



State of South Carolina
Department on Aging

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Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center Advisory Council Meeting
Columbia
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MINUTES

The Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center Advisory Council met virtually Friday, March 10, 2023 at 10 a.m. This was a virtual meeting.

This meeting is in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act's mandate that the public be notified when the public's business is being done and that furthermore, the public has been notified that this meeting is accessible to individuals with disabilities, and special accommodations can be arranged if requested in advance.

Present:

Mr. Andrew Boozer	SC Association of Council on Aging Directors
Dr. Jessica Broadway	VAMC, Charleston
Dr. Steve Carroll	Medical University of South Carolina
Ms. Kelly Cordell	SC Department of Social Services
Dr. Miroslav Cuturic	SC Department of Mental Health
Dr. Sara English	SC National Association of Social Workers
Dr. Miriam Evans	South Carolina State University
Ms. Emma Kennedy	DHEC
Ms. Denise Kish	SCALA
Ms. Sheila Lewis	SC Department on Aging
Mr. Robert McBurney	SC DDSN
Dr. Maggi Miller	Alzheimer's Registry, Office for the Study of Aging, UofSC
Dr. Cynthia Port	Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Rebecca Smith	SC Silver Haired Legislature
Ms. Janae Stowe	SC Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Ms. Taylor Wilson	Alzheimer's Association, SC Chapter

Guests from DHEC:
Ms. Eboni Whitehurst

Guests from the Weather's Group:
Katie Zenger, Rita Drinkwine

Guest from South Carolina Alzheimer's Network (SCAN):
Dr. Robert Adams, Dr. Rick Foster, Ms. Tracy Waring

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Taylor Wilson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., read the FOI statement/Americans with Disabilities Compliance Pledge, and welcomed all council members and guests to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Statewide Strategic Plan to Address Alzheimer's and Related Dementias

Rita Drinkwine gave a high-level overview of the strategic plan. She informed the members that CDC recommended a few changes to include "prevention" and "risk reduction" in the mission and values statements. Ms. Drinkwine stated that the plan was in its fifth stage and that an updated version would be submitted to the CDC and DHEC. The five strategies of the plan were reviewed as well, they are:

- Education (Risk reduction/Prevention framework)
- Advocacy & Policymaking
- Access & Connection to Care
- Caregiver Support (Multidimensional)
- Data (Resources & Access)

Ms. Drinkwine thanked Eboni Whithurst for her invaluable assistance with the plan. Also noted that Ms. Whitehurst is currently writing for a new BOLD grant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Robert McBurney motioned to approve the December meeting minutes, Andrew Boozer, seconded. Minutes were approved.

CONTINUATION OF NEW BUSINESS:

Next Steps on Strategic State Planning

Ms. Wilson led this discussion. Topics of discussion included:

- Putting work into implementation plan (it's going to be up to the council to make happen)
- How will we make it happen, developing a timeline
- Turning a dementia crisis to an innovative success

Ms. Wilson shared a story about woman she met at Alz State House Day (March 1, 2023). The woman has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, lives alone, and has no means of preserving quality of life with dignity.

Ms. Wilson informed the group that subcommittee meetings would start to take place in April. She encouraged members to attend the 90-minute virtual meetings or send a proxy if they are not able to attend. She thanked everyone for all of their hard work and dedication.

Update on State Plan Legislation

Ms. Wilson stated the purpose of the plan is to codify the process of the ADRD. This is a first for a state agency to be responsible for writing a state plan. This is a good opportunity. We must start the work (i.e. utilize the plan to educate our elected officials on the funding that is necessary for the things we want to work on (i.e. law enforcement training, health awareness campaigns, risk reduction awareness, and health care education).

ARCC Council is responsible every 5 years engaging in a process such as this (strategic plan). This will allow the Council to keep up with dementia science, keep up with changes in the law, keep up with the new needs that are arising (i.e. new symptoms of dementia), and be prepared for drug treatment. This makes us accountable; it would be progress for the state and open opportunity for funding for initiatives.

Ms. Wilson informed the Council that Senator Alexander, Senator Shealy, and Senator Peeler are on the Senate Bill. Those representing The House of Representatives, Pro Tempore Representative Pope, and Representative

Hiott, 27 other co-sponsors. Ms. Wilson stated that hopefully, by the end of June, we could have an ARCC bill signed. Ms. Wilson stated that the bill is out of full committee in the Senate with a favorable report and that it should pass through the House smoothly. She thanked DSS and APS for their support.

OTHER UPDATES:

USC Arnold School of Public Health Alzheimer's Disease Registry Update:

Dr. Miller gave an update on the annual report. The report will include two years of data for 2018 & 2019. She was hopeful that the report would be available next month (April). Ms. Wilson thanked Dr. Miller for the report, which was very helpful in collecting ADRD data statewide.

ARCC Grant Solicitation Update

Ms. Lewis gave an update on the process and progress of the ARCC Grant funding for FY 2023-2024. Solicitation announcement was made on February 10th; deadline for proposals is April 10th. Two pre-grant workshops were conducted, the first was for the faith-based community. This was a hybrid event held at the Columbia International University on February 9, 2023. Over 60 people attended in person, 105 virtual. The second workshop, held on February 27, was a virtual event for other entities statewide, over 50 people participated.

Family Caregiver and Alzheimer's Division Updates

Ms. Lewis reported that Dementia Care Specialist, Tori Anderson, would begin conducting "Dementia 101" webinars monthly. The webinars will be on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 1:00 PM. Registration information is posted on the SCDOA website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Wilson informed the Council that the SCDOA and the Alzheimer's Association collaborated on the Caregiver Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data report. The report will be completed next month (April).

Alzheimer's Association Facts and Figures data will be released March 15. Special reports related to treatment coming down the pipeline, physician's scope of treatment, and physician's reticence to a diagnosis. Data for each state will also be available.

Subcommittee meeting requests will be sent out.

Final version of strategic plan to be completed by March 23.

NEXT MEETING:

In-person, June TBD (with potential press conference with Governor or Lt. Governor).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, Ms. Wilson adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila H. Lewis