

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee
March 21, 2018 Meeting Summary
California Department of Aging
1300 National Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, California

Members Present:

Howard Rosen, Chair
Steven A. Barbieri
Susan DeMarois
Lene Levy-Storms (Phone)
Molly Nocon
Josie Porras-Corporon
Sharon Trocki-Miller
Janet Yang

Staff Present:

Marko Mijic
Frances Parker

Presenters and Visitors:

Joshua Bohannan
Terence Kelley
Monica Miller
Barbara McLendon

Item 1. Welcome, Introductions and Committee Member Updates

Chair Howard Rosen called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Each attendee introduced themselves. Committee members provided updates on various topics. Additionally, the Committee took some time to acknowledge the passing of Rick Smith.

Item 3. Action: Approval of December 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The Committee adopted, with edits, the meeting minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting. The edits included adding Molly Nocon and Barbara McLendon to the list of attendees.

Item 4. Mental Health and Alzheimer's Disease Fact Sheet

Over the course of the past year, the Committee has looked into the issue of access to mental health services for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. The Committee reviewed a draft fact sheet that was developed by Janet Yang, Susan DeMarois, Barbara McLendon, and Cordula Dick-Muehlke. The Committee offered a number of edits based on feedback received from the various state agencies. As a next step, the group was going to provide an updated version that would be sent out to the state agencies for final review before a dissemination strategy was developed by the Committee.

Item 5. Update on National Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research

Dr. Debra Cherry, a Committee Member and a Member of the National Alzheimer's Advisory Council, who serves as the Executive Vice President at Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles, provided the Committee with an overview of the role and function of the National Alzheimer's Advisory Council. The Council was established by the National Alzheimer's Project Act. The law calls for a National Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders with input from a public-private Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services. The Advisory Council makes recommendations to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for priority actions to expand, coordinate, and condense programs in order to improve the health outcomes of people with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and reduce the financial burden of these conditions on those with the diseases, their families, and society.

Item 6. Update and discussion on California State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease Workgroup

Susan DeMarois, an Alzheimer's Advisory Committee Member and State Policy Director for the Alzheimer's Association, provided a brief update of the status of the workgroup. She called on folks to join the effort and participate in the workgroup meetings. She also asked each Committee Member to complete a brief survey in order to help prioritize the workgroups efforts. As a next step, the group will draft a transition document for review by the Committee at the June meeting.

Item 7. Legislative Update from the Alzheimer's Association

Susan DeMarois, an Alzheimer's Advisory Committee Member and State Policy Director for the Alzheimer's Association, discussed legislation before the State Legislature that impacts individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and Committee members discussed the legislation.

Item 8. Update on Committee Membership

Marko Mijic noted that there are going to be a few vacancies on the Committee and noted that an application form will be released soon to recruit new members to the Committee. Once released, the application will be disseminated to the Committee for further distribution.

Item 8. Action: Items to include in Chair's Memo to the Secretary

Chair Howard Rosen identified items to include in his memo to the Secretary by recapping the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.