

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee  
September 20, 2017 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  
Susan DeMarois  
Lene Levy-Storms  
Josie Porrás-Corporon  
Debbie Toth  
Sharon Trocki-Miller (Phone)  
Richard Smith  
Janet Yang

**Staff Present:**

Marko Mijic  
Frances Parker

**Presenters and Visitors:**

Sharla Lane  
Monica Miller

**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 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

The Committee adopted, without edits, the meeting minutes from the June 21 meeting.

**Item 3. Discussion: California Health and Human Services Agency Update**

Marko Mijic provided a brief updated on a few items of interest to the Committee. This included: announcement regarding the release of the updated California Department of Public Health Alzheimer's Program website; update on the release of the Alzheimer's Research Fund grants; and discussion regarding conversations related to access to mental health services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

**Item 4. Discussion: Review of the California State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease: An Action Plan for 2011-2021**

Dr. Rosen noted that as we approach the halfway point of the Plan's 2021 expiration date, and in preparation for the next Administration, this is an opportunity to begin

looking at what has been accomplished under this Plan, which was developed by stakeholders in partnership with public organizations. Similar to how the Plan was initially developed, he suggested that an external and independent workgroup led by Susan DeMarois of the Alzheimer's Association, and in partnership with other stakeholder organizations, would convene to review the Plan.

The intent would be to develop a document that could be delivered in early 2019 to the new Administration and the Alzheimer's Advisory Committee. The workgroup would evaluate progress against goals, assess performance against recommendations, and identify new issues that may have emerged since the workgroup last met in 2010. Over the course of the next 16 months the workgroup would meet regularly to evaluate each Plan goal and recommendation. They would solicit feedback and input from Alzheimer's Advisory Committee over the next six (6) meetings, with perhaps a focus on one (1) goal per meeting. The Committee concurred with this approach.

#### **Item 5. Discussion: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Department of Health Care Services Informational Notices on Alzheimer's Disease**

Debra Cherry, Committee Member and Executive Vice President at Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles, presented on recently released Informational Notices by both the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the California Department of Health Care Services. The informational bulletin provides information about prevalence, cost, and quality of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees, and reminds plans of contractual requirements for care coordination staff in dementia care management. These documents can be found online, [here](#).

#### **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.

She highlighted Senate Bill 449 (Monning), which would require that at least 2 of the 60 classroom training address the special needs of person with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. By way of background, existing law requires a skilled nursing or intermediate care facility to adopt an approved training program, which is required to include a precertification training program consisting of at least 60 classroom hours of training on basic nursing skills, patient safety and rights, the social and psychological problems of patients, and resident abuse prevention, recognition, and reporting and at least 100 hours of supervised and on-the-job training clinical practice.

#### **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.**