

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee  
December 20, 2017 Meeting Summary  
California Department of Aging  
1300 National Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, California**

**Members Present:**

Howard Rosen, Chair  
Steven A. Barbieri  
Lou Bordisso (Phone)  
Wanda Chin  
Susan DeMarois  
Lene Levy-Storms  
Josie Porrás-Corporon  
Debbie Toth  
Sharon Trocki-Miller (Phone)  
Richard Smith  
Janet Yang

**Staff Present:**

Marko Mijic  
Frances Parker

**Presenters and Visitors:**

Robert Oldham  
Monica Miller  
Karen Baylor  
Anna Lee Amarnath  
Jessica Nunez de Ybarra  
Terence Kelley  
Dean Fujimoto  
Caryn Rizell

**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.

**Item 2. Context on Committee Discussion on Mental Health Services for Californians with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders**

Dr. Janet Yang, an Alzheimer's Advisory Committee Member and Clinical Director at the Heritage Clinic, provided the Committee and visitors with an overview of the issue in the context of the research and discussion at the Committee over the course of the past year. This includes barriers faced by individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in accessing mental health services. Her complete PowerPoint presentation can be found online, [here](#). Dr. Yang also referenced an issue brief prepared by Dr. Cordula Dick-Muehlke, which is titled "Mental Health Services for Californians with Alzheimer's Disease", and can be found online, [here](#).

### **Item 3. County Perspective on Access to Mental Health Services for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.**

Dr. Richard Oldham, Health Officer and Medical Director of the Placer County Department of Health and Human Services, presented on his perspective as a county leader. He offered insights into potential solutions and his hopes for the future of this work. His complete PowerPoint presentation can be found online, [here](#).

### **Item 4. Discussion: State Panel on Access to Mental Health Services for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.**

The panel included Karen Baylor, Deputy Director of the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services at the California Department of Health Care Services; Anna Lee Amaranth, Chief of the Managed Care Quality and Oversight Section within the Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division at the California Department of Health Care Services; Dr. Jessica Nunez de Ybarra, Chief of the Chronic Disease Control Branch within the Chronic Disease and Injury Control Division at the California Department of Public Health; Terence Kelley, Lead of the Alzheimer's Disease Program within the Chronic Disease Control Branch at the California Department of Public Health; Dean Fujimoto, Deputy Director for Long-Term Care and Aging Services Division at the California Department of Aging; and Caryn Rizell, Chief of Operations for the Healthcare Workforce Development Division at the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The discussion focused on efforts currently underway within each Department and how those efforts may be further leveraged to ensure that both consumers and providers have the appropriate information when looking to access mental health services.

### **Item 5. 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.

### **Item 6. 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.

She highlighted Senate Bill 449 (Monning), which would require that at least 2 of the 60 classroom training address the special needs of person with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. By way of background, existing law requires a skilled nursing or

intermediate care facility to adopt an approved training program, which is required to include a precertification training program consisting of at least 60 classroom hours of training on basic nursing skills, patient safety and rights, the social and psychological problems of patients, and resident abuse prevention, recognition, and reporting and at least 100 hours of supervised and on-the-job training clinical practice.

**Item 7. Approval of September 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The Committee adopted, without edits, the meeting minutes from the September 21 meeting.

**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.**