

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee

Meeting Notice and Agenda

June 25th, 2020
10:00am-12:30pm

Location: Zoom Conference Call

Members on the Phone

Catherine Blakemore
Julie Souliere
Susan DeMarois
Jessica Nunez de Ybarra
Angela Reed
Yarin Gomez
Josie Porras-Corporon
Howard Rosen
Debbie Toth
Debra Cherry
Sharon Trocki-Miller
Janet Yang
Monica Miller
Molly Nocon
Barbra McLendon
Amanda Lawrence
Lene Levy-Storms
Jamie Carino
Jeffery Tardaguila
Kim McCoy Wade
SMuzaffa
Pam Dickfoss

1) 10:00 am | Call to Order: Welcome and Committee Member Updates (15 min)

Dr. Howard Rosen, Committee Chair; Committee members

Howie Rosen:

- **Call the Meeting to Order:** Good morning, I am calling the meeting to order. Welcome to everyone on the phone.
- **Logistics/Housekeeping.** Everyone on the phone, please let us know if you have any trouble hearing us.
- **Committee Member Updates:** I'd like to ask the committee members to introduce themselves and provide any brief updates that are relevant.

Meeting Minutes: Chair Howard Rosen introduced himself, and invited members to provide updates. Howie introduced Julie Souliere and Jamie Carino who are replacing Janne Olson-Morgan and Frances Parker. Did a roundtable of introductions.

2) **10:20am | COVID Response for Older Adults and Residents/Family/Staff in Licensed Settings and the Community (35 mins)**

Pam Dickfoss, Deputy Director, Community Care Licensing Division – CDSS
Ley Arquisola, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Care Licensing Division – CDSS
Kim McCoy-Wade, Director, CDA
Heidi Steinecker, Deputy Director, Center for Health Care Quality – CDPH

Minutes:

- The chair welcomed Ms. Dickfoss, Ms Arquisola, Ms. McCoy-Wade and Ms. Steinecker.
- Pam introduced herself and shared a little bit of her back ground. She also went over how the regulations are written in legal terms and a lot of providers are getting cited, noted English is their second language for many of them so they are really focusing on making sure they take the time to explain the regulations.
- Pam and Ley showed a PowerPoint on CCLD COVID- 19 Response and their response for older adults and resident/family. They have collaborated with Advocates and Providers, California Department Public Health, California Department of Aging, Local Long-term Care Ombudsman, Local Public Health Departments, and Veteran’s Affairs. 28 provider information notices have been published statewide. Discussed the Hero Award, \$500 Stipend for caregivers who have provided care in COVID positive facilities, Implemented June 3, 2020, Approx. 18,000 applicants by June 5, 2020, Approx. 32,000 by June 15, 2020.
- Kim is working on temporary alternative services and Amanda Lawrence shared resources included below. Three approaches, first information was sent out to older adults, resource card digitally sent out to anyone over 80 years old, second redesigning all of the programs to stop being in person, third infusion of cares money with triple A, taking a look at an equity approach and a data driven approach. Launching a new all stakeholder call July 15th. Resources posted below in Aging piece.
- Heidi mentioned how policies were never shared before the pandemic and that is possibly one benefit that has come out of this. It has been a change of course of how we conduct our work moving forward and focus on creating more data.

Pandemic has highlighted some of the issues within the systems. Trying to get out of the paper process and get on real time data. Licensing and certification has been on a scheduled timeline and has been very reactive and the pandemic has reframed this and now they want to be proactive, going to continue new model. Will still continue yearly federal onsite visits but working on redoing state plan.

- Susan DeMarios shared Current visitation policy: [CDPH Visitation Policy](#)

3) **10:55 am | Update on Master Plan on Aging from CA Department of Aging (15 min)**

Amanda Lawrence, Project Manager, Master Plan on Aging, CDA

Minutes:

- The chair welcomed Ms. Lawrence.
- Amanda shared she felt the master plan is going to be stronger than before. Mentioned she has joined forces with Gov. Task Force. She went over the report that was sent to Governor in late May (report posted below).
- MPA LTSS Stakeholder Report: [MPA LTSS Stakeholder Report](#)
- Three other goals in the master plan, health and wellbeing, livable communities and purpose, and economic security and safety.
- Paused for two months in public meetings, now plan to release and provide their recommendations in October the administration will release master plan in December.
- This link is our Aging Matters newsletter: [Aging Matters Newsletter](#)
- Here is CDA's CV19 Resource page: [CDA CV19 Resource Page](#)
- Downloadable resource card: [Resource Card](#)
- The recordings of the caregiving calls that Susan referenced earlier in the chat box can be found here: [Recorded Caregiving Calls](#)

4) **11:10 pm| Update on Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's (disease) Prevention and Preparedness (15 min)**

Daisy Castellon, Lucas Public Affairs

Minutes:

- The chair welcomed Ms. Castellon.
- Daisy said they have taken time to reflect on their work due to COVID19. Since work must continue they are looking at the recommendations and figure out a plan.

- Daisy showed an informational PowerPoint that provided highlights, went over recommendations and noted they are looking at the mission with Taskforce and continuing to have monthly meetings.
- She discussed the Fresno roundtable and said they have gone up and down the state for the past nine months to better understand the needs of the state and to make sure nothing is over looked.
- Hoping to submit recommendations to Governor in August and brief the Master Plan on Aging. Public announcement in December of what he hopes to take on.

5) **11:25 pm| Discuss specific feedback on recommendations in Governor’s Task Force on Alzheimer’s Prevention and Preparedness and Master Plan on Aging (35 min)**

Susan DeMarois, State Policy Director, Alzheimer’s Association

Minutes:

- The Chair welcomed Ms. DeMarois.
- Make extra effort to address health equity, social isolation, Medi-Cal and low income seniors
- Include Cal MediConnect
- Looks like an 11th goal could be warranted to capture above, though not sure how much detail is behind each recommendation so it’s possible it’s covered
- Reinforce and embrace the work of the MP4A LTSS Subcommittee to offer consistent services in a variety of ways as part of a comprehensive statewide plan looking holistically at the client/consumer.
- Social isolation has always been a theme with AD/dementia and post COVID it’s a major issue. Both plans should combat, not fuel, social isolation.
- Project with ACL, CDA, DHCS re: Cal MediConnect and dementia management warrants close examination/replication – Alzheimer’s Los Angeles, Alzheimer’s Association
- Red flags raised by DHCS LTC@Home proposal, its limiting options. Concern it will trap people in their homes with no community supports. Relies heavily on families. They’ll need support too, and not everyone has family.
- Social isolation is much bigger than loneliness or seclusion, people are actively deconditioning and declining rapidly. There is more to services than a unit of delivered LTSS, there is care coordination and case management and human interaction and a wide

array of services and supports. We are learning right now in COVID what's needed to truly support people at home and it's more, not less.

- We need to see language in both reports that calls out the longstanding work in mental and behavioral health and make sure this advances the issue instead of setting it back even further.
- Look at National Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for caregiver training.
- It's not just person centered care; it needs to be family centered care with family caregivers actively participating in care planning as key part of interdisciplinary team. Look at National Quality Forum for direction on this.
- Care plans have to be understandable to low literacy, English as a second language, patients and families.
- Look at Family Caregiver Alliance new website for best practice in family caregiving.
- Make changes to Medi-Cal spousal impoverishment provisions permanent to help so many families out financially.
- No one is talking about homeless, people on the streets with cognitive impairments.

6) **12:00 pm| Action: Finalization of Recommendations and Items for Update to the Secretary (20 min)**

Dr. Howard Rosen, Committee Chair; Committee Members

Minutes:

- There was a chat between Howie, Daisy and Susan on the 10 recommendations they are bringing to the Governor and discussed possibly adding an additional item making that 11. Daisy and Howie are going to chat offline to discuss further.
- Discussed the memo and reviewed what should be added in it (See minutes in Section 5)

7) **12:20 pm| Action: Approval of December Meeting Minutes (5 min)**

Dr. Howard Rosen, Committee Chair; Committee Members

Howie Rosen:

- Next, we would like to approve the minutes from our December meeting. Please take a few minutes to review.

- Are there any corrections to the minutes? If there are no corrections, the minutes are approved.
- TO Do: Fix December meeting minute's errors and update the roster. Jamie to finalize and send to Chair for review. Committee accepts minutes with the assumption attendees will be added and any errors will be updated and Howie and Julie will have the final approval.

8) 12:25 pm| Meeting Adjourns

Howie Rosen:

Thank you all. That brings our meeting to a close. Thank you all for your time and participation today. Meeting Adjourned.

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