

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee
December 14, 2016 Meeting Summary
California Department of Aging
1300 National Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, California**

Members Present:

Howard Rosen, Chair
Steven A. Barbieri
Lou Bordisso
Debra Cherry
Wanda Chin (Phone)
Lene Levy-Storms
Molly Nocon
Josie Porrás-Corporon
Debbie Toth
Sharon Trocki-Miller
Janet Yang
Richard Smith

Staff Present:

Marko Mijic
Frances Parker

Presenters and Visitors:

Susan DeMarois
Ruth Gay
Julie Hohn
Terence Kelley
Sandra Robinson

Item 1. Welcome, Introductions and Committee Member Updates

Chair Howard Rosen called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Each attendee introduced themselves. Committee members provided updates on various topics.

Item 2. Approval of September 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

The Committee adopted, with one minor edit, the meeting minutes from the September 14, 2016 meeting.

Item 3. Discussion: 2017 Committee Priorities and Discussion Items

Marko Mijic led the Committee in a discussion on potential topics for the Committee to agendaize in the coming year. Committee Members expressed interest in four core areas: (1) understanding the role of the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, including their funding history and service models; (2) assessing the supports and services offered to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders who live alone, while identifying best practices and lessons learned in the field; (3) assessing the

training programs on the Alzheimer's disease and related disorders for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly and Assisted Living Facilities; and (4) understanding the role and impact of the Coordinated Care Initiative on individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. The Committee also agreed to keep looking into the issue of access to mental health services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. As a next step, an online survey will be emailed to all Committee Members to help prioritize which issues are of most interest in order to formulate the 2017 meeting agendas.

Item 4. Discussion: Presentation by the California Department of Public Health on the Healthy Brain Initiative

Sandra Robinson and Terence Kelley from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provided the Committee with an overview of the federal Healthy Brain Initiative. The Initiative was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 2005 with the purpose to establish an Alzheimer's –specific segment of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Healthy Aging Program. The CDC partnered with the Alzheimer's Association identify ways in which public health perspectives can be used to promote cognitive health. CDPH contracted with UC Davis for the development of basic education materials—the intent was to develop tools for primary care physicians that were practical and concise. The materials that were developed can be found on the CDPH website, [here](#).

Item 5. Discussion: Presentation by the California Department of Public Health on the Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management

Sandra Robinson and Terence Kelley from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) provided the Committee with an update on the development of the updated *Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management*. The Department noted that Senate Bill 613 (Allen, Chapter 577, Statutes of 2015) required CDPH to convene a multidisciplinary expert workgroup to update the 2008 Guidelines. The updated Guidelines would include four primary topic areas: assessment, care plan, education and support, and important considerations. The California Alzheimer's Disease Centers will use these Guidelines for their primary care physician training and residency programs, the goal is to offer this as a resource so physicians can provide comprehensive care to patients with Alzheimer's disease. CDPH noted that the updated Guidelines have been finished and are currently in the approval process, they are intended to be released in early 2017.

CDPH also discussed its program evaluation methodology. Health and Safety Code Section 125280, requires that the California Alzheimer's Disease Program establish criteria for program evaluation. They intend to evaluate two primary program components: (1) California Alzheimer's Disease Centers Program Operations; and (2) Professional and Caregiver Training and Education Activities. The Department is currently reviewing 2015-16 data, and provided some preliminary, high-level observations. Over 300 more patients were served compared to the 2014-2015 reporting period; trained and educated an estimated 121,974 professionals; and California Alzheimer's Disease Centers hosted 51 continuing medical education courses

in 2015-2016, and awarded 218 continuing medical education units to 5,635 professionals.

Item 6. Discussion: Committee Membership and 2017 Meeting Schedule

Marko Mijic noted that the California Health and Human Services Agency will release a call for applications to fill a vacant seat on the Committee—Consumer Organization Representative. As soon as the application has been posted, an email will be sent to Committee Members and stakeholders. He asked Committee Members to please encourage folks to apply.

Item 7. Action: Items to include in Chair's Memo to the Secretary

Chair Howard Rosen identified items to include in his memo to the Secretary by recapping the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.