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

### MEETING MINUTES

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
10:00AM

Place of Meeting: Microsoft Teams meeting

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

### MINUTES

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

- Members: Ben Challinor, Gini Cunningham, Dr. Jennifer Carson, Dr. Peter Reed
- Guest and Staff: Gricelda Soto, Robert Reeves, Shauna Brennan, Abigail Casey, Wendy Thornley, Betty Russell, Miles Terrasas, Casey Venturini, Cheyenne Pasquale, Catherine Nielson, Brett Salmon, Carole Hanley, Lea Cartwright

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

- No public comment made

#### 3. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Vote of Approval of TFAD's May 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

- Ben Challinor motioned to approve the minutes.
- Jennifer Carson second the motion.
- Discussion on why Dr. Dylan Wint resignation was not noted in the minutes, with clarification provided that his resignation occurred immediately following the meeting.
- All approved.

#### 4. **Presentation and Discussion:** Presentation and Discussion on the Dementia Support Specialist and ACL- Funding

Cheyenne Pasquale, Planning Chief

Miles Terrasas, Social Services Program Specialist

- The Dementia Support Specialist (DSS) Program is a new statewide pilot program, funded by the US Administration for Community Living, designed to deliver person-and family-centered support to individuals.
- All the individuals recruited to serve as a DSS completed their required training in April, and the training manual has been finalized.
- Direct services are expected to start August 1<sup>st</sup>. Opening Minds through Art is expected to launch September 1<sup>st</sup> as one of the evidenced based interventions.
- Potential participants for the navigator and provider training are being identified this month (July), with training expected to launch in August.
- Key resources to be offered through the DSS initiative include community-based support during crises, navigation assistance for dementia related resources, dementia education for care partners, professionals and first responders.
- The DSS initiative will strengthen the Dementia Friendly Nevada efforts and support development of some accountability measures.
- Data collection tools and monthly check-ins will begin once services are launched.
- Documents will flow through the Nevada Care Connection system leveraging the intake and service plan structure.
- Ways to sustain the program outside the pilot are being sought out, as this is funded under 3-year federal grant.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** Hospital-to-Home Program

Betty Russell, Clinical Director, Nevada Senior Services

- Services are provided throughout Clark County including Boulder City & Mesquite.
- Assistance is provided to the individual, and the family care partners to help all involved be successful.
- As of July 1, 2025, the program no longer required grant funds. The program has found a fully sustainable funding source through Clark County along with private funders.
- With as many as 432 clients being served each month, it requires a solid foundation to ensure the support is in place at all hospitals.
- Being able to collaborate with partners that have different skill sets allows people to get out of acute care quickly.
- Working with first responders allows early access and the social workers can address the person's needs right away and set up services.

6. **Presentation and Discussion:** Community Paramedic Program

Gricelda Soto, Humboldt County EMS, Robert Reeves, Humboldt County EMS

- Note: Presentation slides available on TFAD website.
- The program started with a 4-year grant that ended in 2021. The hospital integrated to program and took financial responsibility, with some billing possible to Medicare & Medicaid.

- Some of the services provided are medication education before discharge, vital sign monitoring pill organization, immunizations, well-being checks, home safety, wound care and more.
- Weekly follow-up visits are done every week for 4 weeks, helping to reduce the number of hospital re-admissions.
- Partners with other programs help by providing rides to older people for appointments.

7. **Presentation and Discussion:** Nevada Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVS)

- Tabled

8. **Presentation and Discussion:** Final Report on the 2025 Legislative Session Relating to Dementia

Ben Challinor, Nevada Director of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association

- Senate Bill (SB) 329 the dementia training bill for Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) training. Allows the Board of Health to adapted current training to include additional dementia training. This bill goes into effect on October1, 2025 when the regulations
- Assembly Bill (AB) 368 expands the type of long-term care settings that cameras or other recording devices are permitted. Currently cameras are only allowed in skilled nursing facilities, and the new law will include anywhere residential care setting. This bill did pass.
- AB 461 was overhauling advance directives and was signed as an education and outreach campaign for long term care planning. The education and outreach campaign will be implemented by the Aging and Disability Service Division (ADSD).
- AB 207 authorizes the creation of a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program within the state, which is a Medicare-Medicaid dual funded program for older adults. This bill was passed.
- AB 337 the Nevada Memory Net and Dementia Support Specialist program. The bill had unanimous support in the Policy Hearing but stalled in the Ways and Means Committee.
- SB 78 the overhauling of Boards and Commissions changed over the session. A modification removed the advisory boards and only included the occupational licensing boards. This bill stalled and may be returned next session.
- SB 434 was to establish a statewide healthcare access and recruitment grant program. This bill stalled on the last day.
- AB 388 Required 12 weeks of paid family leave medical leave for all employees, both private and public. This bill was vetoed.

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

- Office of Minority Health (NOMHE) Cultural Competency Presentation September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Presentation from the Department of Veterans Services

- Update from the Department of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)

10. **Public Comment:**

- Carole Hanley announced that she is transitioning to a grant-focused role within Aging and Disability and will only be supporting councils and commissions until a replacement is in place.

11. **Adjournment:** 12:02pm

- 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>