting.
- Final approval for Annual Report and State Plan
 - Presentations for Grouping (?) (see supporting materials).
 - BOLD Presentation /updates
10. **Public Comment:**
- Dr. Carson invited members to attend the Dementia Friendly Nevada statewide meeting on December 9th at 1:00pm with a geriatrician author and advocate Al Power.
 - Ben Challinor thanked members and alternates for the work completed on the recommendations.
11. **Adjournment: 11:50am**
- 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>