

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee**  
**September 24, 2015 Meeting Summary**  
**California Department of Aging**  
**1300 National Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, California**

**Members Present:**

Howard Rosen, Chair  
Lou Bordisso  
Debra Cherry  
Wanda Chin  
Bill Fisher  
Josie Porrás-Corporon  
Sharon Trocki-Miller  
Debbie Toth  
Janet Yang

**Members Absent:**

Monica Bush

**Staff Present:**

Majel Arnold, Chronic Disease Control Branch, California Department of Public Health  
Julie Hohn, Chronic Disease Control Branch, California Department of Public Health  
Rohish Lal, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Marko Mijic, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Frances Parker, California Health and Human Services Agency

**Guests Present:**

Susan DeMarois, Alzheimer's Association Council California

**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, including:

- Committee member, Debbie Toth, noted that her program will pilot a new music therapy program at Rehabilitation Services of Northern California.
- Committee member, Debra Cherry, mentioned that the San Diego chapter of the Alzheimer's Association received a grant from the federal Administration on Community Living to distribute plain language materials and curriculum in southern California.
- Committee member, Bill Fisher, provided a brief update of current federal budget proposals for Alzheimer's researcher.

**Item 2. Approval of June 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

After review, minutes from the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were approved with no changes.

### **Item 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

The Committee made a motion to elect Dr. Howard Rosen as the Chair of the Committee, the motion was approved unanimously. The Committee also made a motion to elect Josie Porras-Corporon as the Vice Chair, which was approved unanimously.

### **Item 4. Discussion: Update on Committee Membership**

Assistant Secretary Marko Mijic spoke about the vacancies and expired terms on the Committee for the academic medical researcher representative, Alzheimer's disease center representative, consumer representative, family member representative, and social research representative. He announced that the Committee continues to recruit for Committee members and that the application is still posted on the [www.chhs.ca.gov](http://www.chhs.ca.gov) website. The deadline for applications was Monday, September 21, 2015. Travel is going to be covered for those Committee members and a family caregiver, if applicable.

### **Item 5. Discussion: How Regional Centers Serve Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Alzheimer's or other Dementia Related Disorders**

Shelton Dent of the California Department of Developmental Services presented a high-level overview of the history, role and purpose of the Department and the Regional Centers. Mr. Dent provided Committee members with a list of Regional Centers and contact information for each Regional Center. The Committee members engaged in a conversation and urged Mr. Dent and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to convene internal meetings to identify how the Regional Centers could leverage the expertise and services delivered by the California Alzheimer's Disease Centers.

### **Item 6. Discussion: Update on State Alzheimer's Disease Program Grants**

Majel Arnold of the California Department of Public Health provided a status update on the Request for Application (RFA) for the Alzheimer's Disease Research Grants. These grants are fully funded by a tax check-off option permitting Californians to make contributions to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Research Fund through their State Income Tax Return. Ms. Arnold welcomed Committee member participation in the RFA review process.

### **Item 7. Discussion: 2016 Meeting Agenda Items and Issues /Topics of Interest to Committee Members**

Chair Howard Rosen engaged the Committee in a discussion on issues/topics of interest for the coming year. The Committee intends to engage Departments across the California Health and Human Services Agency in a discussion regarding the following issues/topics: ensuring individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders are receiving appropriate and timely mental health services; understanding the role of the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers, including their funding history and service models; understanding the role and impact of the Coordinated Care Initiative on

individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; identifying how individuals with developmental disabilities and Alzheimer's disease and related disorders are served by the Department of Developmental Services Regional Centers; 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; and assessing the training programs on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly or Assisted Living Facilities.

**Item 8. 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 highlighted two bills. The first, Senate Bill 613 (Allen, D-Santa Monica), would require CDPH to convene a workgroup to update the Guidelines for Alzheimer's Disease Management and report the recommendations of the workgroup to the Legislature on or before March 1, 2017. The second, Assembly Bill 1526 (Brown, D-San Bernardino), would require CDPH to include the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Caregiver Module in the annual Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey.

**Item 9. 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. Items to be included in the memo: the election of the Chair and Vice Chair; an overview of the discussion with the Department of Developmental Services; and an update on the CDPH Alzheimer's Disease Research Grants.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**