

**Governor’s Commission on Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders/
Meeting Minutes 1/14/2019**

Members/Guests Present- Mohamed Basha, Mark Boutwell, Alecia Demario, Grace Gilbert-Davis, Glenn Jarett, Paula Johnson, Pastor Jeff Kelley, Joan Marsh-Reed(presenter), Lori McKenna (presenter), Rep. Dan Noyes, Sen. Randy Brock, Diane Olechna, Bobbi Rood, Pam Smith (applicant/guest), Joyce Touchette, Susan Brooks, Molly Dugan, Andrea Stauffenecker, Angela Smith-Dieng, on Phone: Rhonda Williams VDH

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
Welcome & Announcements	<p>Meeting began at 10:01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Grace Gilbert-Davis, Executive Director of Alzheimer’s Association • Glenn Shared he received a message from Mr. Bottamini: he was thankful for Commissions response and expressed his opinion on the much-needed changes within the residential care system. • LTC Ombudsman Legislative Report for FFY 18- link (once it is posted) will be shared via email • DAIL Commissioner has scheduled meeting to review Commission’s Dementia Care Training recommendations 	
Approval of Minutes & Pending items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November minutes –Bobbi moved to approve. Paula seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Grace abstained. • Openings for Appointment Business Community, Social worker, Mental Health provider (April) 	November minutes passed.
UVM Memory Center ‘Developing a caregiver resource center’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on ‘Carers’ program and the development of a Caregiver Resource Center by Lori Mckenna and Joan Marsh-Reed (see attached Power Point) • Feedback: Bobbi- Elder Care Clinicians are good candidates to be trained, • Glenn- Chittenden County Vermont Elder Resource Group potential partners- • Alecia- services should include a support plan for when a caregiver cannot provide care anymore or temporarily, • Grace- what efforts can be made that partners can work in tandem to avoid duplication of services, build a strong network and avoid confusing caregivers (echoed by Mark on behalf of AAA’s and Molly on behalf of SASH) • Sen. Brock- This is a UVM-initiated program: are there potential conflicts? How will this be funded? Joan responds: Funding through a grant has already been received for the development of the plan, search for additional funding streams (grants) is ongoing, <i>**follow up information from Lori via email for clarification: We received a small grant for program development 2 years ago. We are in process of applying for a GWEP grant which will include funding for the discovery phase of the proposal, develop a business model, develop education internships for social workers in collaboration with UVM social work department and a primary care office, and begin training other practitioners in the state with the CARERS program. We will continue to seek funding for further development. We anticipate this caregiver center will be ‘embedded’ in a future geriatric care center at UVMMC. **</i> • Bobbi- is there potential to offer this support/training/ resource virtually for homebound caregivers? 	Next Steps: Share power point via email, Continue feedback (Memory Center Presentation) and conversation at March meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace- what does the continuum of care look like for caregivers as they need to provide more care and post caregiving support also, Grace: looking at what partners can do now to address 9 month waiting list for diagnosis, looking at assessment length and is it in the existing EHR. • Grace/Alecia- Accessibility and availability outside of the Memory Care Center, who regionally could be administering mini cogs and diagnostic/cognitive testing? 	
Commission's focus 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace- Look closer at Massachusetts Bill, come to consensus how to present material to Legislature • Joyce- looking at the potential for VT to explore establishing Dementia Friendly Communities (Dementia Friendly America Link) Identifying who are the partners to implement this in communities across the state. (sub group- What does Dementia Friendly Communities mean? What are the costs? (cost of certification, increases in cost of housing, impacts on existing community etc.)? • Grace- Caregiver shortage for direct care staff (hourly rate, cost of living in VT) • Glenn- Care receiver with ADRD, presenting unique challenges, needing appropriate placement • Alecia-Improving state reimbursement for 1/1 care, assessment and criteria challenges, safety concerns 	Next Steps: establish Sub Committee to research 'Dementia Friendly Communities' Joyce (organizer), Pam, Diane, Mohamed, Dan, Grace -discuss other suggestions in March
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alzheimer's Assoc, Advocacy Forum April 2nd • Commission members (potentially) requesting time to speak to the legislature regarding report and recommendations • Rep. Noyes- will work with Grace to draft a Resolution (look at last years, work with Grace to prepare for this year) 	Rep. Noyes will approach Chair of House of Human Services to see when time to speak to committee can be arranged
2019 Meetings	Next Meeting March. 18, 2019 Red Oak conference room	
	<i>Meetings for 2019: May 20, July 15, September 16, Nov 18</i>	

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