



Meeting Minutes
Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2017; 8:30 a.m.
Commons Learning Center
The University of Texas at Austin
10100 Burnet Road, Bldg. 137, Room 1.102
Austin, Texas 78758

The Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (Council) met on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the Commons Learning Center, University of Texas at Austin, 10100 Burnet Road, Bldg. 137, Room 1.102, Austin, Texas 78758.

Council Members Present

Debbie Hanna, Chair
The Honorable Clint Hackney, Vice-Chair
Rita Hortenstine
Valerie J. Krueger
Toni Packard
Melissa L. Edwards
Laura DeFina, M.D.
Francisco González-Scarano, M.D.
Kathlene E. Camp, P.T., D.P.T.
Ronald Devere, M.D.
Marc Diamond, M.D.

Council Members Absent

Susan Rountree, M.D.
Kate Allen Stukenberg
Carlos Escobar, M.D.

Guests Present

David Auzenne, M.P.H., Department of State Health Services (DSHS) - Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section (HPCDP)
Jessica Hyde, M.P.H., DSHS - HPCDP
Yahitza Nuñez, Office of General Counsel, DSHS
Ricardo Howard, DSHS - HPCDP
Richard Elbein, Alzheimer's Association
Melissa Miranda, Alzheimer's Association
Karen Johnson, Alzheimer's Association

Program Staff Members Present

Lynda Taylor, DSHS - HPCDP

1. Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call/Excuse Absent Members

Debbie Hanna called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. Lynda Taylor certified roll, and a quorum was present. Members and guests were welcomed. Ms. Hanna asked Council members to excuse absent members. Dr. Francisco González-Scarano moved that absent members be excused. Dr. Laura DeFina seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the absent members were excused.

2. Approval of Council Minutes from the October 3, 2016, Meeting

Ms. Hanna asked Council members to review the minutes from the October 3, 2016, meeting. Melissa Edwards moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Rita Hortenstine seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the October 3, 2016, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

3. Texas Alzheimer’s Disease State Plan (State Plan) Update

Ms. Hanna stated that the state plan will be in two volumes so that dementia friendly communities can be more effectively described. The Council is developing volume 1 and DSHS is developing volume 2. Ms. Hortenstine worked with the chairs for the sections on prevention, disease management, science and caregiving for the draft of volume 1. Ms. Taylor worked on the draft of volume 2 regarding dementia friendly communities. This is an educational guide on what dementia friendly communities are.

Ms. Hanna called for a vote to advance the state plan forward in two volumes. Dr. González-Scarano moved to advance the state plan forward in two volumes. Dr. Ronald Devere seconded the motion. All were in favor, and it was approved to advance the state plan forward in two volumes.

Dr. Devere asked about the status of the algorithm of the *Clinical Best Practices for Early Detection, Diagnosis, and Pharmaceutical and Non-Pharmaceutical Treatment of Persons with Alzheimer’s Disease* (guidelines). Ms. Hanna said she will review the status with the neurologists presently on the Council. Ms. Taylor stated that the guidelines are mentioned as a resource in volume 2.

Dr. Kathlene Camp requested clarification on language in volume 2 regarding the Sliver Alert program’s requirement for a letter stating a diagnosis from a physician. Ms. Taylor will make the clarification in volume 2.

4. Texas Alzheimer’s Research and Care Consortium (TARCC)

Ms. Hanna stated that TARCC is addressing the External Advisory Committee Recommendations, June 5-6, 2016, that were mentioned at the October 3, 2016, Council meeting.

Scheduled votes on the report from the External Advisory Committee—Compliance Committee and the funding summary were not taken because as yet there is insufficient available information from the Legislature regarding TARCC funding.

5. Time and Date for Next Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Council has not yet been determined.

6. Public Comment

Melissa Miranda of the Alzheimer’s Association asked if there will be an increase in funding for the DSHS Alzheimer’s Disease Program (ADP). Ms. Hanna stated that the Council has no control or input regarding funding for the ADP. David Auzenne, Section Director for the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section, stated that there has been a reduction in funds for some chronic disease programs this legislative session, although the ADP funding has not been reduced. There is not likely to be an increase in funding for chronic disease programs.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Hanna called for a vote to adjourn the Council meeting. Dr. Devere moved to adjourn the meeting. The Honorable Clint Hackney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.