



## Meeting Minutes

**Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders**  
**Texas Department of State Health Services**  
**1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, G-107**  
**Austin, Texas 78756**  
**Friday, August, 28, 2009, 11:00 am**

The Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders met on Friday, August 28, 2009, at the Texas Department of State Health Services, 1100 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78756.

<p><b><u>Council Members Present</u></b> Ronald DeVere, MD Carlos Escobar, MD Rita Hortenstine Deborah S. Hanna Carolyn Casey Frazier, RN Mary M. Kenan, PsyD Jack C. Kern, CPA Margaret Krasovec, MBA Ray Lewis, DO Robert A. Vogel, MD Frank Genco, HHSC Representative Angela Hobbs-Lopez, DO, DSHS Rep. Jennifer Smith, MSHP, DSHS Representative Lilani Muthali, MD, DADS Representative Winnie Rutledge, DADS Representative</p> <p><b><u>Council Members Absent</u></b> The Honorable Clint Hackney Grayson R. Hankins</p>	<p><b><u>Guests Present</u></b> James Crowson, Attorney General's Office James W. Hinds, MPA Robert C. Barber, PhD, UTSMC - Dallas Donald R. Royall, MD, UTHSC - SA Joan S. Reisch, PhD, UTSWMC - Dallas Monty Waters, DSHS Counsel</p> <p><b><u>Staff Members Present</u></b> Susan Ristine, MSHP, DSHS Mary Somerville, DSHS</p>
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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Excuse Absent Members

**Debbie Hanna, Chair**

Debbie Hanna, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Members and guests were welcomed.

The following members were excused:  
The Honorable Clint Hackney

Grayson R. Hankins

**2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2008**

**Debbie Hanna, Chair**

Dr. Ronald DeVere moved to accept the minutes as presented. Dr. Ray Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**3. Introduction of New Council Agency Representatives and Members**

**Debbie Hanna, Chair**

Frank Genco, Senior Policy Advisor for Long Term Care was introduced to the Council. Mr. Genco is a State Agency representative for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and replaced Audrey Deckinga.

Dr. Lilani Muthali, Medical Director for the Center for Policy and Innovation was introduced to the Council. Dr. Muthali is a State Agency representative for the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and replaced Dr. Michael Wilson.

Ms. Carolyn Frazier, RN, was introduced to the Council. Ms. Frazier is with the St. James House of Baytown and was appointed to the Council in October 2008 by Governor Rick Perry as a Professional Member. Ms. Frazier is replacing Davie Johnson of El Paso, Texas.

Ms. Rita Hortenstine, Managing Partner of RRH Capital, and a board member of the National Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Association Greater Dallas Chapter, and Center for Brain Health, was introduced to the Council. Ms. Hortenstine was appointed to the Council in October 2008 by Governor Rick Perry as a Public Member, and is replacing Charlene Evans of Harlingen, Texas.

**4. Funding Update from the Session**

**James W. Hinds**

**Project Coordinator for the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium**

**Mr. Hinds provided the TARC September 2009 – August 2010 Budgets**

**TARC Clinical Study Budgets**

UTSW	\$383,665
TxTechHSC	414,147
UTHSCSA	703,642
UNTHSC	471,131
BCM	<u>478,994</u>
	\$2,451,579

**TARC Scientific Coordinator Budget**

UTSW	\$113,612
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**TARC Tissue Bank Budget**

UTSW \$322,908

<b><u>TARC Project Coordinator</u></b>		<b>\$6,850,000 09 -11 Approp.</b>
		<b><u>3,314,074 09 -10 Expend.</u></b>
Contract	\$90,000	<b>\$3,535,926 09 – 11 Balance</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,314,074.00</b>	

Ms. Krasovec moved that the Council Chair be given the authority to execute contracts with the TARC member institutions and to continue the work of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium. Jack Kern seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

James Crowson with the Attorney General's Office stated that authority is needed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to receive TARC monies and to re-designate funds to the University of Texas System.

Ms. Hanna moved that the Chair of Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders be authorized to enter into agreement with the Coordinating Board and the University of Texas System to disperse TARC funds. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ronald DeVere. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**5. Report from the Department of State Health Services Alzheimer's Disease Program**

**a. State Plan Update**

Susan Ristine reported that on June 25, 2009, the State Plan Partnership Meeting was held to begin the development of a first coordinated state plan on AD in Texas. Over 80 public and private stakeholders attended this meeting, representing the expertise of diverse partners from across the state. Attendees were identified and recruited by DSHS staff and Alzheimer Association staff from the community, state, national, healthcare and academic sectors.

Susan reported that the meeting was very successful and that a group of statewide partners were now engaged in the State Planning work. Minutes of the June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed to the Council, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The planning process will continue through January 2010, and the state plan is expected to roll out in May of 2010. Ms. Ristine and Somerville will remain fully engaged in the process.

Ms. Ristine reported that the Chapters are moving forward with their work on the state plan, and that the Greater Dallas Chapter held their first goal group committee meeting on August 26, 2009. Susan reported that she and Brett Spencer attended the meeting, which was very effective. Ms. Hortenstine added that the meeting attendees were focused, on-target, and very dedicated to seeing the State Plan through.

**b. State Plan Town Hall Meeting**

Ms. Ristine reported that a statewide, State Plan Town Hall Meeting has been scheduled for March 30, 2010 in the Commissioner's Board Room at the Department of State Health Services. She asked Council Members to mark their calendars for this event. Ms. Ristine reported that the first DRAFT of the State Plan will be presented and public comment will be accepted. A Council meeting will be arranged on the same day. More information is forthcoming.

**c. Summer Newsletter Update**

Ms. Ristine stated that she is seeking input from the Council regarding the newsletter which is published twice a year by the program on behalf of the Council. Ms. Ristine reported that while this is an excellent resource, the costs and time involved in producing and distributing the newsletter could possibly be directed to the State Plan.

A discussion ensued and it was decided that the Chapter Associations and TARC would be asked to work with the program on opportunities for collaboration. Ms. Hanna then reported that she would work with Susan on this and a plan would be developed and presented at the next Council meeting.

**6. Texas Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Center Update:  
Contract approval funding and research projects**

Mr. Hinds introduced Robert C. Barber, Ph.D., with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Dr. Barber was selected to replace Dr. Steve Waring as the TARC's Scientific Coordinator.

Joan S. Reisch, Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas provided a clinical update on the TARC's research activities and findings to date. A copy of Dr. Reisch's presentation is attached hereto.

Ms. Hanna announced that George Mitchell and his family have made a \$2.5 million donation to establish the George P. and Cynthia W. Mitchell Center for Research in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas. The Mitchell's are in hopes of finding better treatments and a cure for AD. A symposium has been scheduled at the Houston Country Club on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:30 am. To register, please call 713-500-3035.

**Approval of Proposed Projects from Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium  
Member Institutions**

Mr. Hinds stated that there are no new projects to approve.

**7. Acceptance of Information for Discussion on a Future Date**

Mr. Hinds will schedule a scientific presentation by TARC researchers to update Council members on their activities before the March 30, 2010 meeting.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, Ms. Krasovec moved that the meeting be adjourned. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.