



Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

TASK FORCE

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Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Task Force Regular Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021—10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Virtual Invitation

PRESENT:

Governor's Appointments:

Trey Addison; Doug Beach; Jennifer Blough; Salli Bollin; Jennifer Brockman; Kathryn Brod;
Bonnie Burman; Jennifer Drost; Tina Hochwalt; Diane Pekunka; Pam Reese; Joe Russell; Melissa
Schiffel; Leanne Smith; Lori Stevic-Rust; Jean Thompson; Pete Van Runkle

Legislative Members:

Ohio Senate:

Senator Steve Wilson; Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko

Ohio House of Representatives:

Representative Rodney Creech; Representative Stephanie Howse

Governor's Administration Members:

Assistant Director Julie Trackler; Vice Chair Mary Kate Francis; Ombudsman Beverly Laubert;
Director Maureen Corcoran; Director Deborah Ashenhurst

Welcome

At 10:00am, Assistant Director Trackler called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and participants to the meeting.

Roll Call

Alex Lapso called the roll and a quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Assistant Director Trackler provided an overview of Am SB 24 and Task Force expectations to the group and suggested consideration of a special task force meeting to discuss next steps.

Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Alex Lapso asked that the members to review the minutes from the previous meeting. Pete Van Runkle moved to accept the meeting minutes. Director Ashenhurst seconded the motion. Without objection the minutes from the January 11, 2021 meeting were approved. The approved minutes will be uploaded to the website.

Announcement of Federal Grant to Support Work of the Task Force

With assistance and collaboration from the Department of Medicaid, the Department of Aging received a federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) grant for \$4,375,000. This will support the work of the task force.

Task Force Business

- The Task Force meeting cadence will be the last Monday of every month except for the month of May. Considering the observance of Memorial Day, the May meeting will be held on the 24th.
- Assistant Director Trackler addressed the pending subcommittees and the results of the initial survey. An additional survey will be sent out to further identify subcommittee preferences and committee leadership considerations. Professional expertise of Task Force members will be reviewed when determining subcommittee assignments.
- The Task Force will also consider a special meeting to hear public input members of the public to address the needs of those living with dementia and their caregivers.

Comments, topics, and/or discussion points

- The members of the Task Force offered comments, considerations, and points for discussion to address as the group continues to deliberate the charge of the Task Force:
 - Clarify dementia terminology and address whether dementia is a disease or a series of symptoms.
 - Consider and identify diseases that result from symptoms of dementia.
 - Provide clarity around terms and diagnosis to help primary care physicians equip families with necessary information and to better understand what drives care.
 - Clarity and additional background on the CMS grant for the Task Force was addressed. Funding opportunities will be determined as the work of the task force continues. Additional recommendations with regard to determining use of the grant dollars was suggested.
 - Requests to support affordable housing options were raised.
 - Considerations to address the need for home health care and adult day services were recommended.
 - It was asked that the Task Force focus on diversity and inclusion.
 - A book titled “I Wish I had a Magic Wand; A Guide in Navigating the Journey in Dementia” by Linda Bliss, RN, Kemper House, was recommended for task force members.

Having no further business before the Task Force, the meeting adjourned at 10:52am.