

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee
March 9, 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
Lené Levy-Storms
Molly Nocon
Josie Porras-Corporon
Richard Smith
Debbie Toth
Sharon Trocki-Miller
Janet Yang

Members Absent:

Bill Fisher

Staff Present:

Secretary Diana Dooley, California Health and Human Services Agency
Marko Mijic, California Health and Human Services Agency
Frances Parker, California Health and Human Services Agency

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Vice Chair Josie Porras-Corporon called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Each attendee introduced themselves. Committee members provided updates on various topics.

Item 2. Administration of Oath to New Committee Members

Secretary Diana Dooley of the California Health and Human Services Agency joined the meeting to administer the oath of office for Molly Nocon, Steven A. Barbieri and Lené Levy-Storms.

Item 3. Approval of September 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Committee adopted the meeting minutes from the September 24, 2016 meeting, with one minor correction.

Item 4. Conversation with Committee on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders and Long-Term Services and Supports in California

Secretary Diana Dooley joined the meeting for a discussion on long-term services and supports in California. Secretary Dooley thanked the Committee members for their

service and welcomed Molly Nocon, Steven A. Barbieri and Lené Levy-Storms to the Committee. The Committee discussed with the Secretary the Governor's Budget for FY 2016-17; the state's compliance with the federal rules for Home and Community-Based services; the implementation of the Coordinate Care Initiative; and the passage of the Managed Care Organizations tax. Secretary Dooley also announced that Nancy Bargmann was appointed Director of the Department of Developmental Services.

Item 5. Discussion: California Department of Aging Grant for Dementia Care Management in Coordinated Care Initiative Counties

Lora Connolly, Director for the California Department of Aging, provided the Committee with a status update on the implementation of the dementia care management grant. The grant is focused on health plans participating in the Coordinate Care Initiative (CCI). The CCI is designed to align financial incentives and care delivery within managed care model that combine all Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits and services into a single health plan. The grant focused on providing resources and trainings for care managers in CCI counties as they have direct contact with patients and caregivers. Director Connolly noted that of the beneficiaries enrolled in CCI, roughly 13 percent have been diagnosed with dementia. She also noted that the grant includes resources for family members and caregivers.

Item 6. Assessing Access to Mental Health Services for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

The Committee continued their discussion of assessing access to mental health services for persons with dementia. The Committee examined this topic to better understand the barriers that prevent persons with dementia from accessing and receiving appropriate mental health services that would potentially alleviate some of their symptoms. The Committee discussion focused on summarizing the issue and provide additional context for further Committee discussions.

As part of the discussion, the Committee identified the following next steps: (1) compile a literature review to assess barriers accessing mental health services for individuals with dementia to further define the problem; (2) compile research to assess if individuals in other states have had similar issues and how such issues might have been addressed; (3) review the California State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease and the report published January 2003 titled "*Improving Access to Mental Health Services for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders*" as required by SB 639 (Chapter 692 Statutes of 2001); and (4) invite the Medi-Cal Managed Care Division of the Department of Health Care Services to present to the Committee on the issue.

Item 7. Legislative Update from Alzheimer's Association

Susan DeMarois of the Alzheimer's Association provided a brief update of the status of the Alzheimer's Association priority legislation, and Committee members discussed the legislation. Ms. DeMarois noted that there were no sponsored bills pending.

Item 9. Action: Items to include in Chair's Memo to the Secretary

Vice Chair Josie Porrás-Corporon identified items to include in his memo to the Secretary by recapping the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.