

**State Unit on Aging  
Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council Meeting**

**Friday, January 19, 2024**

**In-Person and WebEx Hybrid Meeting**

**Public meeting location:**

Aging Partners  
600 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

Voting Members Present In Person: John Croghan, Tracy Lichti, Julie Paladino-Kaminski, Kierstin Reed, Mary Ann Stallings

Voting Members Present Virtually: Christopher Kelly, Nick Faustman, Lisa Marks, Julie Masters, David Thompson

Voting Members Absent: Corie Sass

Non-Voting Members Present In Person: NA

Non-Voting Members Present Virtually: Penny Clark, Kathy Scheele, Timothy Tesmer

Non-Voting Members Absent: NA

Council Staff Present In Person: Joni Dulaney

SUA Staff Present: Taylor Carter, Gene Hogan, Ben Stromberg

The meeting called to order at 10:03 am by David Thompson, Council Chair. Roll call was conducted and members introduced themselves.

**Nebraska Open Meetings Act Announcement**

David announced that the Council meetings fall under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the Act was posted on the easel in the conference room and a link to the Act was provided in the Webex Chat.

**Public Comment**

David announced that 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**

David announced that after the December 8, 2023, meeting, it was discovered that the votes for the Chair and Vice Chair positions were not correct. There were nine voting members present but 10 votes were cast for each position. Because the election of Chair and Vice Chair were not determined by single vote margins, one vote would be taken from each. The minutes would be corrected to reflect the total votes for David as Chair from 6 votes to 5 and total votes for Tracy as Vice Chair from 5 votes to 4. Motion to approve the minutes with the corrections made by John Croghan; second by Julie Kaminski. No other corrections were requested.

A roll call vote was taken: Yes – 8; No – 0; Abstain – 2.

## **Advisory Council Membership Update**

David provided an update on the Council membership. Per statute, the Council should have 12 voting members and 5 non-voting members on. Currently there are 11 voting members and 3 non-voting members. The State Unit on Aging is working with the Medicaid and Long-Term Care administration to get the non-voting members from the Workforce Development Board and the State Unit on Aging named. Anyone interested in the voting member position should apply through the Governor's website at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/board-comm-req>.

A copy of LB903 was emailed to Council members with the meeting materials prior to the meeting. David discussed LB903, which amends the term lengths for Council members. Original legislation provided everyone would serve a four-year term. LB903 would change this to 1/3 of Council members serving two-year terms; 1/3 serving three-year terms, and 1/3 serving four-year terms. Nick Faustman clarified that members would serve their two-year, three-year, or four-year term and that thereafter, the terms would be four years in length so that not all Council members rotate off at the same time. The bill would also move back the statutory timeline for reporting by one year to December 31, 2024. Members were asked to consider how to determine which Council members would serve which term lengths in anticipation of the bill passing.

## **Next Steps**

David opened discussion of the next steps the Council will take to create the state plan. Creating non-voting subcommittees was discussed. Subcommittees would include both Council members and non-Council members.

Ben Stromberg provided a brief history of the 2016 State Alzheimer's Plan. The workgroup that created the 2016 plan has disbanded. There has been no coordinated effort to implement or track any of the recommendations. The statute that created the Council does not reference the 2016 plan; therefore, the Council is not required to pick up where that plan left off but rather can utilize the plan as a resource or reference.

Council members were directed to Nebraska Revised Statute (NRS) [71-566](#) for specifics on the considerations, findings, and recommendations to include in the state plan and to the chart at the end of the 2016 State Plan that shows the current legislation and what was done in 2016.

A motion was made by Tracy Lichti for subcommittees to help the Advisory Council. Kierstin Reed seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – 10; No – 0; Abstain – 0.

Council members began breaking out each of the considerations, findings, and recommendations listed in statute by broad topic. This will help determine the subcommittees. See Page 4 for the list in progress.

Council staff clarified that subcommittees do not fall under Open Meetings Act unless a quorum of Council members is present at the subcommittee meeting. Subcommittees will make recommendations to the Council for any items that require a vote.

Comments were made during the meeting that Council members had been meeting and sending email correspondence to each other. Council staff informed members that this is not allowed under the Open Meetings Laws. No Council business can be conducted outside of Council meetings.

### **Future Meetings**

Council members set the next two meeting dates as Friday, February 9, 2024, as a virtual meeting from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, and Friday, February 16, 2024, as an in-person meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, location to be announced.

Future meetings to be scheduled on the third Friday of each month with virtual or in-person attendance and locations to be determined.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by John Croghan and seconded by Julie Masters. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

# Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act

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## Information/Data

1. Trends in the state's Alzheimer's disease and other dementia populations(p. 92line 25)
2. Establish a surveillance system to determine the number of individuals with Alzheimers (P. 93 Line  $\frac{3}{4}$ )
3. Existing Resources, services and capacity relating to diagnosis and care of individuals with ALZ(p. 93 line 6)
  - a. Type, cost and availability (p. 93 line 9)
4. State supported ALZ disease research at NE universities (p. 93 line 23)
5. Increase Public Awareness of ALZ (p. 93 line 26)
6. Evaluate the capacity of our healthcare system in meeting with the growing number with ALZ (p. 94 line 1)
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## Support

1. State's role in providing LTC caregiver support to those with early onset(p. 92 line 27)
2. Availability of workers (p. 93 line 10)
3. HCBS and Respite Care for those with ALZ (p. 93 line 18)
4. Educate providers to increase early detection of ALZ(p. 93 Line 28)
5. Improving the healthcare received for those with ALZ (p.93 line 30)
6. Increase the number of healthcare professionals (p. 94, line 4) \*policy

## Safety

1. Quality measures for HCBS and RCF(p. 93 line 21)
2. Improve HCBS services to delay institutionalized care (p. 93 line 6)
3. Improve LTC and AL for those with ALZ (p. 94 line 9)

## Policy

1. State's policy on individuals with Alz (P. 92 line 30)
2. Fiscal Impact (p. 93 line 1)
3. Dementia specific training for public and private employees (pg 93, line 13)
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