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

# **Meeting Minutes**

March 21st, 2019 10am-2pm

## Members Present

Catherine Blakemore

Lou Bordisso

Debra Cherry

Susan DeMarois

Molly Nocon

Josie Porras-Corporon

Howard Rosen

Debbie Toth

Sharon Trocki-Miller

Janet Yang

## Staff Present

Janne Olson-Morgan, CHHS

Frances Parker, CHHS

## Presenters and Visitors:

Caroline Urkov, Skelton Strategies

Karen Skelton, Skelton Strategies for Maria Schriver Women’s Alzheimer’s Movement

Maria Ochoa, CA Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Monica Morales, CDPH

Teresa Calvert, Department of Finance

Barbra McLendon, Alzheimer’s LA

Monica Miller, Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles

Angela Reed, CDPH

Jessica Nunez de Ybarra, CDPH

Dr. Caroline Peck, CDPH

## Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

The regular meeting of the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee was called to order at 10am on March 21st, 2019 10am-2pm in Suite 100, 1600 Ninth street, Sacramento, by Chair Dr. Howard Rosen. Dr. Rosen welcomed the new committee members.

## Item 2. Governor’s Task Force on Alzheimer’s Preparedness and Prevention

Vivek Viswanathan, Chief Deputy Director for Budget at the California Department of Finance presented on the Governor’s Task Force on Alzheimer’s Preparedness and Prevention.

Several members of the committee expressed their appreciation and offered feedback for the Task Force, including:

* That someone with lived experience of Alzheimer’s participate in the TF
* That the TF focus on those with Alzheimer’s today as well as future diagnosis
* That the TF include someone with knowledge of people aging with Alzheimer’s who do not have any family caregivers.
* That the TF represent rural as well as urban settings
* That the TF consider people with developmental disabilities diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, who often face earlier disease onset
* That the TF include community members and service providers as well as doctors and researchers

## Item 3. Updates from California Department of Aging

Fran Mueller, Acting Director of CA Department of Aging provided an update on CDA’s proposed budget and acknowledged the contribution of Debra Cherry, Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles, and others in CDA’s recent application for federal funding.

## Item 4. CDPH Alzheimer’s Disease Program

CDPH staff provided an update on budget items, including the specific budget proposal for an additional $3million. There followed a discussion of the general budget for the Alzheimer’s program at CDPH.

## Item 5. Potential Addition of BRFSS Question(s) on Alzheimer’s

Susan DeMarois provided an update on the proposed shift of funding from Local Assistance to State Ops at CDPH to support the addition of Alzheimer’s Questions to the BRFSS. The committee discussed and moved to endorse that proposal with the following statement to the Secretary:

The committee strongly endorses the anticipated stakeholder proposal to shift existing funds on an ongoing basis from local assistance to state ops with the intent of supporting ongoing questions on Alzheimer’s and related disorders on the BRFSS.

## Item 6. Action: Approval of 12/19 Meeting Minutes

Committee members requested the following changes to the minutes: 1) reviewing the minutes to ensure that they did not imply that membership would be extended in perpetuity, and 2) edit the minutes to refer to Lora Connoly in a more formal manner. The minutes were approved with these edits.

Janne Olson-Morgan also clarified that the plan to address membership is to extend everyone initially through March 2020, then Agency will work to identify half of the group to roll off in March 2020 and the other half will roll-off in March 2021 (with new members being recruited in March 2020 and March 2021).

Committee updates were also made at this time.

## Item 7. Mental Health Fact Sheet Check in on Dissemination Actions

Janet Yang led the committee in a discussion of the dissemination of the fact sheet(s). Ms. Yang indicated that she would follow up to set up 30 minute meetings with appropriate people on the dissemination list as well. Dr. Rosen confirmed that this could be an item at the CADC upcoming meeting.

## Item 8. Legislative Update from the Alzheimer’s Association

Susan DeMarois briefed the committee on legislative bills that the Alzheimer’s Association was tracking, highlighting AB 388.

## Item 9. Legislative Update from Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles

Barbra McLendon provided an update from Alzheimer’s Greater Los Angeles and highlighted AB 453 for the committee.

Susan De Marois proposed that the Committee’s memo to the secretary note that the Committee supports both AB 388 and AB 453. The committee so moved.

## Item 10. Action: Items for Update to the Secretary

Dr. Rosen led the committee in a re-cap of the items for the update to the Secretary.

Those items included:

1. The Committee thanks the Governor for establishing the Task Force for Alzheimer’s Prevention and Preparedness (TF) -- and the increased attention to this area.
2. The Committee would like to draw the Secretary’s attention to the CADCs that will meet in June and will be developing recommendations.
3. The Committee recommends that the TF develop a mechanism to accept recommendations.
4. The Committee recommends that there be established or re-established an inter-department group of depts. representatives on Alzheimer’s
5. The Committee recommends endorsing the Stakeholder proposal to fund the BRFSS question
6. The Committee recommends endorses the signing of AB 388 and AB 453.
7. The Committee notes that the MH fact sheets are complete and dissemination continues.
8. The Committee is pleased with the appointment of the Committee Chair to the TF.
9. The Committee strongly endorses the anticipated stakeholder proposal to shift existing funds on an **ongoing** basis from local assistance to state ops with the intent of supporting ongoing questions on Alzheimer’s and related disorders on the BRFSS.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2pm by Chair Dr. Howard Rosen.