



Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease (TFAD)

MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

(This is a virtual meeting and there is no physical location.)

AGENDA

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

- Members or Alternates: Dr. Dylan Wint, Dolores Ward, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Casey Venturini, LeeAnn Mandarino, Kate Inglesby, Dr. Peter Reed, Ben Challinor, Susan Hirsch, Cheyenne Pasquale
- Guess & Staff: Carole Hanley, Taliman Afoz, Phil Kalsman, Cecilia Alonso, Autumn Blattman, Lori Lutu, Shauna Brennan, Bret (last name unknown)

2. **Public Comment:**

- Jennifer Carson announced the promotion of Casey Venturini to Program Director of Dementia Friendly Nevada.
- Dementia Friendly Pyramid Lake Paiute Trib advisory group recently partnered with the Dementia Engagement, Education, & Research (DEER) program to host a Nevada Tribal Summit on age and dementia friendly care.
- 89 people represented 12 different Nevada tribes.

3. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Approval of TFAD's March 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

- Peter Reed motioned to approve the minutes
- Dylan Wint second the motion
- All approved.

4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure Act to support the Healthy Brain Initiative in Nevada.

Casey Venturini, Engagement Coordinator, Dementia Friendly Nevada
Phil Kalsman, Community Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association

Taliman Afroz, Population Health and Wellness Manager, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

- BOLD Presentation on the [ADSD Website](#)

5. **For Possible Action:** Update, Discussion and Possible Vote for Approval on TFAD's Legislative Subcommittees recommendations.

- No updates noted.

6. **For Possible Action:** Identify, Discussion, Review and Potential Vote of Approval on Bill Draft Request (BDR's) and Assembly Bills (AB's) affecting people with Alzheimer's/ Dementia.

- [AB338](#) Revises provisions relating to health care for seniors
 - Declared Exempt
 - Currently in Assembly Ways and Means after policy hearing.
- [AB337](#) Creates programs related to dementia
 - Declared Exempt
 - Currently in Assembly Ways and Means after policy hearing.
- Overview of [Senate Bill \(SB\)78](#) Amendment and future Proposed Revised Provisions relating to Boards, Commissions, Councils and Similar Bodies.
 - It is in the Senate Finance Committee with an amendment to reduce the scope to only occupational boards.
 - Nevada B&I mentioned they will want to address advisory boards in the next legislative session.
- The Governor sets the budget based off December Economic Forum projections.
- The Legislature then works to approve the final budget based on the Governor's Recommended Budget. Then uses the final May projects of the Economic Forum to finalize the budget.
- The first time since 2009 the May projection from the Economic Forum is less than the projection in December to the amount of \$190 million.
- An additional \$160 million shortfall for education for a total of \$350 million.
- The state has seen a lack and decline in tourism with a reduction in sales tax.
- No additional programs outside of the current ones will be supported.
- No new positions and vacancies may help with the shortfall gap.
- Proposals that hold a fiscal note were cut from the Governors bill.
- Enforcement on citizenship and making sure only legal permanent residence are getting funds.
- Potential cuts to Medicaid can/will affect the state budget and programs.
- Current Older American Funding ends September 30,2025.
- A 12% cut did include Fund for Healthy Nevada, Independent Living Grants which was approximately \$1 million.

7. **For Possible Action:** Nominations and Vote for Chair and Vice Chair

- Peter Reed self-nominated for Chair
- Jennifer Carson second the motion
- No other nominations for Chair were made

- No abstentions or oppositions
- All approved
- Ben Challinor self-nominated for Vice Chair
- Peter Reed second the motion
- No abstentions or oppositions
- All approved

8. **For Discussion and Review:** TFAD Member Appointments updates

- Jeff Duncan is leaving the agency and Cecilia Alonso will be submitting her application to TFAD to fill that position.
- Dr. Wint, Dr. Reed and Gini Cunningham's applications are awaiting signatures from the Directors office.

9. **For Discussion Only:** Potential Agenda topics for TFAD's July 8, 2025, meeting.

- Review and presentation on Objective #1 of the Recommendations.
- Office of Minority Health (NOMHE) Cultural Competency Presentation September 9th.
- Presentation from Hospital to Home program Griselda Soto.
- Presentation from NEVADA Department of Veterans Services.
- Dementia Support Specialist update Cheyenne Pasquale

10. **Public Comment:**

- Susan Hirsch thanks Ben Challinor and LeeAnn Mandarino for being Chair and Vice Chair of TFAD and the work that went into it.
 - Susan's term is up, and she will not be seeking reappointment.
 - Remind members to keep capacity and decision making impactful in the recommendations.
- LeeAnn Mandarino also resigned as a TFAD member and wish TAFD well.
- Ben Challinor thanks both Susan and LeeAnn for their time and dedication.
- Peter Reed expressed his gratitude to LeeAnn for her many years on TFAD, Susan for her contribution and Ben for serving as Chair and the efforts and the work it required.

11. **Adjournment:** 12:00

• **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:

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