



**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission
Legislative Committee**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Electronic Meeting

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Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Bea González, *Chair*
Josh Myers
Margie Shaver
Rick Jackson

Members Absent:

Lana Sargent, Ex officio

Guests:

None

Staff:

George Worthington, DARS

Meeting Summary:

Agenda Items:	Speaker:
Welcome Bea González called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. Ms. González welcomed members.	Bea González
Adoption of Agenda <i>Action: Adopt Agenda</i> Members reviewed the proposed agenda. Margie Shaver made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Rick Jackson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.	Bea González
Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes (May 14, 2024) Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. No changes were noted and Ms. González adopted the minutes as presented.	Bea González
Public Comment No public comment was received.	Bea González
Review of ADRD Commission Recommendations George Worthington briefly reviewed the recommendations proposed by the Legislative Committee (Karen Garner having presented the recommendations to the Commission on June 11 in the committee chair's	Bea González

absence) and noted one change to item 4 (Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program-VLRVP-funding) proposed and adopted by the Commission—this was to raise the amount request from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per year. Mr. Worthington noted that the Commonwealth Council on Aging had met on Wednesday, July 17, and adopted its own recommendations. These included items 1 (care navigation pilot), 3 (replicating RAFT) and 4 (VLRVP) of the ADRD Commission's recommendations. A new Council member, Senator Head, had proposed that the funding for the VLRVP be increased to \$500,000 per year and that change had been adopted by the Council. Ms. González proposed that the ADRDC recommendation be updated to align with the Council's recommendation.

Additional language was discussed for the VLRVP recommendation that would indicate that the funds could be used not only for reimbursement but to develop an online application for the program and to increase efficiencies generally with the final paragraph to read as follows (amendments underlined):

The Alzheimer's Commission recommends allocating \$500,000 annually to the Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program to supplement the federal grant funds, support additional capacity building including developing and implementing an on-line application process, improve efficiencies and direct additional resources to respite services for unpaid caregivers of people living with dementia. This is a budgetary request that would fulfil a strategy under Objective 1.2 of the Virginia Dementia State Plan 2024-2027.

The proposed changes were included in a motion made by Rick Jackson, and seconded by Josh Myers. These changes were adopted unanimously, and will be returned to the Commission in September for final approval.

Review of Legislative Educational Program: Survey

Mr. Worthington reviewed the slides that had been presented to the Commission on June 11 describing the proposed educational efforts for the General Assembly. This plan, approved by the Commission, included a survey to be distributed in July/August, and a one-pager on dementia in the Commonwealth. Members reviewed the proposed survey questions and made no changes:

1. Do you have a family member or friend diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia?
2. Does your family member or friend need a caregiver or specialized services?
3. If a constituent calls your office looking for information or services for Alzheimer's or dementia, do you know who to call?
4. Do you know if your region has a full-time care coordinator for these type of services?

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<p>5. Do you know the wait times to be evaluated by a neurologist or a specialized caregiver in your area? (give three choices – a. 6 months b. 7-9 months or c. 9-12 months)</p> <p>Members discussed the best way to distribute the survey and collect answers. Mr. Worthington suggested a Microsoft Form that could be filled out online. Members suggested having Ms. González email the survey with both her and Lana Sargent's signatures.</p> <p>Members also discussed the further development of a one-pager with information as a follow up for legislators after the survey, to be distributed in August/September. Members proposed including several key points about dementia in the Commonwealth, summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key data on ADRD in Virginia—increase in numbers/diagnoses expected, cost of care/caregiving increase;• Data from AA Facts and Figures 2024• Information about the ADRD Commission & Dementia State Plan• Key referrals for constituents—local information where possible (e.g., Area Agency on Aging)• Information about Dementia Capable Virginia• Comparison of other state spending to show how Virginia ranks• DARS Dementia Services budget unchanged at \$100k since 2013• 188 families receiving state funded non-Medicaid clinical dementia care coordination, relative to 164,000 people living with AD• Medicaid spending supports only those with virtually no other resources (less than \$2,829/mo income, less than \$2,000 assets for an individual) <p>Mr Worthington will work on a draft with Josh Myers, and share with Ms. González' team for design input.</p>	
<p>Meeting adjournment</p> <p>Ms. González thanked members for their time and adjourned the meeting at 2:52pm.</p>	Bea González