

Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes –11/16/2020

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly reports SASH is receiving over 200 i-pads to improve access to services for participants that will be distributed to all panels/ in all locations across the state • Conor shares the conclusion of the survey and moving into steps of review and finalizing report. • Mark Boutwell shares Sr Solutions distributed devices in the spring to improve social connectedness of participants- but challenges of basic use of devices were identified. Sr Solutions partnering with DHMC on a project creating a manual on how to use devices/computers to assist users in accessing services. • Janet shares that UVMCC is tentatively planning a gerontology symposium in the spring. • Assisted Living Regulations, drafted but on hold for now. • COVE passed legislative Priorities for this year 1. Budget defense, Adult Days, CFC, HEAP, 2. Working with Stakeholders to address APS concerns with updated statute, 3. Affordable housing and housing assistance, 4. Pass an insurance mandate that hearing loss be covered in VT- Hearing loss studies link hearing loss to dementia (correlation), as well as isolation. VT is the only state in the NE that this isn't mandated 	<p>Janet will reach out to colleagues in regard to hearing loss and cognitive impairment research.</p>
Approval - May Minutes	<p>•Approval of September minutes- Motioned to accept Sen Brock, Molly Seconded.</p>	<p>September Minutes approved.</p>
Annual Report	<p>-Clarify the 'asks' for items 1 and 2 -Item 1 add Rhonda's suggestion -Item 2 Sen. Brock- Shares this is an opportunity to seek COVID specific funding to address this issue. Angela Smith Dieng shares DAIL Survey will contain data in regard to caregiving that could be used in Item 2. Mohammed suggests including what the commission has reported in the need to improve access and training for technology that is being distributed- Molly will draft language for this section. Conor suggests reviewing the Rosalynn Carter Survey. Dan Noyes suggests adding an ask for funding to support adult days as they re-open. Dan will draft language for this section. Ruby Baker suggests including (if possible) the numbers of ADRD participants that Adult Days closures affect and impact of limited re-opening , Ruby will follow up with Assoc. of Adult day for this info. Deb Wesley shares due to limited staffing participants are being prioritized and therefore it is challenging to serve everyone who needs HHA services. Mark Boutwell shares his observation from the AAA perspective of caregiver workforce shortage creating a crisis for families and their care recipients. Mohammed agrees there is not an organization focused on or addressing this issue right now. Ruby suggests it be addressed in one sentence about caregiving in item 2. Mindy suggests we</p>	<p>Molly will draft language for the need to improve access and technology. Ruby will follow up with Assoc. of Adult day for this for info on ADRD Participants impacted by closures and limited re-opening Dan will draft language for report re: funding for adult day re-opening Tiffany Will send out doodle poll- work on version 3 of the report before the holiday.</p>

	<p>add a statement in the 1/2nd sentence *public health issue. Dan Noyes- in section 1 reference long term goal include the Vermont Plan on Aging Well (Older Vermonters Act) Sen. Randy Brock specifically suggests- Commission is responsible to update the plan on a biannual basis, and look at the Mass legislature and what was introduced last year and highlight it in this report as a need. What to include, if anything, as “COVID recommendations” (page 2)</p>	
New Business	<p>Dementia and Racism – response to this Seven Days Article Providers share this is an ongoing issue in her facility that is routinely addressed with Human Resources. Sen. Randy Brock- 2 issues 1, behavior of the patient and 2. Are the facilities appropriately responding to the situation and supporting the staff and keeping them safe. Raises the question of a citation or penalty to the facility if these issues are not appropriately addressed. Mohammed- Staff wants to remain professional and are concerned they could no longer be able to find work or maintain their position if they initiate an allegation/complaint against a patient- there is a real threat to lose their professional certificate/license. Janet asks if the commission wants to take action. Josh Smith shares GMSS receives APS reports and if someone is put on leave due to wrongful accusation and it is their practice to continue to pay aide/nurse. Angela Smith Dieng suggests bringing this to the attention of the VT Racial Equity Task Force-</p>	<p>Janet will follow up with Mohammed to discuss training opportunities. Stephanie will look into regulations/mandates in regard to electronic surveillance</p>
Commission Focus 2021	<p>DFA, Application to be recognized as a Dementia Friendly State. DFA Criteria, DFA Membership Taking a look at criteria and membership- Commission members will continue the conversation at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Emily will follow up with the NH Alzheimer’s Association in regard to their DFA initiative.</p>

Glenn moves to adjourn, Mohamed seconds. All in favor; none opposed.