**Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee**

**December 3, 2014 Meeting Summary**

**California Department of Aging**

**1300 National Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, California**

**Members Present:**

Joshua Chodosh, M.D., Chair

Wanda Chin

Bill Fisher

Sharon Trocki-Miller

Janet Yang

Debbie Toth

Josie Porras-Corporon

Lou Bordisso

Pansy Greene

Debra Cherry

Monica Bush

Howard Rosen, M.D.

**Staff Present:**

Caroline Peck, M.D.-Alzheimer’s Disease Program, California Department of Public Health

Julie Parsons – Alzheimer’s Disease Program, California Department of Public Health

Malaika Singleton, Ph.D-- Alzheimer’s Disease Program, California Department of Public Health

Kiyomi Burchill – California Health and Human Services Agency

Nathaniel Mitchell – California Health and Human Services Agency

David Smart-California Health and Human Services Agency

**guests Present:**

Winston Greene, Caregiver

Susan DeMarois, Alzheimer’s Association Council California

**Item 1 Welcome, Introductions and Committee Member Updates and Item 2. Approval of September 10, 2014 meeting minutes**

Chair Dr. Joshua Chodosh called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees. Each attendee introduced themselves to the Committee as a whole. After review, minutes from the September 10, 2014 meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Item 3. Committee Member Applications and 2015 Meeting Agenda Items**

Assistant Secretary Kiyomi Burchill spoke about the vacancies and expired terms on the Committee for the family member, academic medical researcher, and service provider representative positions. The application would be posted that week and sent to Committee members for outreach.

The Committee then discussed meeting agenda topics to be addressed by the Committee in 2015. Fifteen potential areas were identified:

1. Music therapy in Skilled Nursing Facilities. As described in the documentary, “Alive Inside.”
2. Antipsychotics in Nursing Homes and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)’ Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI).
3. How Regional Centers Serve Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Alzheimer’s or Dementia. Invitees could include: California Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA).
4. Ensuring Individuals with Alzheimer’s or Dementia and Mental Health Needs Receive Public Mental Health Care from the Counties. Invitees could include: California Department of Health Care Services, County Behavioral Health Directors’ Association.
5. Coordinated Care Initiative Potential Quality Indicators (i.e. Annual Wellness Visit) and Caregiver Identification. Invitees could include: California Department of Health Care Services.
6. Reminders for Doctors’ Appointments (and for other Health Care Providers), Utilizing Technology and Whether Providers Should Charge Fees for Missed Appointments by Individuals with Alzheimer’s and Dementia. Invitees could include: California Department of Managed Health Care.
7. Supports for Individuals with Alzheimer’s and Dementia Who Live Alone.
8. Licensure and Quality of Home Care Worker Agencies Under New Requirements for Licensure and Training. Invitees could include: California Department of Social Services Community-Care Licensing, California Association of Health Services at Home.
9. Person-Centered Care as an Evidence-Based Practice. Training by Committee Member Debbie Toth or an Expert on this Topic.
10. Alzheimer’s Day Care Resource Centers. Overview of Past State Funding, Description of Centers, and discussion on what can be done. Invitees could include: Committee Member Debbie Toth.
11. Private Pay and Commercial Health Insurance Enrollees: How to Ensure Better Care for These Individuals with Alzheimer’s or Dementia.
12. Caregiver Resource Centers: What They Are, How They Are Funded.
13. Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grants from the Alzheimer’s Tax Check-Off. Design of the Next Request for Applications, Including Input on Focus Areas for the Research Grants.
14. Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs, also known as Assisted Living) Training on Dementia: Implementation of AB 1570, which requires this Training.
15. Alzheimer’s Disease Supportive Services Grant: Implementation of this Grant Recently Received by the Department of Aging and Alzheimer’s Association, Which Focuses on Supports for Individuals Living Alone and Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

The Committee determined, given the vast number of offered agenda items, that a survey be circulated to the Committee so that the top agenda items could be prioritized for the Chair. Committee staff committed to circulating a survey to Committee members prior to the next Committee meeting.

**Item 4. Discussion on Alzheimer’s Grant Program Briefing**

Julie Parsons of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Alzheimer’s Disease Program briefed the Committee on the history of the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Program to the present. Malaika Singleton, also of the program, gave an overview of current trends in Alzheimer’s research nationally and abroad. Dr. Caroline Peck, who oversees this and other programs at CDPH, also requested that the Committee come up with ideas on areas of research discussion to be discussed with the department at the next meeting.

**Item 5. Discussion on Philanthropic Funding Efforts to Implement the State Plan for Alzheimer’s Disease**

Susan DeMarois of the Alzheimer’s Association California Council discussed the three priority areas set by the Committee in relation to implement the California State Plan for Alzheimer’s Disease and the Coordinated Care Initiative. They are

* Coordinated Care Initiative Dementia Coordination Training
* Guidelines for Alzheimer’s Disease Management
* Behavioral Risk/Surveillance Factors Survey modules on Cognitive Status and Caregivers

Susan noted that the original funders of the California State Plan for Alzheimer’s Disease: Archstone Foundation, The SCAN Foundation, The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, and The California Endowment are being convened by Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley. The purpose will be to discuss the Committee’s strategic priorities for implementation of the State’s Plan.

**Item 6. Legislative Update from the Alzheimer’s Association**

DeMarois, Alzheimer’s Association, provided a year-end report on legislation from the 2013-14 California Legislative Session and Committee members discussed.

**Item 7: Items to include in Chair’s Memo to the Secretary**

Members identified several items to include in the Chair’s Memo to the Secretary recapping the meeting, including:

* Thanking Secretary Dooley for convening the original funders of the California State Plan for Alzheimer’s Disease
* The Committee’s disappointment in the Governor’s veto of AB 1552, which would have codified the Community Based Adult Service (CBAS) program
* The engagement by CDPH with the Committee in its next Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Request for Applications

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