

Texas Department of State Health Services

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

APPROVED Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Physical Location: Department of State Health Services
Robert D. Moreton Bldg., Room M-100
1100 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756
TEAMS Virtual Meeting

Table 1: Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders member attendance at the Tuesday, October 18, 2022, meeting.

MEMBER NAME	YES	NO	MEMBER NAME	YES	NO
Mr. Byron Cordes	X		Dr. Char Hu	X	
Dr. Laura DeFina	X		Ms. Valerie Krueger (Ex Officio)		X
Dr. Marc Diamond (Chair)	X		Dr. Eddie L. Patton Jr.		X
Mr. Joe A. Evans Jr.	X		Dr. Mary Quiceno		X
Dr. Vaunette Fay	X		Dr. Sudha Seshadri	X	
Dr. Kelly Fegan-Bohm (Ex-Officio)		X	Mr. Terrence Sommers	X	
Ms. Ana Guerrero Gore	X		Ms. Angela Turner	X	
Dr. Michael Gayle (Ex Officio)	X				

Yes: Indicates attended the meeting. **No:** Indicates did not attend the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order, Logistics, Roll Call and Introductions

Dr. Marc Diamond, Chair, called the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (TCADR) meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., welcomed attendees, introduced Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Advisory Committee Coordination Office (ACCO) staff. Dr. Diamond turned the meeting over to Ms. Kayla Cates-Brown, ACCO facilitator, to read the meeting logistical announcements and to conduct the member roll call. Ms. Cates-Brown stated the presence of quorum.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration of March 23, 2022, draft meeting minutes

Dr. Diamond referred members to the draft minutes from the March 23, 2022, meeting and called for any edits or discussion of the minutes. Hearing no discussion, Dr. Diamond requested a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Sudha Seshadri moved to approve the draft March 23, 2022, minutes as presented in the meeting. Dr. Vaunette Fay seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by roll call vote with ten approvals (Cordes, DeFina, Diamond, Evans, Fay, Gore, Hu, Seshadri, Sommers, Turner), no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 3: Department of State Health Services (DSHS) representative report

Dr. Diamond introduced Ms. Megan Moran, Tobacco, Asthma, Cancer and Alzheimer's Branch Manager, who briefly introduced herself and provided the DSHS report.

Highlights of the report included:

- **DSHS Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section Reorganization -**
 - In an effort to streamline processes and improve efficiency and effectiveness, the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Section recently underwent a reorganization.
 - The Alzheimer's Disease Program is now under the Tobacco, Asthma, Cancer, and Alzheimer's Branch within the Chronic Disease Unit.
 - Aside from where it resides organizationally, the Alzheimer's Disease Program remains unchanged.
- **Legislative Reports Update -**
 - Two legislative reports were published on August 12, 2022 - Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Biennial Report 2022 and the Biennial Update on the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease 2019-2023.
 - Reports are located on the Alzheimer's Disease Program website dshs.texas.gov/Alzheimers and DSHS Legislative Reports website dshs.texas.gov/Legislative/Reports-2022.
- **Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Update -**
 - DSHS earmarked funds from Senate Bill 1 to add the caregiver and cognitive decline modules to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) in 2023. In July, DSHS submitted a request to include these modules in the 2023 BRFSS. The Center for Health Statistics has indicated that both modules will be included in the 2023 survey.
 - The modules were not included in the 2022 BRFSS questionnaire due to an overwhelming number of proposals and additional questions required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- The unused funds earmarked for BRFSS in 2022 were used to create an educational booklet.
- **Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign Update –**
 - For fiscal years 2022 and 2023, DSHS is working with Sherry Mathews Group (SMG) to enhance the existing Alzheimer's disease awareness campaign. The campaign has been expanded for diverse populations with an emphasis on Asian American and African American populations. The enhanced tag line is *See the signs. Start a conversation. Make a difference.*
 - The campaign includes TV, radio, digital, and print advertisements in English and Spanish with images that reflect diversity. In addition to our materials in English and Spanish, we have added a caregiver one-pager in Vietnamese. The campaign materials are available in the Alzheimer's Disease Campaign Toolkit on the program website.
 - DSHS developed an educational booklet titled *A Family's Guide to Alzheimer's* as part of our Alzheimer's awareness campaign to support people when they and their families face a diagnosis or the possibility of an Alzheimer's diagnosis. The booklet includes information on early detection, starting a conversation when you notice the signs of dementia, getting a diagnosis, and how to find community resources. The booklet also includes helpful information and resources for family caregivers. Community support organizations and health care providers can use this booklet to encourage early diagnosis and make referrals to community resources. A Spanish-language version is being created.
 - The booklet is available in the Alzheimer's Campaign Toolkit on the Alzheimer's Disease Program website.
- **BOLD Grant –**
 - DSHS will apply for a 5-year funding opportunity through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called "Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias." The notice of funding opportunity is expected to be released on December 14, 2022. This funding opportunity will fund public health departments to increase their capacity to contribute to the field of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD).
- **State Dementia Coordinator Conference –**
 - Program staff will attend the State Dementia Coordinators Summit, hosted by the Alzheimer's Association, from October 25-26, 2022, in Washington, DC. The Summit brings together participants who specifically work within their organizations to address Alzheimer's and

other dementias and the burden on people living with dementia and their families. This will be an opportunity for participants to discuss challenges and proven solutions for addressing Alzheimer's. The Summit will also serve as a forum for participants to ask questions, network, and share experiences with their peers in other states.

Agenda Item 4: Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) representative report

Dr. Diamond introduced Dr. Michael Gayle, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Long-Term Care Regulatory Program Operations, who provided the HHSC report.

Highlights of the report included:

- The 2022 Quality Monitoring Program (QMP) Quality in Long Term Care Conference was held on August 11 – 12, 2022.
- Nine seminars were held with content specific to dementia.
- Several presentations addressed workforce stress, burnout, and how long-term care (LTC) staff can recover and build resiliency and positivity in the workplace.
- Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Series: Caring for a Resident with Dementia.
- LTC Curriculum teams is creating CNA specific joint trainings related to care and techniques for working with dementia patients. The trainings should be released in the next six months.
- The curriculum team has incorporated dementia trainings into seven additional trainings – Culture Change: Transforming Care within the Regulations; Licensed Nursing Facility Administrator (LNFA) Series: Dementia and Patient Centered Care; CNA Series: The Role of the CNA; Caring for a Resident with Dementia; Transition to Practice Series for nurses and other care givers in LTC: Promoting Holistic Care in the Nursing Home Setting; and Workshop for Nursing Facility Director of Nursing (NF DON's.)

Agenda Item 5: Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) representative report

Dr. Diamond introduced Dr. C. Munro Cullum, PhD., Scientific Director of TARCC, who provided the TARCC report.

Highlights of the TARCC report included:

- 142 people attended the May 12, 2022, in-person conference in Austin.
- Sterling Johnson, University of Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, provided the keynote address.
- The latest findings on aging and dementia from TARCC sites was discussed.

- Lectures were streamed live on Facebook.
- 53 scientific posters were presented by students, fellows, and established scientists.
- 15 utilized TARCC data, samples, or projects.
- Outstanding poster winners were from Houston Methodist, University of Texas Medical Branch, University of Texas (UT) Southwestern, and UT Austin.
- For the 2021 grant awards, a Request for Applications (RFA) was issued with applications due December 10, 2021.
- A total of 68 applications were received, representing all TARCC participating institutions.
- About \$5.3 million was awarded in grant funding.
- All awarded grant projects are listed on the TARCC website: www.txalzresearch.org
- The 2023 TARCC Symposium will be in Austin at the AT&T Council Center on January 26, 2023.

Agenda Item 6: TCADRD discussion and possible action on TCADRD activities; TCADRD's 2022 biennial report; and TCADRD work groups

Dr. Diamond announced that the TCADRD's 2022 biennial report was published on August 12, 2022, and the activities workgroup will provide an update at the spring TCADRD meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Consideration of Officer Elections Procedure and Election of Vice Chair

Dr. Diamond turned the meeting over to Ms. Cates-Brown to conduct the Office Elections for TCADRD Vice Chair. Ms. Cates-Brown read the Officer Election Procedure aloud for the record and responded to member questions.

Highlights of the Office Election Procedure:

- A roll call vote of all members must be conducted in a virtual setting.
- Members were given the opportunity to provide additional nominations from the floor prior to the election for Vice Chair.
- The nominee receiving the most votes will be elected as the Vice Chair.
- If only one nominee is received for the position, members will vote to approve the election of the nominee by acclamation vote.

Ms. Cates-Brown requested a motion from the members to adopt the Officer Election Procedure.

MOTION: Dr. Diamond moved to adopt the Officer Election Procedure as presented in the meeting. Dr. DeFina seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote of the members, the motion passed with ten approvals (Cordes, DeFina, Diamond, Evans, Fay, Gore, Hu, Seshadri, Sommers, Turner), no nays nor abstentions.

Ms. Cates-Brown announced that one nomination had been received for the Council Vice Chair position – Dr. Eddie Patton, Jr. (nominated by Dr. Seshadri). On behalf of Dr. Patton, Ms. Cates-Brown read a brief summary of his qualifications for the position. No other nominees were received from the floor. Ms. Cates-Brown requested a motion from the members to approve the election of Dr. Patton as Council Vice Chair by acclamation vote.

MOTION: Dr. Diamond moved to approve the election of Dr. Patton as Council Vice Chair by acclamation vote. Mr. Cordes seconded the motion. The motion passed with ten approvals (Cordes, DeFina, Diamond, Evans, Fay, Gore, Hu, Seshadri, Sommers, Turner), no nays nor abstentions.

Agenda Item 8: Public Comment

Ms. Kayla Cates-Brown read the public comment announcement and coordinated with the ACCO production team to complete requests for registered public comment from stakeholders.

Ms. Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie, Executive Director for Senior Life Midland provided testimony on the connection between Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease. Currently, Alzheimer's disease is the leading cause of death in people with Down syndrome. Ms. Kirwan-Haynie stated there are only a few published research articles from the institutions participating in TARCC focused on the connection between Alzheimer's and Down syndrome, and only one mention of Down syndrome in the Texas State Plan for Alzheimer's Disease. Ms. Kirwan-Haynie requested the TCADR take action to address the needs of the Down syndrome community, specifically to fund studies that include people with Down syndrome and to urge TARCC to partner with Down syndrome-focused organizations to broaden the research base to include the Down syndrome community. People with Down syndrome who develop Alzheimer's deserve representation in the broader Alzheimer's community.

Agenda Item 9: Announcements

Dr. Diamond announced the next meeting for the TCADR will be scheduled for the spring of 2023.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment

Dr. Diamond provided closing remarks, thanked members and staff, and adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m. CST.

Please click on the link to the archived HHSC webcast of the October 18, 2022, TCADR meeting that will be available for viewing approximately two years from date of meeting.

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