



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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

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

- Members and Alternates: Gini Cunningham, Dr. Jennifer Carson, LeeAnn Mandarino, Dr. Peter Reed, Ben Challinor, Cheyenne Pasquale
- Guest and Staff: Carole Hanley(staff), Phillip Kalsman, Marie Coe, Lorain Orosco, Linda Anderson, Kate Ingalsby, Shauna Brennan, Autumn Blattman, Brett (last name unknown)

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

- No public Comment made

#### **3. For Possible Action:** Discussion and Approval of TFAD's January 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

- Peter Reed motioned to approve the minutes
- Jennifer Carson second the motion
- All approved

#### **4. Presentation and Discussion:** Long Term Care Ombudsman (OMB) presentation on Choice in Care and Care Settings.

Marie Coe, State Long Term Care Ombudsman

- Presentation on the [ADSD Website](#) with the meeting materials
- Guided by the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 427A.125 and the Nevada Administrative Code 427A.10-27A.048
- Can only advocate with the consent of the resident or their legal representative.
- Discussion on the need to have mandatory compliance audits in Nevada and a need to change the regulatory language.

- Discussion to educate staff more on the care needs of people with dementia. Increasing the capacity to provide effective care, then we decrease the need for locking people behind closed doors.
  - The OMB's do not assess to determine capacity but instead whether they can have a conversation.
5. **For Possible Action:** Update, Discussion and Possible Vote for Approval of TFAD's Legislative Subcommittees recommendations.
- Conversation combined with agenda item #6.
6. **For Possible Action:** Discuss and Review and Possible Vote for Approval:
- [Senate Bill \(SB\)78](#) Proposed Revised Provisions relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Bodies.
    - Members are opposed to SB78 as people with dementia have a disease and it is not just those who are aging.
    - Discussion to submit a written letter of opposition to the Senate Government Affairs and to the bill sponsors.
    - Jennifer Carson motioned to recommend an amendment to have section 60 removed from SB78.
    - LeeAnn Mandarin second the motion
    - Cheyenne Pasquale abstained from the vote
    - All others approved.
  - BDR 23-1027 Revises revisions for paid leave falling under caregiver support now [Assembly Bill \(AB\)388](#)
    - Peter Reed moved to include AB388 in the list the subcommittee follows.
    - Gini Cunningham second the motion
    - All approved
  - [AB337](#) Creates programs related to dementia
7. **For Discussion and Review:** TFAD Member Appointments updates
- If seeking appointment renewal, please [apply](#) and provide staff with an updated resume.
8. **For Discussion Only:** Potential Agenda topics for TFAD's May 13, 2025, meeting.
- Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Act to support Dementia Friendly Nevada Presentation.
  - Legislative Updates SB78, AB388, AB377.
  - Office of Minority Health (NOMHE) Presentation on Cultural Competency.
9. **Public Comment:**
- Jennifer Carson mentioned that the third Nevada Tribal Summit hosted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribes Tsunami Advisory group, is having an all-day event on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Nixon in Pyramid Lake. One of the speakers will be Dr. Sue Borson. Dr. Borson is a professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences BOLD Center for Excellence of Early Detection on Dementia. Dr. Borson developed the Mini Cog, which is a brief screening tool for cognitive impairment designed for use in primary care and non-specialist settings.

- This event is open to the public and will be focusing on the road map for brain health.
- Ben Challinor mentioned that Alzheimer's and Dementia Day is on April 16<sup>th</sup> at the legislature with the Alzheimer's Association hosting the event. Members and guests are encouraging to attend and self-represent. Registration can be done via this [registration link](#).

10. **Adjournment:** 11:42am

- 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 1550 E. College Parkway, 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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