Alzheimer’s Disease
Program Overview

Presentation to the
Joint Committee on Aging

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Presentation Overview

• Alzheimer’s Disease Program (ADP)
• Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
• Texas Alzheimer’s Disease Partnership
• Texas State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease
Alzheimer’s Disease Program

History
• Established in 1987

Purpose
• Increase awareness of Alzheimer’s disease
• Address burden of living with condition and providing care
• Support Texas Council on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
• Work with the Texas Alzheimer’s Disease Partnership

Funding
• ~$80,000 annually (GR Funds)
• 1 FTE
Alzheimer’s Disease Program

Program Activities
• Education and Referral
• Support the Council in developing its biennial legislative report
• Serve on the Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee

Recent Developments
• Program transferred to Community Health Improvement Division within DSHS
Texas Council on Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders

History and Membership

- Established in 1987
- Membership
  - 12 Voting Members appointed by the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, including:
    - 5 Professional Members
    - 7 Public Members
  - Non-voting members representing the Texas Health and Human Services System
- Recent Developments
  - New Chair appointed in February 2018
  - 8 new members appointed since December 2017
Texas Council on Alzheimer’s & Related Disorders

The Council’s Functions are Driven by Two Statutes

Health and Safety Code, Chapter 101 (created in 1987):
- Make recommendations
- Coordinate networking systems for families and caregivers
- Disseminate information on services/activities
- Facilitate state agency services coordination
- Encourage research
- Submit a biennial legislative report

Education Code, Chapter 154 (created in 1999):
- Establish the Texas Alzheimer’s Research and Care Consortium (TARCC)
- Provide funds to TARCC participants to develop clinical centers
Texas Alzheimer’s Disease Partnership

Volunteer Network Committed to a State Plan for Alzheimer’s

• Established in 2009 to assist in authoring and implementing the 2010-2015 Texas Alzheimer’s Disease State Plan

• This volunteer network of approximately 150 partners
  • State, local and community level organizations
  • Academic and research institutions
  • Healthcare sector
  • Family members of individuals affected by Alzheimer’s
Texas State Plan for Alzheimer’s Disease

Timeline for Development

- May 30, 2018: Partnership Meeting for State Plan being held in Austin
  - Focus Groups
  - Consider national best practices
  - Invited attendees include: Texas Medical Association, Alzheimer’s Association, etc.

- June-August 2018: Workgroups will hold conference calls to further clarify ideas

- August 2018: 2nd Partnership meeting to be held to review work status/establish next steps

- August-October 2018: DSHS creates draft of State Plan

- November-December 2018: Internal review of draft

- January 2019: Final draft of state plan developed
Next Steps

• The next Texas Council for Alzheimer’s Disease will be held August 22, 2018
• Continue to educate and train Council members
• Develop DSHS’ Alzheimer’s State Plan
Thank You