

Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes – 11/13/23

Present: Meg Polyte, Carolyn Taylor Olson, Jane Dwinell, Ethan Stein, Glenn Jarrett, Kaili Kuiper, Ed DeMott, Abbey Haas, Mark Boutwell, Mary Beth Pinard, Neely Bryant, Rick Neu, Sarah Poole, Anne Schwalbe, Molly Dugan, Janet Nunziata, Pamela Smith, Jason Pelopida, Dan Noyes, Darryll Rudy, Senator Randy Brock, Dr John Saroyan

| TOPIC | NOTES | DECISION/ACTION |
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| General Intro (10 mins) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Commission Membership and Reapplication Requests • Approve minutes- Molly Dugan moved to approve, Pamela Smith seconded, all approved, none opposed, none abstained. | -Sept minutes approved. |
| 2023 Annual Report | Professional Education Report *Meg Dementia Friendly Vermont* Janet Conferences(Gerontology/Geriatric) * Janet Evaluation of Alz & Healthy Aging Plan *Ed Adding graphics: Tiffany Finalizing layout for review: Tiffany Reviewers: Mindy and Rick. | - Rick, Meg and Tiffany will review looking for a volunteer for first round of reviews (next 2 weeks) Release of finalized draft to commission for review 1 st week of December |
| 2024 Legislative Priorities | 5 possible priorities. 1. Dementia Respite Grant: increase amount 2. Match Study- Enhanced Residential Care 3. Restore 2M funding for Moderate Needs group 4. Including ADRD in Brain health/Mental Health campaigns 5. Advance housing access/security/safety for individuals living w/ ADRD ie. residential care options | All 5 priorities will stay in report with some reframing under general priorities. |
| Educational Report Update | 2 areas of report with gaps: education around where to find resources, education currently available for hospital staff Looking at how the report aligns with DLP proposed RCH and ALR https://dail.vermont.gov/public-notice-and-hearings | |
| DEI Workgroup Update | Rick and Mand Mary Beth looking at the 2 areas of focus identified by the previous workgroup and will start to research the findings to identify any gaps and determine a new starting point | |
| Alz Healthy Aging State | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |

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| Plan Evaluation | | |
| BOLD VDH Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Project officer in October to discuss upcoming 5yr plan. Changes will be submitted by the end of this month. total award was 500k. Evaluation plan is being developed that will be submitted in the spring. Partnering with Blueprint and Alz Association to provide education to community health teams. • | |
| DAIL Update: Age Strong VT Draft, State Dementia Coordinator | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Specialized/complex care facility ICARE Health Network (transfer of ownership from Bennington Health 91 bed facility, over 40 beds currently available) ADD LINK - https://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/brain-health-dementia/age-strong-vermont-our-roadmap-age-friendly-state - link to State Dementia Coordinator https://careers.vermont.gov/job/Waterbury-Dementia-Services-Coordinator-VT-05677/1095902200/ | |
| Member announcements (5 mins) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 7th 11am-1pm Middlebury, Alz Association event- short film featuring Pamela Smith's Story and also the announcement of the newly established Middlebury Memory café. • Dam will schedule a quick meeting in early december re: Older Vermonter's Caucus | |
| Wrap up | <p>ADRD Meeting Dates for 2024 Second Monday of every month January 8, March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, November 11 Meeting concluded 11:54am</p> | |

Next meeting January 8 2024