

**DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities and Aging  
State Unit on Aging  
Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council Meeting  
Friday, August 15, 2025**

Voting Members Present: Julie Kaminski, Christopher Kelly, Tracy Lichti, Lisa Marks, Julie Masters, Kierstin Reed, Corie Sass, Mary Ann Stallings, David Thompson

Voting Members Absent: John Croghan

Non-Voting Members Present: Josie Rodriguez, Odessa Schoneberg

Non-Voting Members Absent: Terri Ridder, Timothy Tesmer

Council Staff Present: Joni Dulaney

State Unit on Aging Staff Present: Ben Stromberg

This meeting was held virtually. A link was provided for Council members and members of the public to attend virtually. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tracy Lichti, Council Chair. Roll was taken and Council members introduced themselves.

**Nebraska Open Meetings Act Announcement**

Tracy announced that Council meetings fall under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A link to the Act is available on the Council webpage.

**Public Comment**

All public meetings must allow time on the agenda for people who are not members of the Council to comment. No public comments were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the July 18, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Chris Kelly and seconded by Julie Kaminski. No corrections were requested to the minutes.

A roll call vote was taken: Yes – 8; No – 0; Abstain – 1.

**United Way of the Midlands 211 Presentation**

Lindsay Paulson, 211 Resource Database Coordinator, gave a presentation on 211. The following information was taken from the PowerPoint presentation.

211 covers the entire states of Nebraska and Iowa and 83 counties in Illinois, providing 24/7 information and resources. They are part of a nationwide network of 248 211's covering 98% of the country.

Information can be accessed through phone calls, SMS text, email, chat, or through a mobile app. 211 specialists gather and provide the requested information. 211 can also help connect people to resources in their communities.

There are over 1,400 agencies in 3,000 locations offering 3,500 programs in Nebraska. These can be found on their website, [www.uwm211.org](http://www.uwm211.org) where services are categorized for easy access. Agencies verify their information on 211 annually. They are given reminders to review their information to make sure it is still correct. 211 tries to ensure that 90% or more of the resources are updated within the last 12 months.

Community partnerships provide specific assistance for Social Determinants of Health through Unite Nebraska, Unite Iowa, Help Me Grow, and Save our Seniors; Financial Assistance through Goodfellows, MUD, OPPD, and NPPD; Transportation with Lyft (Ride United); and other areas utilizing VOCA, ADRCs, and the AARP Caregiver program to identify caregivers and resources for caregivers.

When someone reaches out to 211, they are provided with the information to take the next steps themselves in contacting the resource. For Social Determinants of Health, there are navigators who will work more closely with individuals who may need additional assistance, who may have complex needs, or who may be at risk for homelessness or because they are older.

Lindsay walked Council members through the 211 website and dashboard. Dashboard data can be filtered to provide specific information on different areas, such as demographics, location, needs, and more.

Lindsay was asked about whether and how a category could be added specifically for dementia resources. She showed how to search for resources by category. Typing in a zip code to find local resources brought up a list by topic. There are options to set the distance radius for the resource. One low-cost option to add specific dementia information would be to create a page on 211 that takes the individual to specific resources. Another option is to create links to the 211 search component for a new or existing webpage. This would pull the info from 211 to the other website behind the scenes. There would be a cost for these options.

The Council could work with Lindsay to figure out what 211 doesn't have or send a list of resources being used to start working through the process. There is information on the 211 webpage on how to add a new agency as a resource. Any agency on the list provided by the Council would have to be contacted to ensure they are interested in being listed with 211. It could be that many of the resources are already in 211 but there needs to be more awareness of this service. Lindsay may be asked to attend a Centralized Resource Repository Subcommittee meeting to talk more about this.

Discussion after the presentation included wondering how many people access 211 for dementia specific resources and whether this data could be collected and added to the 211 dashboard. This would be good information to know from all Aging and Disability Resource Centers if it is not too burdensome for them to collect the data.

## **State Plan**

Council members discussed the State Alzheimer's Plan Annual Update Report. Changes to the formatting were requested:

- Rearrange the subcommittee reports to be in the same order as the list of prioritized recommendations on Page 2.
- Add the priority to the line above the subcommittee name for each report.
- Move the list of subcommittee member names to the bottom of the report instead of the top.
- Separate subcommittee members from Council members and make the subcommittee facilitator name more prominent.
- Add John Croghan as facilitator of the Centralized Resource Repository Subcommittee.
- Remove Chris Kelly from the Centralized Resource Repository Subcommittee.
- Change the full list of Council members to include the role of each member and whether they are a voting or nonvoting member.

The subject of Council vacancies was discussed. Joni Dulaney has been in contact with the Governor's Appointment Office to get an update on appointments for the current vacancies and upcoming vacancies when members begin rotating off the Council at the end of this year. There is no indication when these vacancies will be filled, although the Appointments Office staff said they will see what they can do to facilitate getting these appointments made. Members should follow up with individuals who may have applied to encourage them to apply again and note that they are requesting appointment to the Alzheimer's Council.

The final report must be submitted to DHHS by Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The DHHS Legislative Services office will write the cover letter for the report.

The agenda item of discussion of the next State Plan recommendations will be moved to the September meeting agenda.

## **Announcements**

The next meeting will be held in person on September 19, 2025.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.