

Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes – 3/13/2023

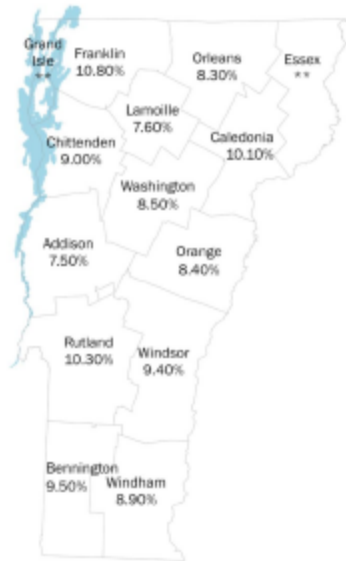
Present: Meg Polyte, Janet Nunziata, Jason Pelopida, Mary Beth Pinard, Ed DeMott, Molly Dugan, Stephanie Parker, Jordan Cotto, Angela Smith Dieng, Mark Boutwell, Darryll Rudy, Louba Routson, Karen Desrochers NEKCOA, Jeanne Hutchins, Julie Skarha, John Saroyan, Sarah Poole, Rhonda Williams, Carolyn Taylor Olson, Dan Noyes, Pamela Smith/advocate, Virginia Renfrew- Adult Day Program, Tiffany Smith

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
Regular Business	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Member announcements:</p> <p>Alz Advocacy Day: April 6 VT State House</p> <p>Geriatrics Conference April 20th</p> <p>Gerontology Symposium May 15th</p> <p>Approve minutes Janet moved to approve, Molly second. All Approved, none abstained</p>	-January minutes approved.
Overview and Alzheimer's and Healthy Aging Data Pages Presentation & Discussion	<p>Presentation by Julie Skarha- See below for slide shared</p> <p>Q: Where does Assisted Living fall in the data presented?</p> <p>A: Julie is going to explore if there are other options to show the differences in care settings</p> <p>Feedback from commission members: Long Term Care is not the same as Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living is considered Intermediate Long Term Care. Residential Care is different from Assisted Living, but both settings can provide nursing home level care.</p>	Julie added to May agenda for more data review.
Agency Updates (20 mins)	<p>BOLD Grant Application Overview and Update</p> <p>Integrative Communications with other CD/HPDP Programs to promote health programs on myhealthyvt.org Data has shown an increase in use of these programs/accessing information</p> <p>DFVT page in development, a draft will be shared once available</p> <p>UCLA program adaptation building momentum and support in VT</p> <p>Application due in 1 week, application is for 594k, 30% match is met with help of network partners. Grant focus: build infrastructure: screening and Diagnosis and care implementation. Grant is also focused on building sustainability. Seeking it fund: Pilot of UCLA, Staff, Caregiver Resource, Surveillance, and evaluation. Also looking to support PT position for coordinator of community engagement to focus on rural communities. VT is submitting a success story to be shared in partnership with HBI.</p>	
2023 Legislative Update	Legislative Update and discussion about how we can support our 2023 Legislative Priorities *See attachment 'Legislative Update March 2023'	-Letter to the House (and 'cc Senate) Committee on Appropriations from the

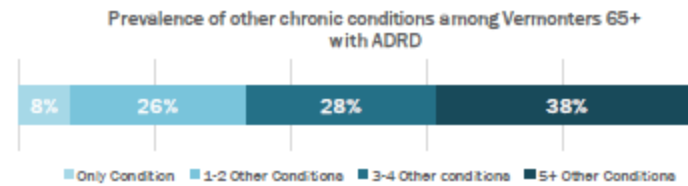
		Commission could be helpful to express support re: Adult Day payment increase. Meg and Tiffany will consult with Rep Noyes, draft a letter, and share out with commission.
Building Infrastructure to Support Vermonters with Dementia and their Family Caregivers - Panel Discussion	<p>-Dementia Family Caregiver Center – CARERS, TEACH, mentorship and other programs to support unpaid family caregivers</p> <p>-TCARE and TRUALTA - What are they, how do they support unpaid caregivers, and where are they being used – DAIL/SUA: Challenges with statewide roll out: low levels competency and capacity at regional levels to administer TCARE. NEKCOA/AAA identified barriers to support: Location, income, lack of respite for caregivers to participate in training and/or support programs.</p> <p>-Sarah Poole shares info for Veterans Caregiver Support Program</p> <p>-the VA Caregiver Support Program and what they offer. https://www.caregiver.va.gov/index.asp. This page includes resource and service information for caregivers down at the bottom.</p> <p>The two overarching programs within caregiver support are PCAFC and PGCSS. All of the fact sheets and forms can be found on this page: https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp</p> <p>Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) - includes a stipend for caregivers of Veterans who have a 70% service-connected disability or higher</p> <p>Program of General Caregiver Support Services (PGCSS) – no stipend, caregivers of all veterans can enroll</p>	
Professional Education Opportunities Committee (Report due Dec. 2023)	Josh stepping back from Commission & Education Committee plan	Meg will take lead on this workgroup, will revise outline and reconvene members.
Wrap up	Meg moved to adjourn, Tiffany seconded, all in favor, none opposed, none abstained	-May 19 th Alzheimer’s gala for more information contact mmpolyte@alz.org

Next Meeting: May 8, 2023 Meetings for 2023: May 8, July 10, September 11, November 13

Vermont Adults 65+ with ADRD by County



- In 2018, 9.11% of Vermonters 65+ on Medicare had an Alzheimer or related dementia diagnosis.
- Among Vermonters 65+ that were on Medicare and Medicaid, 22.30% had an ADRD diagnosis.
- 2.50% of Vermonters younger than 65 years old and on Medicare had an ADRD diagnosis.
- Among Vermonters 65+ on Medicare, 10.40% of females and 7.50% of males had an ADRD diagnosis.
- In 2018, 38% of Vermonters 65+ with ADRD had 5 or more other chronic conditions.



Source: Medicare fee for service data, 2018.

**Indicates suppressed data due to fewer than 11 people in county with a dementia diagnosis

Vermont Department of Health The Center for Medicare and Medicaid definition of an ADRD diagnosis can be found here: <https://www2.covidata.org/web/guest/condition-categories-1#home>