



**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission  
Data and Research Work Group**

Thursday, November 12, 2024  
3:00pm- 4:30pm

1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100  
Henrico, VA 23229

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present electronically:**

Lana Sargent  
Rachel Coney  
Stephanie Curry  
Annie Rhodes  
Faika Zanjani  
Constance Coogle  
Glynis Boyd Hughes

**Guests:**

None

**Staff:**

George Worthington  
Heather Kidd

**Welcome & Introductions**

Lana Sargent welcomed members and the meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm.

Lana Sargent, *Chair*

**Adopt Agenda**

*Action Item:* Adopt draft Agenda

Ms. Sargent asked whether there were any changes to the agenda. Annie Rhodes made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Faika Zanjani. The motion passed unanimously, and the agenda was adopted as presented.

Lana Sargent

**Review and Adopt Minutes for August 6, 2024 Meeting**

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

Lana Sargent

**Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

Lana Sargent



## Discussion

George Worthington, Lana Sargent

George Worthington introduced Heather Kidd, the new dementia services specialist, and shared that one of her roles will be supporting the workgroups by staffing the meetings and serving as back up in case he cannot attend.

Mr. Worthington shared an update regarding the *State Alzheimer's Research Support Center (StARS)* grant and recent Dementia Care Coordination Roundtable. Mr. Worthington invited work group members to an initial meeting of the two spotlight states, Maryland and Virginia, December 13. A possible subsequent pilot project was discussed as well. *The Virginia Memory Project (VMP)* and the *Care Navigator* project were also discussed as they could relate to the StARs grant and the subsequent pilot project respectively. Members discussed various other points related to the StARS Project including:

- Adapting the Wisconsin state model for community-based navigation service
- Data harmonization
- Evidence of outcomes to support advocacy efforts
- Hiring a point person (or two) dedicated to this project (e.g., data initiative and Navigator program implementation)
- Forming a Lived-Experience panel
- The importance of keeping sight of prevention, early detection, and normalizing screening
- Intersectionality and equity, and limitations of the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) program related to those topics
- Analyzing and synthesizing the 2022 BRFSS data on cognitive decline and caregiving in a timely manner
- General Assembly funding for the first navigator pilot stage
- Data collection strategy and expanding data sources (e.g., *No Wrong Door* data). Stephanie Curry offered to share additional Alzheimer's disease and related disorders (ADRD) data with the group that they may not already have
- The need for care coordination data and environmental map scans of current programs and research in relation to care navigation and engagement.

Mr. Worthington discussed the Dementia Capable Website and data collection through the website. The group briefly discussed current screening methods and highlighted the value of the aspect of service orientation (e.g., screening) as part of the website. Members noted the neuropsychological testing limitations (i.e., long waitlists for assessment) as that relates to screening and navigation..



Mr. Worthington may send additional information to review ahead of the December 13 StARS meeting. Workgroup members will be invited and were asked to provide any additional names.

Mr. Worthington will send Maryland's screening tool to the group.

Mr. Worthington did not have any new content for Dementia Capable Virginia to review at this meeting. He will send out initial content for the research section of Dementia Capable Virginia for members to review ahead of the next meeting in February.

Regarding public education: Mr. Worthington mentioned the Brain Health group's creation of an infographic for screening and suggested this group have a look at the draft in a future meeting before finalization.

Ms. Sargent looked over the agenda and as a final point addressed the group's plan to synthesize data into infographic releases. The group agreed to put that effort on hold as it would become part of the more comprehensive StARS project.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

Lana Sargent

**Meeting Adjournment:**

Ms. Sargent adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Lana Sargent

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