

Texas Department of State Health Services

Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Meeting Minutes Monday, October 12, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted virtually using Microsoft Teams Live Events. There was not a physical location for this meeting.

Table 1: Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders member attendance at the Monday, October 12, 2020 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Mr. Byron Cordes	X		Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm		X
Dr. Laura DeFina		X	Ms. Valerie Krueger	X	
Dr. Marc Diamond	X		Dr. Eddie L. Patton Jr.	X	
Mr. Joe A. Evans Jr.	X		Dr. Mary Quiceno	X	
Dr. Vaunette Fay	X		Dr. Sudha Seshardi	X	
Ms. Ana Guerrero Gore		X	Mr. Terrence Summers	X	
Mr. Michael Gayle	X		Ms. Angela Turner	X	
Dr. Char Hu	X				

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting. **No:** Indicates did not attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Dr. Marc Diamond, Chair, called the Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (TCADR) meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Table 1 notes member attendance at the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Introductions

Dr. Diamond welcomed participants and staff to the meeting. He asked members to provide a brief introduction. Ms. Francesca Kupper, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), provided meeting logistics, conducted the roll call, and noted a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 3: Council action on October 28, 2019, meeting minutes

Dr. Diamond referred members to the October 28, 2019, meeting minutes and discussed the need to amend the date. Dr. Diamond opened for discussion, then requested a motion.

MOTION:

Dr. Mary Quiceno moved to amend the October 28, 2019, minutes as presented. Dr. Eddie L. Patton Jr. seconded the motion. The minutes were amended by roll call vote with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: Council action on June 4, 2020, meeting minutes

Dr. Diamond referred members to the draft minutes from the June 4, 2020, meeting, and requested a motion.

MOTION:

Dr. Quiceno moved to accept the draft June 4, 2020, minutes as presented. Dr. Patton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by roll call vote with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 5: Department of State Health Services (DSHS) representative report

Ms. Jessica Hyde, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention Branch, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section, Community Health Improvement Division, DSHS, delivered a report on DSHS activities. Highlights included:

- House Bill (HB)1 appropriated \$1 million for a public awareness campaign that launched on August 24, 2020:
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/Alzheimers/CampaignMaterials/>
- Senate Bill (SB) 999 required DSHS to develop a state plan for Alzheimer's Disease. The current plan can be found at:
<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers/pdf/Alzheimers-Disease-State-Plan-2019-2023.pdf>
- DSHS submitted two legislatively mandated reports in September 2020:
 - Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Biennial Report 2020 can be found at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers/pdf/2020-Texas-Council-Alzheimers-Biennial-Report.pdf>
 - 2020 Biennial Update for the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers/pdf/2020-Biennial-Update-Texas-State-Plan.pdf>
- DSHS was selected for and participated in the Healthy Brain Initiative Planning Lab sponsored by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Alzheimer's Association.
- DSHS surveyed Texas Alzheimer's Disease Partnership members to assess work being done around the state for Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. The report can be found here: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers/pdf/Texas-Alzheimers-Partnership-Member-Survey.pdf>

Agenda Item 6: Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) representative report

Mr. Michael Gayle, Deputy Associate Commissioner – Long Term Care Regulatory Program Operations, HHSC, informed the members he had changed positions with the agency. Mr. Gayle requested moving the HHSC update to the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM:

- The HHSC update will be added to next meeting's agenda.

Agenda Item 7: Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) representative report

Dr. C. Munro Cullum, Scientific Director, Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC), delivered a presentation titled "TARCC Scientific Update". Highlights included:

- Overview of the TARCC Steering Committee membership and activities.
- Overview of the TARCC Investigators Grant program.
- Awardees for the 2020 grants soon to be announced.

- Progress of 2018 and 2019 grant projects.
- Update of the TARCC dataset and resulting accomplishments.
- TARCC virtual conference scheduled January 28, 2021.
- <http://www.txalzresearch.org/research/symposia/>

Agenda Item 8: Council discussion and possible action on Council activities, Council’s 2022 biennial report, and Council work group

Dr. Diamond opened the discussion with an overview of the statutory authority of the TCADR. Members discussed funding issues, historical focus on research, possible additional efforts of the TCADR, and creating an exploratory subcommittee to investigate possible additional TCADR activities.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Dr. Diamond nominated Mr. Byron Cordes, Dr. Patton, Dr. Sudha Seshardi, and Mr. Gayle to the TCADR subcommittee.
- Members should email suggestions for the subcommittee to [Ms. Lynda Taylor](#) to organize between meetings.

Agenda Item 9: Council Action on Election of Vice Chair

Ms. Kupper presented the proposed vice chair election procedure and requested a motion.

MOTION:

Mr. Cordes moved to adopt the election procedure. Dr. Vaunette Fay seconded the motion. The election procedure was approved by roll call vote with no nays nor abstentions.

Ms. Kupper called for vice chair nominations; Dr. Eddie L. Patton Jr. was the single nominee. Ms. Kupper requested a motion to elect Dr. Patton as vice chair.

MOTION:

Mr. Joe A. Evans Jr. moved to elect Dr. Patton as vice chair. Mr. Cordes seconded the motion. Dr. Patton was re-elected as the TCADR vice chair by roll call vote with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 10: Public comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 11: Announcements

No announcements were provided.

Agenda Item 12: Adjourn

Dr. Diamond thanked the meeting participants and adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC webcast to view, and listen to, the entirety of the October 12, 2020, TCADR meeting:

[Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders](#)