

**State Unit on Aging
Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, January 17, 2025
Virtual Meeting via Webex Link**

**In-Person Meeting Location:
301 Centennial Mall South, Conference Room 4N
Lincoln, NE 68509**

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

Non-Voting Members Absent: Lisa McGuire, Timothy Tesmer

Council Staff Present: Joni Dulaney

State Unit on Aging Staff Present: Ben Stromberg

This meeting was held via Webex. A link was provided for Council members and members of the public to attend virtually. A conference room at the Nebraska State Office Building was staffed by Council staff Joni Dulaney as a location for anyone to attend the meeting in person. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 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 given.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the December 20, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Julie Masters and seconded by Chris Kelly. No corrections were requested to the minutes.

A roll call vote was taken: Yes – 9; No – 0; Abstain – 0.

By-Laws

A draft of the Council by-laws was sent to members with the meeting materials prior to the meeting. Tracy led the discussion of the by-laws as they were presented on screen for members to make any recommendations or changes. Members requested changes, to include adding the definition of Council staff, changing the wording to request that resigning members stay on the Council until a new member is appointed, adding attendance requirements for non-voting

members, wording for length of term for the Chair and Vice Chair to include that they may be re-elected to serve again after a 12-month break, and adding that the by-laws will be reviewed annually by the Chair and Vice Chair. Instead of voting on the by-laws at today's meeting, members requested that the changes be made and presented for voting at the February meeting.

State Plan

State Plan Draft 7 was sent to members prior to the meeting. This draft is much shorter than the previous drafts. A list was created to compare the draft to what is in statute and will be sent to Council members. Members are asked to review the two documents to determine what may need to be added back into the Plan. One area that was discussed to be added back is on research. A list of research projects underway will be created as an appendix.

There was discussion on Statute Section 35 (3) (n), "improving the ways in which the government evaluates and adopts policies to assist individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and their families." The Council would not suggest the policies but rather would suggest how the policies could be decided upon. Suggestions for evaluating and adopting policies could include input through listening sessions and town halls as well as from public health departments, the Aging Advisory Committee, Area Agencies on Aging, and others. Josie Rodriguez will look more at how DHHS evaluates and adopts policies and will report back on what she finds.

Tracy requested that if members have or come across any resources that match the areas highlighted in red (note that this color will be changed to yellow in the version that is sent to members) that can help address the areas of the Plan in question, please forward them to Joni for dissemination to the appropriate person. Members volunteered to review and revise different areas of the draft:

- Chris – the Research section
- Julie M. – appendices, bibliographies, resources
- Kierstin – National Core Indicators for A&D waiver
- Josie – how DHHS evaluates and adopts policies

The draft one-page flyer and list of recommendations by category were shared onscreen. The flyer will be run through the DHHS Graphics Department for assistance with making it readable to everyone. The columns on page one will include the list of recommendations once finalized. They could also include the projected costs for the different recommendations. The history of the legislation would be on page two.

Tracy directed the members to the Excel spreadsheet list of recommendations by category. This was shared on-screen and reviewed. The list will be revised to include a column for projected costs and sent out to members add the costs associated with implementing their

recommendations. Members will send this back to Tracy or Joni. Once this is completed, the list will be sent out again for members to prioritize each recommendation.

This list includes a sixth category of Increase Availability and Quality of Facility-Based Care. Members are asked to review this and determine whether to keep this category that was not in the original five categories from the October 18, 2024, meeting.

Members are asked to think about the implementation committees. It was asked whether the subcommittees that were formed to create the Plan are a good place to start with the conversation of implementation of the Plan. Some adjustments could be made to bring in additional subcommittee members to ensure there are subject matter experts who will bring their perspective and knowledge. Implementation committees would evaluate whether what is being recommended is happening, whether the recommendations have been accepted by the legislature and are moving forward, whether the legislature taking action, and, if not, if there are adjusts needed to what we are recommending.

Conflicts of Interest Statements

Members received a Conflicts of Interest Disclosure form to complete and return to Joni. These will be completed annually. Due to time limitations at this meeting, the public statement any of conflicts of interest will be completed at the February meeting. Members should submit their completed disclosure forms to Joni.

Announcements

At the next meeting, Kierstin Reed will provide an update on legislative bills that are relevant to the work of the Council. This includes LB346, a bill regarding councils, boards and commissions, and LB61 regarding memory care rates for assisted living. As a reminder, if members want to provide testimony on any bill, it must be on their own behalf or their organization's behalf, not on behalf of the Council.

The next meeting will be held virtually on February 21, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.