



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

**Friday, January 19, 2024
10AM – 12PM**

**In-Person Meeting Location:
Aging Partners
600 S. 70th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510**

Link to Attend Virtual Meeting:
<https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m89afef3cf099a3d9894540a197c433bf>

AGENDA

Welcome – David Thompson, Chair

Roll Call and Introductions

Roll will be called; Council members will introduce themselves.

Notice of Public Meeting

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Public Comment

Members of the public are provided time speak. Anyone who wishes to address the Council must sign in, providing their name and address.

Approval of Minutes

Council members will vote to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2023, meeting.

Advisory Council Membership Update

There is currently one vacancy for Governor-appointed voting members.
Two non-voting members have not yet been named.

Next Steps

Discussion on creating the State Alzheimer’s Plan.
Set meeting dates through 2024.

Announcements

Adjourn

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 903

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

Read first time January 04, 2024

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia
- 2 Advisory Council; to amend sections 71-564 and 71-567, Revised
- 3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating
- 4 to the membership of the council and the State Alzheimer's Plan; and
- 5 to repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-564, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
2 2022, is amended to read:

3 71-564 (1) The Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory
4 Council is created and shall include:

5 (a) Twelve voting members appointed by the Governor. The voting
6 members shall consist of: (i) An individual living with Alzheimer's
7 disease or another dementia or a family member of such an individual;
8 (ii) an individual who is the family caregiver of an individual living
9 with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia; (iii) an individual who
10 represents nursing homes; (iv) an individual who represents assisted-
11 living facilities; (v) an individual who represents providers of adult
12 day care services; (vi) an individual who represents home care providers;
13 (vii) a medical professional who has experience diagnosing and treating
14 Alzheimer's disease; (viii) an individual who conducts research regarding
15 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; (ix) an individual who represents
16 a leading, nationwide organization that advocates on behalf of
17 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; (x) an
18 individual who represents an area agency on aging; (xi) an individual
19 representing an organization that advocates for older adults; and (xii)
20 an individual with experience or expertise in the area of the specific
21 needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and
22 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; and

23 (b) Five nonvoting members. The nonvoting members shall consist of:
24 (i) The Director of Public Health or the director's designee; (ii) the
25 Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care or the director's designee; (iii)
26 a representative of the State Unit on Aging of the Division of Medicaid
27 and Long-Term Care designated by the Director of Medicaid and Long-Term
28 Care; (iv) a representative of the Nebraska Workforce Development Board
29 designated by the board; and (v) the state long-term care ombudsman or
30 the ombudsman's designee.

31 (2) The terms of the initial members shall begin on the date of the

1 first meeting as called by the Director of Public Health and (a) one-
2 third shall serve for two-year terms, (b) one-third shall serve for
3 three-year terms, and (c) one-third shall serve for four-year terms,
4 including the chairperson and vice-chairperson. Thereafter all members
5 shall serve four-year terms. Members may not serve more than two
6 consecutive four-year terms. Vacancies shall be appointed by the Governor
7 in the same manner as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section The
8 Governor shall make the appointments within ninety days after July 21,
9 2022. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
10 appointments.

11 ~~(3) The voting members of the council shall serve for a term of four~~
12 ~~years. A voting member may be reappointed to one additional term of four~~
13 ~~years.~~

14 ~~(3)~~ (4) Members of the council shall select the chairperson and
15 vice-chairperson who shall not be employees of the state and may serve in
16 such role for up to four consecutive years. The Director of Public Health
17 or the director's designee shall call and preside over the first meeting
18 until a chairperson is selected. Thereafter, the council shall meet at
19 least quarterly at the call of the chairperson. A majority of the voting
20 members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings.

21 ~~(4)~~ (5) The council shall hold ~~its first meeting not later than~~
22 ~~thirty days after the appointment of its members and shall hold~~
23 ~~subsequent~~ meetings at least once every calendar quarter.

24 ~~(5)~~ (6) Members shall serve on the council without compensation but
25 shall be compensated for expenses incurred for such service.

26 ~~(6)~~ (7) The department shall provide staff and support to the
27 council as necessary to assist the council in the performance of its
28 duties.

29 Sec. 2. Section 71-567, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
30 2022, is amended to read:

31 71-567 (1)(a) No later than December 31, 2024 ~~eighteen months after~~

1 ~~July 21, 2022~~, the council shall compile the findings and recommendations
2 under the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act and submit
3 them as a State Alzheimer's Plan to the Legislature and the Governor.

4 (b) Every four years thereafter, the council shall issue an updated
5 State Alzheimer's Plan addressing the items in sections 71-565 and 71-566
6 and any other issues the council deems necessary and relevant toward
7 addressing Alzheimer's disease and dementia in Nebraska.

8 (2) By October 1 of each year after the creation of the State
9 Alzheimer's Plan, the council shall electronically submit to the
10 Legislature and the Governor an annual report on the status of
11 implementation of the State Alzheimer's Plan recommendations and any
12 barriers to implementation.

13 Sec. 3. Original sections 71-564 and 71-567, Revised Statutes
14 Cumulative Supplement, 2022, are repealed.

Information, Support & Safety

NEBRASKA STATE PLAN for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias



33,000

Nebraskans are living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.



GOAL

Nebraskans living with dementia and their caregivers have the **INFORMATION to manage their lives.**

- Resources by county and a one-point-of-entry web portal at www.adrcnebraska.org.
- A comprehensive Care Planning Checklist for Nebraskans living with ADRD and their caregivers.
- Downloadable documents such as *Nebraska Power of Attorney for Health Care* on all state resource sites.
- A standard ADRD assessment(s) to be conducted at annual Medicare Wellness visits in Nebraska.
- Targeted outreach to counties with large ethnic populations.
- An Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Registry.
- Cognitive Impairment and Caregiver Modules in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS).
- Brain Health Resource Tools, including the HealthyBrain.gov website through Area Agencies on Aging and Senior Centers.
- Direct access to free informal/unpaid caregiver training.



GOAL

Nebraskans living with dementia and their caregivers have the **SUPPORT needed to maintain their health and well-being.**

- Community assessment and resource tools for individual communities to become dementia-capable/dementia-friendly.
- Additional locations to administer telehealth mental services and geriatric cognitive assessments in rural Nebraska.
- Dementia training to all first-responders and public-facing state and city employees in Nebraska.
- Participation in Senator Riepe's LR602 interim study to examine the existing barriers to the delivery of healthcare services through telehealth technology in Nebraska.
- Training tools and a Nebraska Dementia-Friendly Endorsement for quality standards for workforces working directly with ADRD patients.
- Free dementia training for public-facing private entities including banks, grocery stores & pharmacies.
- Establishment of Adult Day Services and Respite Care providers in rural communities and in under-served zip codes in urban communities.
- Tuition reimbursement or student loan forgiveness for rural-based professionals who commit to working in dementia care.



GOAL

Nebraskans living with dementia are **SAFE.**

- Direct Nebraskans to the Driver's Contract available through Nebraska's Alzheimer's Association.
- Implement Finding Your Way Program to aid in wandering and Promote Alzheimer's Association/Medic Alert program on the ADRD web portal.
- Participate in Senator Davis's LR507 interim study of a public notification system to broadcast alerts when vulnerable adults go missing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT:

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THE HISTORY

MARCH 31, 2014

LB690, a bill introduced to the Nebraska Legislature by Senator Kate Bolz, was passed into law. LB690 created the "Aging Nebraskans Task Force".

This Task Force drafted a strategic plan to support Nebraska's aging population, which was presented to the Nebraska Legislature in December 2014. One of the recommended categories included in the strategic plan for Nebraska's aging population was a special focus on our state's aging population with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD).

JANUARY 2015

LB320 was introduced by Senator Bolz, which would set into motion the implementation of some of the recommendations that the "Aging Nebraskans Task Force" had presented in December. In March 2015, Senator Al Davis introduced an amendment to LB320 that would provide the governance necessary for the "Aging Nebraskans Task Force" to develop a State Plan specific to Nebraska's special population of those living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias.

MAY 27, 2015

Nebraska's Governor Ricketts signed into law LB320. This state plan is the result of that legislation.

To access the full plan visit:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Aging/Pages/AgingHome.aspx>