
Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (TCADR D)

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

9:00 a.m.

FINAL Meeting Minutes

Virtual: Teams Meeting Platform

In Person Meeting Site: Robert D. Moreton Bldg., Room M-100

1100 W. 49th Street

Austin, Texas 78756

TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item 1: Call to order, roll call, and welcoming remarks

Dr. Marc Diamond, Chair, called the Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (TCADR D) meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Dr. Diamond welcomed council members, staff, and the public in attendance.

Ms. Kayla Cates-Brown, Advisory Committee Coordination Office, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) read the logistical announcements and stated the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Ms. Cates-Brown conducted the member roll call and announced the presence or absence of quorum.

Table 1: The Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders member attendance at the Wednesday, September 18, 2024 meeting.

Dr. Laura DeFina	Y	Dr. Mary Quiceno	N
Mr. Joe A. Evans Jr.	Y	Mr. Terrence Sommers	Y
Ms. Ana Guerrero Gore	N	Ms. Karen Keller (Ex Officio)	Y
Ms. Angela Turner	Y		

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of March 27, 2024, draft meeting minutes

Dr. Marc Diamond, Chair, referred members to the draft minutes emailed by the program liaison and called for any edits. Hearing none, Dr. Diamond requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27,2024, meeting.

Motion: Dr. Seshadri moved to approve the minutes as presented from the March 27, 2024, meeting. Dr. Eddie Patton seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed by a majority vote with 10 yeas (Cordes, DeFina, Diamond, Evans, Fay, Hu, Patton, Seshadri, Sommers, Turner) 0 nays and 2 absent (Guerrero-Gore, Quiceno).

Agenda Item 3: Consideration of Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Part 112, Chapter 801.1, Four-Year Rule Review- Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Chronic Disease Unit Director

- During the March council meeting, council members voted to review the Texas Administrative Code or TAC rules and to delegate the review process to DSHS staff.
- Prior to staff making any changes to the rules, the Council will need to vote on approving the Notice of Proposed Rule Review or NPRR for short.
- The NPRR is a standard notice developed by HHS legal and the Rules Coordination Office that is posted in the Texas Register for public awareness and comment on all rule reviews.
- If in favor, the NPRR will be published to the Texas Register for public comment for 31 days. All comments will be sent to the Rules Coordination Office, who will then share them with DSHS staff. Program staff will add any public comment to the 4yr Worksheet along with the notes made by DSHS during their review.
- If not in favor, program can get clarification on recommended changes from members, discuss with Community Health Improvement staff and the new version will have to be voted on during a future meeting.
- If not in favor because members changed their mind about the 4yr Rule Review, program will propose a motion to cancel the previous motion in favor of conducting the 4yr Rule Review and try again the following year.
- Dr. Diamond requested a motion to publish the Notice of Proposed Rule Review in the Texas Registrar.

Motion: Dr. Patton moved to publish the Notice of Proposed Rule Review in the Texas Registrar. Mr. Cordes seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed by a majority vote with 10 yeas (Cordes, DeFina, Diamond, Evans, Fay, Hu, Patton, Seshadri, Sommers, Turner) 0 nays and 2 absent (Guerrero-Gore, Quiceno).

Agenda Item 4: DSHS representative report- Ms. Rachel Wiseman, Chronic Disease Unit Director

BOLD Grant Update

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) continues activities to implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 5-year grant called "Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure," also known as the BOLD grant. ADP successfully completed the continuation application for year two and is currently concluding year 1 deliverables.

House Bill 1, Rider 31 Update

DSHS received \$5.5 Million in funding from House Bill 1, Rider 31, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. This funding supports state plan activities and allowed for the hiring of an additional FTE.

In compliance with House Bill 1, ADP has revised the state plan for 2024-2028, and I'll share a little bit more about that later.

For the Rider, ADP has also contracted with the University of Texas Dell School of Medicine to begin developing a state plan implementation project to create curricula for interdisciplinary training of healthcare professional students on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD).

ADP continues the existing media campaign to raise public awareness of ADRD. Additionally, a new healthcare provider education campaign on early detection and diagnosis has begun.

DSHS has created a competitive grants program, *Grants to Increase Local Dementia Support (GILDS)*, that supports early detection and diagnosis and connects families impacted by ADRD to educational resources and support services.

The *Caregiver Optional Module* and *Cognitive Decline Optional Module* has been included in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey for 2024 and has been requested for inclusion for the 2025 survey. We expect results from the 2023 survey to be available soon.

Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 2024-2028 Update

As required by [Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 99A.001](#), the ADP requested input from stakeholders and has revised the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 2024-2025 (state plan). Statute requires that the state plan be updated every five years. The state plan was published on August 22, 2024, and is combined with the *2024 Biennial Update for the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease*. The state plan can be accessed at www.dshs.texas.gov/about-dshs/legislative-information/legislative-reports.

Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Campaign Update

DSHS continues to work with Sherry Mathews Group (SMG) to promote the Alzheimer's disease awareness campaign.

- In FY24, DSHS worked with SMG to create two new video commercials, radio commercials, and billboard ads available in English, and Spanish. These awareness ads promote early detection, diagnosis, and the importance of connecting with a doctor if you recognize warning signs in yourself or a loved one. DSHS also continued other existing outreach efforts and maintained a wide variety of awareness materials, both in print and electronically.

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- SMG is in the final stages of publishing three continuing education modules and two quick courses for primary care providers on screening, diagnosis, care coordination, and referrals for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The three modules provide CMEs and CNEs for professionals and are expected to launch very shortly. Information about the courses, along with other resources for providers, can be found at dshs.texas.gov/alzheimers-disease/provider

Alzheimer's Disease Partnership

The Alzheimer's Disease Program has convened three Partnership meetings in 2024 thus far. ADP restructured the Partnership meetings to align with BOLD grant deliverables and conducted a membership survey to evaluate interests and prioritize activities. Additionally, the Partnership created two new workgroups in 2024, the Membership workgroup and the Implementation Plan workgroup. Information about the Partnership and how to join are available at on the DSHS Alzheimer's website. The next Partnership meeting will be held virtually on December 4, 2024, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

Agenda Item 5: Health and Human Services (HHSC) representative report- Ms. Karen Keller, Team Lead Joint Training Specialist

- In the last quarter, approximately 300 long-term care employees who worked at nursing or assisted living facilities participated in a training.
- The training includes the rules and regulations and simulates the physical and mental challenges of dementia.
 - Training is free.
 - People have indicated the training is an eye-opening experience.
 - Trainings are not recorded since they take place in long-term care facilities.
 - Family members are invited to participate in the trainings which help them understand what their loved ones with dementia experience.
 - Post training, long-term care employees fill out a questionnaire and share how they will change the way they care for residents with dementia.
- People may request this service by emailing the Joint Training email address.
- The Joint Training team would like to provide this training to police departments to help officers learn how to interact with individuals with dementia.

Agenda Item 6: Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) representative report – Dr. C. Munro Cullum, Scientific Director of TARCC

- TARCC includes all 11 medical universities across Texas including UT Tyler who joined in 2024.
- Each site has a member of the TARCC Steering Committee (SC) who is selected by leadership at each organization.
 - The TARCC SC meets monthly.
- For 2024, 73 grant applications were submitted which was a slight increase from the previous year.
 - Applications came from most of the TARCC sites.
 - Approximately \$7 million dollars was awarded to 21 grant recipients.
 - UT Health Science Center at Houston was the leading grant recipient for 2024.
 - Awarded grant projects are listed on the TARCC website.

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- The 2025 TARCC Symposium will be January 23 at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin.
 - Walter J. Koroshetz, M.D. will be this year's keynote speaker. Dr. Koroshetz serves as Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).
 - Dr. Bruce Jones retired from TARCC in August.
 - Ms. Elida Godey replaced Dr. Jones as the administrative director.

Agenda Item 7: TCARDR discussion and possible action of the following: TCARDR subcommittees- Dr. Eddie Patton, Vice-Chair, and Julie Ketelsen, Council Liaison

- The two subcommittees meet as needed.
- A few years ago, the activities subcommittee talked about doing more to help spread awareness on the new Alzheimer's drugs and social isolation around COVID-19 and ADRD but were unsuccessful in implementing them.
- The activities subcommittee will continue to work with the DSHS staff to determine activities that can be worked on.
- If members have specific projects or activities in mind, they should share their ideas.

Agenda Item 8: Public Comment

There were no written or oral public comments.

Agenda Item 9: Announcements

- The next council meeting will be January 22, 2025.

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn

- Dr. Diamond thanked Dr. Cullum for overseeing TARCC and stated the biggest thing council members can do is to ensure money allocated by the legislature is used to advance research and care of Alzheimer's patients.
 - Attending the TARCC Symposium is highly recommended.
 - Early research funded by the state can be turned into larger research projects funded at the federal level.
- Dr. Diamond thanked council members and members of the public for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 9:54am.

Below is the link to the archived video recording of the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders meeting to view and listen for approximately, two years from date meeting is posted in accordance with the HHSC records retention schedule.

<https://texashhsc.v3.swagit.com/videos/315484>