



## **Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission Training Work Group**

Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
3:00pm- 4:30pm

1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100  
Henrico, VA 23229

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

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present electronically:**

Leslie Bowie  
Annette Clark  
Kimberly Davis  
Kathy Guisewhite  
Kim Ivey  
Sharon Napper  
Michael Watson

#### **Staff:**

George Worthington

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

George Worthington welcomed members and asked everyone to introduce themselves, noting that a new chair for the workgroup would be appointed in September.

George Worthington, *Staff*

#### **Adopt Agenda**

*Action Item:* Adopt draft Agenda

Kim Ivey made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Kimberly Davis seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the agenda was adopted unanimously as presented.

George Worthington

#### **Review and Adopt Minutes from May 8, 2024 Meeting**

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

George Worthington

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

George Worthington



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**Discussion: 2024 Activities**

Kim Kutner

Mr. Worthington briefly reviewed developments regarding the implementation plan and the next steps for its formal adoption in September.

Workgroup members were asked before the session to rank their first three choices from among the strategies contained in the implementation plan, and from among those that were not included in the implementation plan.

The first strategy discussed was the Dementia Care Practitioner recommendation. Members discussed who this should be aimed at and that should include home health care, long-term care alternatives, long-term care staff, healthcare and behavioral health, faith communities, other ancillary staff (AAAs/CSBs). Mr Worthington will develop a draft one-pager on the trainings for consideration by the workgroup at its next meeting.

Next the group discussed the strategy addressing linking paid and unpaid caregivers with information about dementia and the caregiving process. Mr. Worthington noted that this would be ongoing and there would be information planned for Dementia Capable Virginia that this group could review and provide input on.

Discussion continued on training for emergency services personnel incorporating the changes to the legislation this year. There were several ideas for connecting people to free trainings offered by the Alzheimer's Association and others.

Members discussed ways of reaching Medicaid care coordinators and Ms. Napper noted that the monthly training call continues through DMAS.

Members discussed dementia specific advance directives, and will review several alternatives before the November meeting. Mr Worthington reviewed the Best Practice Caregiving website in the context of supporting training programs for unpaid caregivers. Members will review these programs gradually with a view to selecting several to comprise a suite of offerings for a comprehensive dementia-capable training.

**Meeting Adjournment**

George Worthington

Mr Worthington adjourned the meeting at 3:50pm.

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