

	<p>State Unit on Aging Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council Meeting</p> <p>Friday, February 9, 2024 9AM – 11AM</p> <p>Link to Attend Virtual Meeting: https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m2952044c98f5faed15ac5863ce7e97ec</p> <p>In-Person Meeting Location (Optional): Nebraska State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South, 3H Lincoln, NE 68508 Check in with Receptionist on 3rd floor</p>
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VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

Welcome – David Thompson, Chair

Roll Call and Introductions

Roll will be called; Council members and staff 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.

Approval of Minutes

Council members will vote to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2024, meeting.

State Plan Creation

- Determine the Focus Areas for Subcommittees
- Subcommittee Membership – Council and non-Council members
- Establish timeframe and dates for subcommittee meetings
- Other discussion on creation of the State Alzheimer’s Plan

Future Meeting Dates

Set meeting dates, times, and virtual or in-person attendance through 2024.

Announcements

Adjourn

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. 70th 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.

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Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act

January 19, 2024

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)
- 7.

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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**State Unit on Aging
Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, December 8, 2023
WebEx Virtual Meeting**

Public meeting location: Nebraska State Office Building,
3rd Floor Conference Room H

Voting Members Present: John Croghan, Christopher Kelly, Tracy Lichti, Julie Masters, Julie Paladino-Kaminski, Kierstin Reed, Corie Sass, Mary Ann Stallings, David Thompson

Voting Members Absent: Lisa Marks

Non-Voting Members Present: Penny Clark, Timothy Tesmer

Non-Voting Members Absent: Kathy Scheele

SUA Staff Present: Joni Dulaney, Ben Stromberg, Gene Hogan, Cheryl Kirby, Jessica Harris

Guests Present: Charity Menefee

The meeting called to order at 10:04 am.

Charity Menefee, Director of the DHHS Division of Public Health, opened the meeting and welcomed the members. Thereafter, Joni Dulaney, staff to the Council, presided over the meeting in the absence of a Chair and Vice Chair.

Roll call was conducted and members and staff introduced themselves.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act Announcement

Joni announced that the Council meetings fall under the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the Act was available in the conference room and was emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Public Comment

Joni announced that all public meetings must allow time on the agenda for people who are not members of the Council to comment. Due to the amount of work needing to be completed in this first meeting of the Alzheimer's Council, comments were requested to be two minutes or less.

Nick Faustman with the Alzheimer's Association – Nebraska Chapter spoke about their proposed legislative updates to the statute that created the Council. Updates would include changing the date that the State Alzheimer's Plan is due to the Governor and Legislature, and staggering the current terms of membership so not all the members rotate off at the same time when their term is up. The draft of the proposed changes will be emailed to members after the meeting.

Legislative Intent

Ben Stromberg provided background information on 2022's LB752, which became Nebraska Revised Statute (NRS) 71-564 through 71-567. He noted specifically:

- Section 30 of the bill names the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Support Act.

- Section 31 creates the Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council.
- Section 34 states the purpose of the Council.
- Section 35 details the responsibilities of the Council.
- Section 36 provides reporting requirements.

Ben referenced documents that were emailed to members prior to the meeting. The 2016 Alzheimer’s State Plan provides background and a potential bridge between work that was completed in 2016 and the obligations for this Council. A chart after the 36-page Plan compares what was required in the 2016 plan with what is required in current statute.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Per statute, the Council is required to have a Chair and Vice Chair. Officers may serve a maximum term of four consecutive years. Only voting members of the Council vote for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Nominations for Chair were as follows:

- Chris Kelly nominated David Thompson for the Chair position. John Croghan seconded the nomination.
- Julie Masters nominated Corie Sass for the Chair position. Mary Ann Stallings seconded the nomination.
- Julie Kaminski nominated Tracy Lichti for the Chair position. Kierstin Reed seconded the nomination.

Nominees were allowed time to explain why he or she should be elected Chair.

Voting was conducted using the Chat box in WebEx. Members sent their vote to Ben to ensure anonymity. David Thompson will be the Chair of the Council for a maximum four-year term. (David – 5 votes; Corie – 2 votes; Tracy – 2 votes).

Nominations for Vice Chair were as follows:

- David Thompson nominated Chris Kelly for the Vice Chair position. Kierstin Reed seconded the nomination.
- John Croghan nominated Tracy Lichti for the Vice Chair position. Corie Sass seconded the nomination.
- Mary Ann Stallings nominated Julie Masters for the Vice Chair position. John Croghan seconded the nomination.

Nominees were allowed time to explain why he or she should be elected Vice Chair.

Voting was conducted using the Chat box in WebEx. Members sent their vote to Ben to ensure anonymity. Tracy Lichti will be the Chair of the Council for a maximum four-year term. (Tracy – 4 votes; Julie – 3 votes; Chris – 2 votes).

Next Steps

This topic was not discussed due to time constraints.

Future Meetings

A Doodle poll will be sent to members with date and time options to schedule the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

January 18, 2024

Clerk of the Legislature
1445 K Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Clerk of the Legislature

Please accept this letter as a statement of progress for the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council. The Department of Health and Human Service hired a staff person under the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, State Unit on Aging in late 2023 to support the Council. The Council held their first meeting on December 8, 2023, virtually. During that meeting the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council were elected to support the DHHS staff member and the Council members.

The Council will be having their first in person meeting on January 19, 2024, where the calendar of future meetings will be established. The Council will be meeting at least quarterly to create the state plan and recommendations, we will be submitted that information to the Governor and Legislature by no later than December 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by,

David M. Thompson
Council Chair