

**Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders  
Meeting Minutes 03-11-24**

Present: Tiffany Smith, Mary Beth Pinard, Mark Boutwell, Mindy Clawson, Meg Polyte, Andrea Stauffenecker, Jane Dwinell, Kaili Kuiper, Molly Dugan, Neely R. Bryant, Jason Pelopida, Simone Rueschmeyer, Sarah Poole, Rick Neu, Angela Smith-Dieng, Rachel Cruz,

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
General Intro (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Approve minutes- Rhonda moved to approve, Molly Dugan second. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.</li> </ul>	January minutes approved.
ADRD Legislative Priorities Update (30 mins)	<p>-Implementing increases for enhanced residential care and Choices for care to improve workforce and services provided to LTC Medicaid programs.</p> <p>-2M going to Moderate Needs program (flexible funding)</p> <p>-Additional 250K for Dementia Respite Grant funds (funding for caregivers who care recipient is not eligible for LTC funding/programs)</p> <p>Molly suggests the Commission consider sending a letter of support to the House of Appropriations for these budget considerations- several commission members agree.</p> <p>Watching:</p> <p><a href="#">S302</a> public health outreach programs regarding dementia risk</p> <p>BE Home Bill <a href="#">S311</a> Age specific housing provision</p>	-Meg and Tiffany will draft a letter and send out to the commission members for review.
Statewide Needs Assessment for Care Planning (30 mins)	The results of the needs assessment will serve as a key source of information to guide DAAIL's planning for the development of services and responses to the needs of these populations for the next four-year state plan cycle. In addition, AAAs will use the data to develop their regional plans for serving Vermonters aged 60 and older.	Feedback-Comments- Suggestions can be sent to <a href="mailto:Jason.pelopida@vermont.gov">Jason.pelopida@vermont.gov</a>
BOLD and VDH Alzheimer's Updates	-February was Heart Health month, VDH released a digital campaign for age 45+. This campaign was focused on the links between heart and Brain health promotion the <a href="#">My Healthy VT</a> hypertension management module. Data on response/engagement will be shared as it becomes available. VDH will attend a symposium in NC looking at innovative approaches to Public Health. May 8 <sup>th</sup> they will host a grand rounds re: Annual wellness visits. This fall a Brain Health Symposium will be held (details shared as they become available) VDH also includes in their workplan efforts to improve <i>Dementia Capable</i>	to sign up for our monthly Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program newsletter, please email Ed DeMott at <a href="mailto:edwin.demott@vermont.gov">edwin.demott@vermont.gov</a> *also accepting

	workforce, also working with a consultant who supports dementia education/training to Occupational Therapists. Also supporting ECHO D programming to clinical providers.	content submissions from partners to include in the newsletter
Gerontology Conference Update (5mins)	Annual Gerontology Symposium will be May 7 <sup>th</sup> – <a href="#">Agenda and Registration</a> Starts 8am DoubleTree Burlington Topic: End Of Life, professional and caregiver sessions available	
ADRD Meeting Times and Focus (20 mins)	- 50/50 response for 1hr vs 2hr meeting: Members will be asked to share their preference -Thursday meetings preferred, between 8-11 -Proposal: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month	<b>DECISION: Third Thursday, every other month 2 hours, 9-11</b>
Member announcements (5 mins)	Annual Gerontology Symposium will be May 7 <sup>th</sup> – <a href="#">Agenda and Registration</a>  Alz Association was in the statehouse last Wednesday sharing resources and information on services, <a href="#">Advocacy Day will be March 28th</a>  Older American's Act is up for Reauthorization this year- Sen. Sanders office has released a request for <a href="#">comments and recommendations due 3/21</a>  New Memory Café opening in New N. End contact Rick Neu for more Information  <a href="https://www.sevendaysvt.com/news/getting-on-an-aging-population-is-transforming-vermonts-schools-workplaces-and-communities-40368495">https://www.sevendaysvt.com/news/getting-on-an-aging-population-is-transforming-vermonts-schools-workplaces-and-communities-40368495</a>  Mark Boutwell shares partnership with Dartmouth students who are working on a social study re: Older Adults and Caregivers that will provide recommendations that mark will share out at a later date (early summer)	Meg and Tiffany will draft letter re: OAA reauthorization and will share back out to commission members and guests for approval.
Wrap up	Meeting adjourned 11:56am	

Next meeting: **Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> 9-11**