

Texas Department of State Health Services

**Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 28, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

**Texas Department of State Health Services
Robert D. Moreton Building, Public Hearing Room M-100
1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756**

Table 1: Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders member attendance at the Monday, October 28, 2019 meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Mr. Byron Cordes	X		Dr. Eddie L. Patton Jr.	X	
Dr. Laura DeFina		X	Dr. Mary Ellen Quiceno	X	
Dr. Marc Diamond		X	Dr. Sudha Seshadri	X	
Mr. Joe A. Evans Jr.	X		Mr. Terrence Sommers	X	
Dr. Vaunette Fay	X		Ms. Valerie J. Krueger		X
Ms. Ana Guerrero Gore	X		Mr. Michael Gayle	X	
Ms. Rita Hortenstine	X		Ms. Jessica Hyde	X	
Dr. Char Hu	X				

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting. **No:** Indicates did not attend the meeting. **P:** Indicates member participated by phone.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Ms. Rita Hortenstine, Chair, called the Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (TCARD) meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda Item 2: Introductions and Roll Call

Ms. Hortenstine welcomed participants to the meeting, and asked members, staff and the public to introduce themselves. Mr. John Chacón, Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO), Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), provided meeting logistics, called roll, and noted a quorum was present.

Agenda Item 3: Review and adopt January 30, 2019, meeting minutes

Ms. Hortenstine referred members to the draft minutes from the January 30, 2019, meeting.

MOTION:

Dr. Eddie L. Patton, Jr. moved to accept the draft January 30, 2019, minutes as presented. Mr. Joe Evans seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote with no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 4: Council action to approve the University of Texas Health Rio Grande Valley for membership to the Texas Alzheimer’s Research & Care Consortium (TARCC)

Dr. C. Munro Cullum, Scientific Director, TARCC, provided background information on the University of Texas Health Rio Grande (UTRGV) for membership to TARCC and referenced a handout entitle “UTRGV application for membership in the TARCC.” Highlights included:

- Other state medical institutions are TARCC members.
- The UTRGV focus is on the Hispanic/Mexican American population, for which it has received an Alzheimer’s research grant.
- Ms. Hortenstine stated the Texas Attorney General’s office has stated it is appropriate to add medical schools to TARCC.

MOTION:

Dr. Vaunette Fay moved to approve the University of Texas Health Rio Grande for membership to TARCC. Dr. Eddie L. Patton, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion to approve the University of Texas Health Rio Grande for membership to TARCC was unanimously approved by voice vote with 10 yeas and no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 5: Presentation on Texas Alzheimer’s Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) research grants and the International Symposium on Neurodegenerative Disease

Dr. C. Munro Cullum, Scientific Director, Texas Alzheimer’s Research and Care Consortium (TARCC), delivered a presentation on TARCC research grants and the International Symposium on Neurodegenerative Disease. Highlights included:

- All TARCC sites have received funding, and the TARCC steering committee has ensured that each grant site is making progress.
- TARCC investigators have produced 38 publications in the last two years.
- The Data Coordinating Center (DCC), located at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, is working to make TARCC data more accessible for investigator analysis.
- There have been 14,000 visits to the TARCC database, which is in the final stages of being updated.
- The Tissue Bank, located at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, manages all sample processing and has had an increase in requests due to the grants program and other independent projects submitted to and approved by the TARCC Steering Committee.
- TARCC has been invited to participate in national and international data sharing efforts, including the Alzheimer’s Disease Sequencing Project (ADSP) and the Global Alzheimer’s Association Interactive Network (GAAIN).
- The recent two-day international symposium on Oct 24-25, 2019, hosted 21 speakers from around the world, attracting attendance by more than 190 faculty, postdocs, and students from TARCC member institutions.
- The next TARCC symposium is being planned for January 2020.

Agenda Item 6: Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Representative Report

Ms. Jessica Hyde, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention Branch, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section, Community Health Improvement Division, DSHS, delivered a report on DSHS activities. Highlights included:

- House Bill (HB) 1, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 appropriated \$1 million for an Alzheimer’s disease awareness campaign. DSHS is in the process of selecting a marketing vendor with plans to launch the campaign in the summer of 2020.
- Senate Bill (SB) 999, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 directs DSHS to develop and implement a state plan for education on and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. The state plan must be updated every five years. DSHS is developing processes to solicit input from stakeholders for the state plan.
- DSHS is enhancing the Alzheimer’s website.

Agenda Item 7: Council action on Council’s 2020 biennial report, including assignments and/or appointments by chair

Ms. Hortenstine provided members an opportunity to discuss the biennial report, including assignments and/or appointments to a three-member workgroup. Highlights included:

- Ms. Hortenstine stated that a three-member workgroup should be formed to compile Council member recommendations for the 2020 biennial report before the next Council meeting to be held in 2020. The purpose of the work group is to condense duplicate recommendations to create a list for the entire Council to review. The work group will not have a quorum of the Council and will not vote on any matter. Council action on the report will follow open meeting requirements.
- Ms. Lynda Taylor, Coordinator, Alzheimer’s Disease Program, Chronic Disease Prevention Branch, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section, Community Health Improvement Division, DSHS, will facilitate this process for a vote by the TCADR in April or May 2020.
- Ms. Hortenstine appointed Mr. Byron Cordes, Dr. Fay and Ms. Ana Guerrero Gore to the three-member workgroup.

Agenda Item 8: Council action on selection of vice chair

Mr. Chacon reviewed the Procedure for Election of Officers and Officer Election Process and requested the TCADR entertain a motion to adopt the procedure.

MOTION:

Mr. Cordes moved to approve the Procedure for Election of Officers and Officer Election Process as presented. Dr. Char Hu seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Procedure for Election of Officers and Officer Election Process was unanimously approved by voice vote with 10 yeas and no nays nor abstentions.

Mr. Chacon conducted the election for the TCADR Vice-Chair position and announced the nominees, Dr. Hu and Dr. Patton Jr., both of whom were nominated prior to the meeting and both accepting the nominations. Mr. Chacon opened the floor to take additional nominations for the TCADR Vice-Chair position; no additional members were nominated.

MOTION:

Mr. Cordes made a motion to conduct the election of the TCADR Vice-Chair by roll call. After discussion by TCADR members regarding utilizing the ballot vote option, Mr. Cordes withdrew his motion and gave the floor to Dr. Sudha Seshadri to offer a motion. Dr. Seshadri made a motion to conduct the election of the Vice-Chair by ballot vote. Dr. Hu seconded the motion. The motion to approve the election of the TCADR Vice-Chair by ballot vote was unanimously approved by voice vote with 10 yeas and no nays nor abstentions.

Mr. Chacon conducted the election of the TCADR Vice-Chair by ballot vote; the chart below documents the results of the ballot vote tally:

NAME	HU	Patton	Abstain
Mr. Byron Cordes		X	
Dr. Laura DeFina	Absent	Absent	
Dr. Marc Diamond	Absent	Absent	
Mr. Joe A. Evans Jr.		X	
Dr. Vaunette Fay		X	
Ms. Ana Guerrero Gore	X		
Ms. Rita Hortenstine	X		
Dr. Char Hu	X		
Dr. Eddie L. Patton Jr.		X	
Dr. Mary Ellen Quiceno			X
Dr. Sudha Seshadri	X		
Mr. Terrence Sommers		X	
Total	4	5	1

The TCADR elected Dr. Patton, Jr. as the TCADR Vice-Chair with five votes in favor; four votes for Dr. Hu; and one abstention from Dr. Mary Ellen Quiceno, with 10 members voting.

- Ms. Hortenstine noted for the record she was not in agreement with the ballot vote option of the officer election procedure not being a secret ballot and requested the HHSC leadership revisit the officer election procedure.

Agenda Item 9: Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Agenda Item 10: Announcements

Dr. Quiceno stated that she hoped to see others at the November 19, 2019, state plan meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn

Ms. Hortenstine thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC webcast to view, and listen to, the entirety of the October 29, 2019, TCADR meeting:

HHSC Webcast Archive: <https://texashhsc.swagit.com/play/10282019-503>