

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2021

10:00am-1:00pm

Location: Zoom Conference Call

Members Present via Zoom

Catherine Blakemore
Debra Cherry
Michelle Davis
Darci Delgado
Susan DeMarois
Darrick Lam
Amanda Lawrence
Lene Levy-Storms
Kim McCoy Wade
Barbra McLendon
Pam Montana
Monica Morales
Molly Nocon
Jessica Nunez de Ybarra
Josie Porras Corporon
Diana Ramos
Angela Reed
Celine Regalia
Eva Saechao
Todd Shetter
Julie Souliere
Sarah Tomaszewski Farias
Janet Yang

1) **Call to Order: Welcome and Committee Member Updates**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Josie Porras Corporon. The Chair welcomed new members. Members provided updates to the committee.

2) **Update on Alzheimer's Investments in the 2021-22 Budget Act, Other Updates from the CA Department of Public Health (CDPH)**

Monica Morales, MPA, Deputy Director, Center for Healthy Communities, CDPH

Jessica Núñez de Ybarra, MD, Chief, Chronic Disease Control Branch, CDPH

Angie Reed, Program Lead, Alzheimer's Disease Program, CDPH

Minutes:

- Alzheimer's Investments California State 2021-22 Budget Act

[Support for Alzheimer's Disease Awareness, Research, and Training \(ca.gov\)](#)

Funding: \$24.5 million State of California General Fund, available for encumbrance until June 30, 2024

Supports: Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease Prevention, Preparedness (GTF) 10 Final Recommendations (<http://caalztaskforce.org/>)

- \$24 Million One-Time Funding (Beginning July 1, 2021 – Through June 20, 2024)

Research Grants Awards \$4 million – Expanding research for women, communities of color, and LGBTQ+ communities

Public Awareness Campaign \$10 million – Educating the public on the signs and symptoms of dementia. Need one member of Advisory to join the Alzheimer's Campaign Committee to help advise direction.

Standards of Dementia Care - \$4.5 million

Caregiver Training & Certification - \$4 million

Dementia Friendly Communities - \$2 million.

[Voting \(menti.com\)](#)

- Alzheimer's Disease Program Activities

Request for application #18-10612 ([AlzheimersResearchGrants \(ca.gov\)](#))

The Good Life is made up of three lifestyle intervention classes produced and delivered on a video conferencing platform <http://thegoodlifepath.org/>

Request for application #19-10538 ([AlzDResearchGrants2020 \(ca.gov\)](#))

Request for Application #19-10704 ([CA Healthy Brain Initiative RFA](#))

County of San Diego, Department of Health Service, Division of Public Health: Developed the Dementia Friendly Activities Toolkit, which provide caregivers with simple ideas for activities they can do with their loved ones living with dementia.

<https://www.livewellsd.org/content/livewell/home/Topics/aging/age-well-san-diego/dementia-friendly.html>

Progress reporting highlights ([CaliforniaAlzheimersDiseaseCenters](#))

3) **Cross-cutting Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Issues and Prioritization**

Susan DeMarois, Committee subgroup

Barbra McLendon, Committee subgroup

Monica Morales, MPA, Deputy Director, Center for Healthy Communities, CDPH

Kim McCoy Wade, Director, CDA

Minutes:

- Role of Committee:

Provide ongoing advice and assistance to the administration and the legislature.

Provide planning support to the administration and the legislature.

Consult with a broad range of stakeholders.

Consider the recommendations of other state plans.

Consider cultural and linguistic factors.

Review current state policies, practices and develop recommendations.

Community-based support.

Choices for care and residence.

Integrated public health care management.

Dementia care practices.

Dementia competence of health care professionals.

Early identification and intervention increasing public awareness.

- Priority #1: Dementia Standard of Care

California Department of Public Health

-\$4.5 million

Department of Health Care Services

-Medi-Cal CalAIM

-Dementia Aware

-Medicare Office of Innovation

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

-\$8 million Geriatric Workforce

- [Raising Awareness for Professionals](#)
- Priority #2: Dementia Capable Workforce

Department of Social Services

-IHSS workforce

-HCBS workforce

California Department of Aging

-Non-IHSS direct care workforce

California Department of Public Health

-Caregiver training & certification

- Priority #3: Caregivers
- Department of Health Care Services
- Caregiver Resource Center augmentation

California Department of Aging

-Older Adult Resiliency Fund

California Department of Public Health

-Caregiver training & certification

4) **Legislative Update from Alzheimer's Association**

Susan DeMarois, State Policy Director; Alzheimer's Association

Jared Giarrusso, California Governmental Affairs Director, Alzheimer's Association

Minutes:

- 2021 Legislative Bills Related to the Master Plan for Aging
<https://justiceinaging.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-Legislative-Bills-CA.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=30d69cc0-93ed-4ebd-a747-270fe582f8e9>
- [MPA Legislation Tracker](#)

- CA Collab for Long-Term Services and Supports has put together an MPA legislation tracker, organized by goal area https://www.ccltss.org/mpa_legtracking/
- Senate Bill 48 passed the senate floor on the morning of September 9, 2021 with a vote of 30-4

5) Action: Approval of June Minutes

Josie Porras Corporon, Committee Chair; Committee Members

- One correction noted, the spelling of Barbra McLendon's last name revised.

Action: Finalization of Recommendations and Items for Update to the Secretary

- The Alzheimer's Advisory Committee would like to convey to the Secretary that SB 48 is moving to the Governor's desk for signature.
- The Alzheimer's Advisory Committee would like to recommend all 15 recommendations.

Dementia Standard of Care

This committee urges the Secretary to accelerate work in this area to ensure all components of comprehensive dementia care are advanced simultaneously, including:

- 1) By December 31, 2021, convene lead staff from CDPH and DHCS, as well as subject matter experts, to identify and compare existing standards of dementia care and those in development, focusing not only on detection and diagnosis but also on post-diagnostic care. The 10 CADCs are a vital partner in this effort, as are representatives of organized medicine in California.
- 2) Encourage DHCS to articulate the Population Health Management strategy for people living with dementia across all Cal-AIM initiatives
- 3) Identify funding opportunities to enable the Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration to explore alternative payment models that incentivize implementation of dementia standards of care, such as this [model framework](#).
- 4) Support [SB 48](#) and the statewide rollout of Dementia Aware as national models at the forefront of dementia screening, early detection and timely diagnosis.

Dementia Capable Workforce

The committee acknowledges this topic is inordinately complex – yet absolutely central to quality dementia care. Accordingly, the committee requests that the Secretary consider the following:

- 1) Convene a "Workforce Solutions Table" with representation from this committee to advise on issues related to Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

- a. Include representatives of state government, health and human services professions involved in dementia care, legislature, educational institutions, labor, and other stakeholders.
- b. Work with Department of Labor to determine which of the above job types/categories have the most acute shortages currently and projected deficits to prioritize new solutions.
- c. Review existing dementia curricula and either adopt or develop core dementia “basic training” to adapt and embed across all classifications rather than reinventing for each job type. Catalogue and assess existing model trainings and best practices including: HRSA 25 Modules (<https://bhw.hrsa.gov/alzheimers-dementia-training>), Alzheimer’s Association [Dementia Care Practice Recommendations](#), evidence-derived [EssentiALZ](#), Center for Caregiver Advancement [IHSS training](#) curriculum, UCSF Dementia Ecosystem care navigator training, etc.
- d. Examine workforce solutions through the lens of a person with dementia and of caregivers who are likely to utilize home and community-based services, facility-based long-term care [nearly half of all nursing home residents have dementia] and hospitals/emergency departments (logging more than 1 million visits annually).

Caregivers

The growing number of caregivers and the relatively small funding for caregiver-focused programs requires the State to be very efficient with caregiver expenditures. CDA should be the lead agency coordinating policy development and program implementation and oversight to ensure resources are used strategically and to leverage opportunities to increase services and supports. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Secretary:

1) In light of historic investments in the direct care workforce (more than \$800 million), consider dedicating all \$4 million in the CDPH budget for caregiver training and certification to work exclusively benefiting family/friend caregivers. We further suggest that this work be done in tandem with CDA’s caregiver initiative funded at \$2 million to maximize the state’s impact on this constituency.

- a. Make CDA the lead agency on family/informal caregivers and request that it:
- b. Develop a webpage for caregivers and agencies that serve them including a repository of caregiver information, services, programs, etc.
- c. Link to the Family Caregiver Alliance’s Best Practice Caregiving website for accessing evidenced-based dementia caregiver trainings and interventions.

2) Proactively support expansion statewide of evidenced-based family caregiver training programs and interventions.

3) Advise DHCS of the importance of formally incorporating family/friend caregivers into CalAIM documents to ensure, where appropriate and as available, caregivers are identified and documented in the medical records of those diagnosed with dementia.

4) Advise CDA, the lead agency for implementing the State’s “No Wrong Door” expansion of the ADRC network, that the model should include protocols for assessing caregiver needs and connecting those individuals to local caregiver support programs. Encourage dementia training for ADRC staff.

5) Encourage CDA's Master Plan for Aging Equity Workgroup, in partnership with trusted community-based organizations, to highlight linguistically and culturally competent caregiver training to extend reach to underserved communities.

- The Chair would like to thank Darrick Lam for volunteering to join the CDPH on their Caregiver Training project.
- The Chair would like to commend the departments and agencies for all coming to the table and breaking down the silos that have existed, thereby promoting cohesive services for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- The Chair would like to thank Debra Cherry and Janet Yang for their service on the Committee and note the work that has advanced related to mental health services.

6) Discussion: Future Agenda Items

Committee Members

- Open discussion among committee members

7) Meeting Adjourns & Public Comment

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

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