

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee**  
**September 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  
Wanda Chin  
Bill Fisher  
Lene Levy-Storms  
Molly Nocon  
Josie Porrás-Corporon  
Debbie Toth  
Sharon Trocki-Miller  
Janet Yang (Phone)

**Members Absent:**

Debra Cherry  
Richard Smith

**Staff Present:**

Marko Mijic, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Frances Parker, California Health and Human Services Agency

**Presenters and Visitors:**

Claudia Crist  
Lora Connolly  
Susan DeMarois  
Julie Hohn  
Barbra McLendon

**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 June 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The Committee adopted, with minor edits, the meeting minutes from the June 8, 2016 meeting.

**Item 3. Discussion: Presentation by the Department of Public Health on the *Public Health 2035* Initiative**

Claudia Crist, Chief Deputy Director at the Department of Public Health made a presentation to the Committee on a the "*Public Health 2035*" initiative. Ms. Crist noted

that the changes in Public Health have been so profound that many believe we are in the midst of a true paradigm shift. Instead of focusing our collective attention and activities exclusively on combatting specific diseases and risk factors, Public Health increasingly is asked to also focus on the underlying conditions in our neighborhoods and of society as a whole that disproportionately limit the opportunity of some members of our society to achieve their optimal health and wellbeing. While the Department still measures its successes in morbidity and mortality rates, in disease incidence and prevalence, and in numbers of people served. It also recognizes that they need to consider whether and to what degree they are successful increasing health equity in California.

There are many forces driving change in the Public Health paradigm. Among the most powerful are the recognition of the role societal factors like poverty, racism and education play in health outcomes, and the ever increasing cost of a healthcare system that has had little emphasis on prevention. Implementation of healthcare reform with its mandate for health insurers and primary care providers to take on more of the responsibility for the health of the populations they serve, is leading Public Health to consider its priorities in a new paradigm where the healthcare sector is a bigger player in a realm that has historically belonged almost exclusively to Public Health. Importantly, this shift is occurring during a time when funding for government services, including for Public Health, is limited and likely to stay that way for the foreseeable future.

Ms. Crist outlined the four priorities of the Department's initiative: (1) to drive greater quality of life and better health outcomes across all California communities; (2) to be a change leader, engaging communities through systems of prevention based on collaborative and science-based practices that reduce health care system dependence and improve health equity throughout California; (3) the Department will be transparent, continuously evolving, data driven organization that delivers transformative, leading edge public health knowledge and services; and (4) by 2035, the Department will support and empower the development of healthy communities through public health policy, guidelines, funding opportunities, technical assistance and workforce development to help fully realize each community's vision.

#### **Item 4. Discussion: Update on Access to Mental Health Services for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease**

Marko Mijic provided the Committee with an update on work related to access to mental health services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease. He noted that the recently published report entitled, "*Mental Health Services for Californians with Alzheimer's Disease*" was distributed to colleagues at the Department of Public Health, Department of Health Care Services, Department of Aging, Department of Managed Health Care, and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. The report, which was published by the Alzheimer's Association, provides an overview of this complex problem, defines the population, and outlines barriers in accessing mental health services. As a next step, an internal workgroup will be convened to discuss ways in which we can collectively make progress on this issue.

**Item 5. Discussion: Presentation by the Department on Aging and Update on Coordinated Care Initiative Federal Dementia Expansion Grant**

Lora Connolly, Director of the Department of Aging, gave the Committee an update on the Coordinate Care Initiative Federal Dementia Grant. The grant is designed to achieve two primary goals: (1) identify and diagnose plan members who may have Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia; and (2) provide care coordination to these individuals and their family caregivers, including referrals to services and supports in the community, such as dementia caregiver supportive and respite services.

Director Connolly noted that the Department had been working with partners over the course of the past two years to implement the grant from the federal Administration on Community Living. The initial grant focused efforts in Santa Clara and Los Angeles. The Department received notice in August, 2016 that it was awarded an 18-month expansion grant, which will provide additional funding to continue the technical assistance to the health plans already involved, while expanding to incorporate the health plans in Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego that were not previously involved due to the limitations of the prior grant funding.

**Item 6. Discussion: 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 the Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 173, which recognizes the month of June 2016 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and recognizes June 21, 2016, as The Longest Day. It also urges all residents to wear purple on this day to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease.

**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.**