

**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA)
4200 Innslake Drive, Suite 203, Glen Allen, VA 23060
September 09, 2025
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present

Lana Sargent, Chair
Leslie Bowie
Lissa Greenlee
Bea Gonzalez
Stephanie LaPrade (virtual)
Laura Marshall
Margie Shaver
James Stovall
James Towey
Ishan Williams (Virtual)
Jennie Wood
Faika Zanjani

Ex-officio Members

Annette Clark (DBHDS)
Rachel Coney-Bowles (VDH)
Kiersten Ware (DARS)

Absent

Bonnie Bradshaw
Tara Ragland (DSS)
Jason Rachel (DMAS)
Zachary Wood

Guest:

Josh Myers

Staff:

George Worthington, Dementia Services
Director
Charlotte Arbogast, Senior Policy Analyst
(Virtual)
Heather Kidd, Dementia Services Specialist
Sarah Stowe, Executive Director, CCOA

Agenda Items	Speaker
<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Chair Lana Sargent opened the meeting at 12:00pm and announced those participating electronically: Bonnie Bradshaw participating from her home in Suffolk using permission #2 caregiving and therefore forms part of the quorum (Ms. Bradshaw did not attend); Stephanie LaPrade participating from her office in Martinsville using permission #3 principal residence more than 60 miles from meeting location. [Ishan Williams joined the meeting later, participating from Charlottesville using permission #3 principal residence more than 60 miles from meeting location.] There were no objections to these members' electronic participation. Ms. Sargent welcomed members and asked them to introduce themselves. Following the introductions, Ms. Sargent reviewed the purpose of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Commission.</p>	<p>Lana Sargent, Chair</p>
<p>Review and Adopt Meeting Agenda <i>Proposed Action Item: Adopt Meeting Agenda</i></p>	<p>Lana Sargent</p>

<p>Ms. Sargent asked whether there were any changes to the agenda; none were offered. Rachel Coney-Bowles made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Jamie Towie and approved by a unanimous vote.</p>	
<p>Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 10, 2025 No comments or edits were suggested for the June quarterly meeting minutes. Chair Sargent adopted the minutes as presented.</p>	<p>Lana Sargent</p>
<p>Public Comment There were no public comments received or offered.</p>	<p>Lana Sargent</p>
<p>Division for Aging Services (DARS) Report Deputy Commissioner Kiersten Ware provided a report on the Division for Aging Services and shared the following (Links are included):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing Update: Jodi Winship, PhD, OTR/L, New Director of Programs for Aging Services. • 2025 Aging Innovations & Achievement Awards at USAging: Peninsula Agency on Aging’s (AAA) Advocacy for Generational Equity (AGE) Program, Piedmont Senior Resources’ Pet Love Program, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging’s Exploring the Dimensions of Aging Through Virtual Reality, Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens’ Mental Health Matters: Nourish Your Mind to Nourish Your Life, and Mountain Empire Older Citizens’ Expanding Telehealth Access for Rural Older Persons. • 2025 Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Conference: Leaders, including two DARS directors, discussed strengthening long-term services, with a highlight on Arlington County AAAs, work empowering family caregivers in emergency preparedness. • 2025 HCBS Virtual Conference (Sept 17–18): Professionals can join sessions, networking, and an exhibit hall remotely. Register and Learn More • Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) Coordinator Annual Conference: September 9–10, 2025, brought together local coordinators and representatives from DMAS, Social Security, insurance, and Medicare advocacy programs for informative presentations and collaboration. • Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference (Sept 18, 2025): “Ancestral Wisdom Guides Today’s Paths” will be held at Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center; registration is free. Learn more • Older Americans Act (OAA) Compliance: DARS is working to ensure Virginia laws and policies align with federal requirements under the OAA, aiming for full compliance by October 1, 2027. • NCI-AD Survey: DARS and VCU-PPD will conduct roughly 600 telephonic surveys of OAA clients as part of the NCI-AD statewide assessment. Learn more • Lifespan Respite Voucher Program: Digitalizing its application and satisfaction survey while continuing data analysis with Virginia Tech. As of August 29, 2025, 546 applicants have been approved this year, and the program has reimbursed 292 caregivers, reaching 65% of its Year 5 goal. 	<p>Kiersten Ware, <i>Deputy Commissioner for Aging Services</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commonwealth Council on Aging: Meeting on Wednesday, September 10th from 10am-2pm • DARS Virginia Guardian Program: Now approved for one hour of continuing education credit for guardians ad litem, and since its July 1, 2025 launch, 20 attorneys have completed it for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education credit. • SNAP Enrollment: The HB 1723 Work Group met virtually to discuss improving food assistance enrollment for older adults, with a final report due December 1 and weekly meetings continuing Fridays at 9 a.m. • Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Plan: The DRPT is updating the Statewide Coordinated Human Services Mobility (CHSM) Plan. Learn more • DARS Move: DARS will relocate to Innsbrook in late October as the central office lease comes to an end. <p>The group briefly discussed strengthening connections with tribal communities, noting the needs for additional health services and outreach. Members shared that tribal leaders have reached out to Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems to request brain health and dementia training. Ms. Sargent noted this as an opportunity to partner with these communities.</p>	
<p>Dementia Services Director Report George Worthington presented his quarterly report to the Commission on Dementia Services office activities. His report is attached.</p>	<p>George Worthington, DARS Dementia Services Director</p>
<p>Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Building our Largest Dementia Infrastructure (BOLD) Report Rachel Coney Bowles provided a program summary and update on the progress of the BOLD plan's Healthy Brain Virginia (HBV) strategy accomplishments, focusing on the ADRD-related goals outlined in the BOLD Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 5: Public Education Efforts included integration of HBV Community Programs with the Alzheimer's Association and establishing new partnerships with Southside Bon Secours, Crater District AAA, Crater Hospice, and VCU Medical Center's Trauma Injury & Violence Prevention Program. Five Virtual Dementia Training (VDT) sessions reached 55 participants, with 30 individuals trained, including sessions for Richmond Ombudsman, Dementia Care Navigators, Riverside College, and Central Virginia. • Strategy 6: Provider and Professional Education Ninety-one individuals received in-person training, comprising 31% EMTs, 25% Paramedics, and 41% other professionals. Training was conducted across multiple counties including Chesterfield, Hampton, Hanover, Henrico, Madison, Newport News, Prince George, Richmond City and County, and York. These sessions also support ongoing evaluation and data collection efforts. 	<p>Rachel Coney-Bowles, VDH Brain Health Coordinator</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy 7: Data Utilization Three webinars were hosted focusing on caregiver supports, referral pathways through AAAs, and data-driven priority setting by state agencies and AAAs. • Strategy 8: Sustainability of ADRD Efforts Over 300 printed resources were disseminated during the quarter. The BOLD PHCOE Early Detection Toolkit is currently being printed for health systems, alongside the development of rack cards featuring excerpts from the Dementia Road Map. 	
<p>Alzheimer's & Related Diseases Research Award Fund (ARDRAF) Update Faika Zanjani shared the 2025–2026 ARDRAF recipients, four projects funded to advance Alzheimer's research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Farris, Ph.D., & Sharon Swanger, Ph.D., Virginia Tech: The role of dendritic mitochondria in synapse dysfunction • Andrew A. George, Ph.D., Virginia Commonwealth University: Ionic and transcriptional mechanisms of amyloid-beta-induced neuronal instability • Robert Ariel, Ph.D., Virginia Wesleyan University: Care partner-centered intervention to improve knowledge and wellbeing • Elise Cope, Ph.D., University of Virginia: Perineuronal net contribution to social memory loss <p>Ms. Zanjani also noted that the 2026 ARDRAF funding opportunity will open soon. Four grants of \$75,000 will again be awarded. Letters of intent are due by December 1, 2025, full applications by February 1, 2026, award notifications by July 1, 2026, and the funding period runs from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027.</p> <p>A group member asked whether study outcomes could be tracked and added to the Implementation Plan dashboard. Staff confirmed that findings, once studies are complete, will be included along with any accompanying researcher-produced infographics.</p> <p>Please see the Press release as well as the Letter of Intent for the 2026 funding opportunity.</p> <p>Commission members noted the increased award amount and emphasized the importance of sharing the results with local communities, as well as highlighting these awards within their networks.</p> <p>A related discussion addressed community-focused messaging, with members asking what more the Commission could do in this area. Mr. Worthington noted the biweekly Dementia newsletter written by staff and suggested the possibility of sharing this and other messaging with a broader audience.</p>	<p>Faika Zanjani, <i>ARDRAF Director</i></p>
<p>ADRD Commission Annual Report <i>Proposed Action Item: Approve Annual Report</i></p>	<p>George Worthington</p>

<p>The group reviewed the Annual Report to the Governor, General Assembly, and DARS. Margie Shaver moved to approve the report as presented, Leslie Bowie seconded, and members unanimously approved. The report will be submitted for publication by October 1.</p>	
<p>Workgroup Reports</p> <p>Coordinated Care Workgroup</p> <p>The Coordinated Care workgroup met on August 4, 2025 to discuss regulation reviews and other work related to achieving State Plan strategies that are included in the Implementation Plan. The group discussed the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADRD Commission’s 2025 legislative recommendations and related Commonwealth Council on Aging proposals. • The 2025 Dementia Road Map is available online and in print; members were encouraged to request and share copies. • Updates were provided on July 28 Dementia Care Coordination Roundtable, with the next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2025. • Dementia Morning Summit, Dementia State Plan progress, and the new Dementia Capable Virginia dashboard, providing feedback. • Assisted Living Facility recommendations, with plans to revisit in November to prepare a draft for the ADRD Commission. 	<p>Ishan Williams</p>
<p>Training Workgroup</p> <p>The Training workgroup met on August 5, 2025 to discuss priorities for the group to work on in the context of the Implementation Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Worthington provided a legislative update on 2025 recommendations from the ADRD Commission and two from the Commonwealth Council on Aging. • He also updated the group on Dementia Morning Summit plans and the Dementia Capable website rebuild, which is on track for a January launch and praised for its clean design. • Rachel Coney-Bowles reported on the Healthy Brain Initiative’s Community Health Worker Module: since May 2024, nearly 200 participants have completed free training, with 55 this quarter; 78% are CHWs, followed by outreach specialists, volunteers, apprentices, and care coordinators. • Alzheimer’s Association members shared two new training programs: the Dementia Care Navigation Series and the individual Care Navigation ECHO, launching October 2025. • Mr. Worthington outlined Implementation Plan progress, including collecting external participation via an updated QR code form, advancing Goal 3 objectives (Dementia Friends reboot, policy recommendations), and exploring a caregiver podcast through a Geriatric Training and Education grant opportunity. 	<p>Jennie Wood</p>

<p>Brain Health Workgroup</p> <p>The Brain Health Workgroup met on July 17, 2025, to review brain health data and messaging materials, and to discuss upcoming activities and next steps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Worthington shared a draft social media toolkit linking six brain health domains to AAA programs; members provided feedback.• He also shared updated brain health flyers for co-branding and previewed Morning Summit plans.• Staff introduced Hilarity for Charity’s youth-focused brain health microlearning videos; members viewed one and suggested expanding education to places such as schools, libraries, and universities.• Mr. Worthington noted the Dementia State Plan dashboard is live; members discussed strategies for reaching underserved groups and linking chronic disease to brain health.• Rachel Coney-Bowles highlighted plans to expand Community Health Worker dementia training and partner with the Ombudsman program on VDT.• Ms. Coney-Bowles outlined Year 3 HBV priorities: expand coalition engagement, offer culturally tailored education, strengthen community linkages, use data to guide outreach, promote dementia-informed policy, and increase visibility through campaigns and events.	<p>George Worthington (for Michael Watson)</p>
<p>Data and Research Workgroup</p> <p>The Data and Research Workgroup met on August 5, 2025 to discuss the research section of the Dementia Capable Virginia website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heather Kidd provided a legislative update on the ADRD Commission’s 2025 recommendations and two Commonwealth Council on Aging proposals related to dementia.• Annie Rhodes shared an update on the StARS grant plan.• The group reviewed plans for the Dementia Morning Summit.• Members briefly reviewed an updated flyer promoting research participation.• The group discussed the next steps for advancing Objective 5.2, focusing on expanding dementia research and translating findings into community-based care. Ideas included deploying research navigators through AAAs, with DARS as a central hub. Annie Rhodes and DARS staff will gather insights from other states. The group stressed improving communication between researchers and communities; discussion will continue at the next meeting. <p>After the report, the group briefly discussed the research participation flyer and its use in addressing research hesitancy.</p>	<p>Lana Sargent</p>

2026 Meeting Calendar <i>Proposed Action Item: Adopt 2026 Meeting Calendar</i> The Commission reviewed the proposed 2026 meeting calendar, noting a possible September conflict and the option of holding another summit with the meeting afterward. Laura Marshall moved to adopt the calendar with flexibility on the September date, Ms. Zanjani seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The calendar for 2026 is as follows: March 10, 2026 June 9, 2026 September 15, 2026 (potentially flexible) December 8, 2026	George Worthington
Future Meeting Dates (Tuesdays, 10am-2pm) December 9, 2025	Lana Sargent
New Business Members suggested that a thank-you be sent to VHHA for hosting the morning summit. The group discussed inviting a member of the incoming governor's transition team to a future commission meeting, with March 10 identified as a possible date.	Lana Sargent
Public Comment There were no public comments received or offered.	Lana Sargent
Adjournment Chair Sargent adjourned the meeting at 1:48pm.	Lana Sargent

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Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services
September 9, 2025

Period: June 10, 2025 – September 8, 2025

1. Outreach and Education

Attended:

Webinars including:

- National Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center
 - Dementia Respite Programs: Translating the Respite For All Faith-Based Model into Community-based Environments (Aug 25)
- BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence for Dementia Caregiving
 - Risk factors for cognitive decline among dementia caregivers (July 12)
- BOLD Public Health Center for Early Detection and Diagnosis
- BOLD Public Health Center for Risk Reduction
- Benjamin Rose Katz Policy Lecture: Advancing Dementia Caregiving (July 17)

Conferences:

- AAIC for All (July 31)

Presented:

- DAS Showcase Dementia Services (June 24)
- Alzheimer's Association webinar—Dementia Resources (July 24, 36 attendees)
- Lunch & Learn "Brain Health", MPS Gordonsville (Aug 15 & 22, 15 attendees total)
- Fairfax AAA Brain Health for Caregivers webinar (August 20) (109 attendees)
- Data with a Purpose: VDH webinar (August 21) (110 attendees)
- Madison County Meet & Greet (brief brain health & resource presentation) (32 attendees)

Training:

- Dementia Friends Champion Training (Virtual)—June 25
- Virginia State Police Alzheimer's Awareness Training (August 11, 88 trainees)

Other:

- Community Series: Living Well with Dementia, Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center
 - Partnered with the Alzheimer's Association and The Span Center to present two events for Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness month
 - Sam Simon's one-act play *The Dementia Man: An Existential Journey* (June 20)
 - VPM documentary *Dementia and Living Well* (June 26)
 - Both events were followed by a panel discussion and Q&A (70+ attendees each event)

Upcoming:

- Active Aging Week (Oct 4, Charlottesville)—brain health presentation
- State Dementia Coordinators National Summit (Oct 29-30, Washington)

Consumer Calls (SFY- year ending June 30)

SFY2021- 77	SFY23 Q1—39 Q2—36 Q3—37 Q4—28
SFY2022- 177	SFY24 Q1—36 Q2—22 Q3—39 Q4—30
SFY2023- 140	SFY25 Q1—11 Q2—28 Q3—25 Q4—23\
SFY2024- 127	SFY26 Q1—16
SFY2025- 87	

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2. Data

- CMS Medicare Beneficiary Chronic Conditions data—updated for 2018 (data available to 2018)
- BRFSS Cognitive Decline and Caregiver modules—Caregiving module (2022), Cognitive Decline (2023)
- Virginia Memory Project—providing data to <https://maps.healthlandscape.org/Virginia/>

3. Collaboration and Partnerships

Virginia

- ARDRAF Awards Committee—June 11
- Virginia Dementia Care Coordination Roundtable—July 28 (bimonthly)
- Virginia Caregiver Coalition: *meeting July 17, executive committee June 26, Aug 21.*
- AARP Age Friendly State Meeting
- Blue Ridge Respite (Advisory board member)
- Commonwealth Council on Aging (June 15—GW presented ADRDC policy recommendations)
- Virginia Department of Health/Healthy Brain Virginia (BOLD) *ongoing*
- Advisory Committee on Health Disparities and Health Equity (VDH)—July 8
- Dementia Messaging in Virginia (VCU and partners; *quarterly*)
- Dementia Friendly Virginia:
 - *Quarterly virtual Dementia Friends Champion trainings (June 25), next in September*
- Dementia Friendly Central Virginia (DFCV): *bimonthly meetings*
 - Charlottesville Area Alliance (spearheading Age-Friendly/Livable Community initiative)
 - Charlottesville TRIAD
- Piedmont Dementia Education Committee (ongoing when able)

National/Interstate

- District of Columbia Brain Health Initiative (ongoing when able)
- Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care and Services (National Alzheimer's Plan)—no updates since January (previously had been meeting every quarter)
- RAISE Family Caregiver Council:
- State Dementia Coordinators (quarterly, informal grouping mixing State Unit on Aging and State Public Health Agency roles)—Aug 13

4. Grant Writing and Administration

CDC BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRDC)

- Grant awarded to VDH for start date of September 1, 2023. Five-year funding
- Project period is September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028. Weekly meetings with the Brain Health Coordinator, quarterly partners meetings.
- VDH working with DARS, Alzheimer's Association, and other partners
- Three strategies related to the ADRDC Commission (Maintain or expand ADRDC, educate ADRDC on ADRDC topics, lead ADRDC to develop and track an implementation plan for the Dementia State Plan)
- Goal is to develop a strong public health approach to ADRDC
 - Risk reduction
 - Early diagnosis
 - Using data for priority setting and action
 - Support for caregiving for persons with dementia, including addressing social determinants of health

StARS (State Alzheimer's Research Support) Center University of Minnesota/Johns Hopkins/University of North Carolina—National Dementia Care Coordination Research Center grant proposal (awarded)

- Led by Joe Gaugler (U Minn), Quincy Samus (Johns Hopkins), Sheryl Zimmerman (UNC)
- Virginia (along with Maryland) will be Year 1 spotlight state (\$200,000 for research, support of Roundtable, etc.)
- Project Period April 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025—shortened; no cost extension granted for Sep 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026

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- Awaiting final contract and subawards before work can begin
- Monthly meetings with StARS team

Virginia Center on Aging Geriatric Training and Education (GTE): Supporting ID/DD Dementia Training

- Proposal not considered as submitted to an expired but not retired submission portal, but a **modified program has been funded by DBHDS; National Task Group on ID and Dementia training to be held on October 21-23 limited to 65 trainees**
- **Proposed project:** provide five dementia-capable trainings for ID/DD providers and caregivers around the state and train two additional trainers certified by the National Task Group on ID and Dementia. Requested \$10,251.

5. Tracking Policy

General Assembly 2025

HB1931 Regional Older Adults Facility Team (RAFT); central/eastern Virginia (LeVere Bolling, left in Appropriations)

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; community services boards; Regional Older Adults Facility Team; central and eastern Virginia. Directs community services boards located in Central and Eastern Virginia to establish a Regional Older Adults Facility Team to provide services to older adults with mental illness and dementia in each region modeled after the Regional Older Adults Facility Team program conducted by the Northern Virginia Regional Projects Office.

- *This was a recommendation of the ADRDC*

Budget Amendments (in enrolled budget)

315.Q Interdisciplinary Plan of Care and Dementia Case Management (DARS)

N. Out of this appropriation, \$400,000 from the general fund the second year shall be provided to the Capitol Area Agency on Aging [*The Span Center, Richmond*] and Local Office on Aging, Inc. [*Roanoke*] for an interdisciplinary plan of care and dementia case management for 200 individuals diagnosed with dementia. Funding shall be allocated evenly between the two Area Agencies on Aging. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services shall report the status of the program and provide an update on the results of the dementia case management program to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by November 1 of each year.

United States 119th Congress (S=Senate, HR=House of Representatives)

- H.R.3389 Alzheimer's Law Enforcement Education Act of 2025. Would direct the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to establish an online training course relating to ADRD. Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary (5/14/2025).
- H.R.3501/S.1799 Amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act related to cognitive screening at Medicare Annual Wellness Visit. Would require use of a validated instrument and documentation of instrument used in the Medicare Annual Wellness required cognitive screening. H: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means (5/19/2025). S: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance (5/19/2025).
- H.R. 3674 Global Alzheimer's Initiative Now Act. Would permit the United States to participate in the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative. H: Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs (6/3/2025).
- H.R. 3747 AADAPT Act. Would amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Project ECHO Grant Program to establish grants under such program to disseminate knowledge and

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build capacity to address ADRD. H: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce (6/5/2025).

United States 118th Congress (S=Senate, HR=House of Representatives) For reference

- S.626/H.R. 1637: Comprehensive Care for Alzheimer's Act. Recommend that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation test the effect of a dementia care management model. Under the model, participating health care providers receive payment under Medicare for comprehensive care management services that are provided to individuals with diagnosed dementia, excluding Medicare Advantage enrollees, hospice care recipients, and nursing home residents. Required services include medication management, care coordination, and health, financial, and environmental monitoring, as well as trainings and other support services for unpaid caregivers. Providers must furnish services through interdisciplinary teams and must ensure access to a team member or primary care provider 24-7. The CMMI must set payments and determine quality measures for the model in accordance with specified requirements. The bill also allows the CMMI to design a similar model under Medicaid. S: Read twice and referred to Committee on Finance (3/2/23) HR: Referred to Subcommittee on Health (3/24/23)
- S.134/H.R. 620: Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act. This bill requires the National Institutes of Health to annually submit, beginning in FY2024, an estimate of its budget and personnel needs for carrying out initiatives pursuant to the National Alzheimer's Project directly to the President for review and transmittal to Congress. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services may comment on the budget estimate but may not change it. S: Passed Senate unanimously (7/30/24). HR: Passed House (9/23/24). 10/01/24 Became law.
- S.133/H.R.619: NAPA Reauthorization Act. This bill extends through 2035 and makes other changes to the National Alzheimer's Project. This project supports coordination of federal planning, programs, and other efforts to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. In particular, the bill incorporates a focus on promoting healthy aging and reducing risk factors associated with cognitive decline. The bill also expands the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services to include additional members, such as (1) a researcher with experience recruiting and retaining diverse clinical trial participants, (2) an individual diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and (3) representatives from additional federal agencies (e.g., the Department of Justice and the Office of Management and Budget). S: Passed Senate (7/30/24). HR: Passed House (9/23/24). 10/01/24 Became law.
- S.141/H.R.542: Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act; to improve certain programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs for home and community based services for veterans, and for other purposes. S : Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably (2/16/2023). HR: Passed House 12/5/23.
- S.10: VA Clinician Appreciation, Recruitment, Education, Expansion and Retention Support (CAREERS) Act. Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably (2/16/2023).
- S.2379/H.R. 4752 Concentrating on High-value Alzheimer's Needs to Get to an End (CHANGE) Act of 2023. To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for certain cognitive impairment detection in the Medicare annual wellness visit and initial preventive physical examination. S: Read twice and referred to Committee on Finance (7/19/23) HR: Referred to Subcommittee on Health (7/21/23)
- H.R.5002 Innovative Cognitive Care for Veterans Act. To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program for the cognitive care of veterans. Referred to Subcommittee on Health (8/24/23).
- S.3775/H.R.7218 BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Reauthorization Act of 2024. To reauthorize the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act within the Public Health Service Act. S: Placed on Legislative Calendar (6/18/24). HR: Placed on the Union Calendar (5/21/24). 11/21/24 Passed Senate.
- S.3981/H.R.7268 DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024. The bill provides statutory authority for the NIH's Investigation of Co-occurring Conditions Across the Lifespan to Understand Down Syndrome Project (known as the INCLUDE Project). The project was initially established in 2018 to

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investigate the co-occurring conditions that affect those with Down syndrome (e.g., Alzheimer's disease) and their quality-of-life needs, particularly through (1) targeted research on chromosome 21, (2) assembling a large study population of individuals with Down syndrome, and (3) conducting clinical trials that include those with Down syndrome. S: Read twice and referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (3/19/24). HR: Referred to Subcommittee on Health (2/9/24).

- S.4276/H.R.7688 Accelerating Access to Dementia and Alzheimer's Provider Training Act (AADAPT Act) Reauthorize the Project ECHO grant program, to establish grants under such program to disseminate knowledge and build capacity to address ADRD. S:Read twice and referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (5/7/24). HR: Referred to Subcommittee on Health (3/22/24).
- H.R. 9119 Alzheimer's Law Enforcement Education Act of 2024 directs the Department of Justice to create an online training course on Alzheimer's and other dementias for law enforcement personnel including five mandatory topic areas: (1) Instructions on interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease or a similar form of dementia. (2) Techniques for recognizing behavioral symptoms and characteristics of Alzheimer's disease or a similar form of dementia.(3) Techniques for effectively communicating with persons with Alzheimer's disease or a similar form of dementia.(4) Effective use of alternatives to physical restraints when interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease or a similar form of dementia.(5) How to identify signs of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of persons with Alzheimer's disease or a similar form of dementia.