



Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission Training Work Group

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
3:00pm- 4:30pm

1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100
Henrico, VA 23229

<https://dsa-virginia.zoomgov.com/j/1607524302>

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members Present electronically:

Jennie Wood, Chair
Leslie Bowie
Denise Butler
Glynis Boyd-Hughes
Rachel Coney-Bowles
Eve Flippen
Sarah Gardner
Kim Ivey

Kelley Kinder
Sharon Napper
James Stovall

Staff:

George Worthington
Heather Kidd

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm.

Jennie Wood

Adopt Agenda

Action Item: Adopt draft Agenda

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Members did not propose any changes to the agenda. Leslie Bowie made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, and this was seconded by James Stovall. The motion carried unanimously, and the agenda was adopted as presented.

Review and Adopt Minutes for May 21, 2025 Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes, and they were adopted as presented.

Jennie Wood

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Jennie Wood

Update:

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Rachel Coney-Bowles

Legislative Update:

George Worthington summarized the Alzheimer's Commission of Disease and related Disorders (ADRDC) 2026 proposals as following: \$4.1million for a statewide dementia care navigation program, \$2.5 million to expand first responder training, \$500,000 for the Lifespan Respite Voucher Program, renewal of the Commission's sunset, and a tax credit for unpaid family caregivers. He also noted that the Commonwealth Council on Aging supports the ADRDC sunset renewal and recommends funding for the Virginia Memory Project.

September Morning Summit 09/09/2025:

Mr. Worthington updated the group on the Dementia Summit set for September 9, 2025, at the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association in Innsbrook. He noted speaker slots are nearly full. The summit, open to all workgroup members, will include sessions on Virginia's dementia landscape, costs of inaction, and improvement opportunities, featuring presentations and panels with lived experience perspectives. The event will conclude with lunch. When asked if members could invite guests to register, he confirmed they may.

Community Health Worker Module (CHW) Quarterly Report:

Rachel Coney-Bowles shared quarterly data ending April 2025. This free training, available to all Virginians, launched in May 2024 and covers core skills for CHWs and related roles:

- 55 CHWs and others completed both modules this quarter
- Nearly 200 completions since launch
- User breakdown:
 - 78% CHWs
 - 6% Community Outreach Specialists
 - 6% Volunteers
 - 5% Apprentice CHWs
 - 5% Care Coordinators

Discussion:

Alzheimer's Association Updated Training Resources:

Alzheimer's Association staff provided an update on new training resources: the Dementia Care Navigation Series and the Care Navigation Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Program, which will be launched in

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October, 2025. It was noted that unlike the traditional ECHO model, the Care Navigation ECHO can be completed individually.

Dementia Capable Virginia website rebuild progress:

Mr. Worthington updated the group on the Dementia Capable Virginia website buildout process, noting that it is scheduled for completion by January. He shared visuals highlighting the progress so far, and the group provided very positive feedback on the clean, streamlined, and visually appealing design.

Implementation Plan Progress

Share Your Work QR code and paragraph development: The form that the QR code links to has been updated to allow for public participation.

The group reviewed the implementation plan progress related to the following objective strategies of Goal 3, Increase Awareness and Create Dementia-Specific Training:

- Objective 3.1: Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly Reboot are in progress, led by DARS Staff and the co-leading organization, LeadingAge.
- Objective 3.2: ADRD Commission policy recommendations were reviewed earlier in the legislative update.
- Objective 3.4: The group engaged in a robust brainstorming session around a Geriatric Training and Education (GTE) Grant opportunity, with strong support for developing a podcast as an alternative to traditional caregiver training modules. The podcast would focus on the “messier side” of care, featuring lived-experience participants, allowing caregivers to listen on their own time and hear from others facing similar challenges.

New Business:

No new business was discussed.

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Next Meeting:

November 19, 2025

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Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Jennie Wood