

Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes –7/20/2020

Present: Janet Nunziata (Chair), Mohammed Basha, Senator Randy Brock, Representative Dan Noyes, Mindy Clawson, Paula Johnson, Mark Boutwell, Molly Dugan, Joshua Smith, Rhonda Williams, Grace Gilbert-Davis, Deb Wesley, Bobbi Rood, Angela Smith-Dieng.

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mindy shared that the COVE resource book is at printers and will be available soon. • Rep Noyes shared that H.611, the Older Vermonters Act, passed the House and moved to the Senate. The Senate Health and Welfare Committee may take it up in August or next year. Senator Brock shared that Senator Lyons, chair of the committee, plans to add the language from S.300, the Alzheimer's bill, to H.611. • Molly shared that the Tri-State Learning Collaborative's Project ECHO focused on dementia wrapped up in June. Both Molly and Mark were a part of it and said it was very valuable. Molly is considering how best to share the resources from the project with this commission? • Link to Project ECHO materials (scroll down for links to each session): https://agefriendly.community/living_well_with_dementia/ • Link to Virtual Queen City Memory Café: http://www.med.uvm.edu/centeronaging/events/cafes • Rhonda shared that the Dept of Health is applying for a grant through the Trust for America's Health Foundation to build the infrastructure for an Age-Friendly Public Health System in Vermont. Rhonda described the project which will include expanding partnerships, developing communications, increasing data surveillance and strengthening integration between health and aging work, including bolstering the ADRD Hub & Spoke work. The commission will be consulted for input along the way. \$180,000 over two plus years – small step to keep this work moving forward. • Janet shared that the UVM Center on Aging is planning to start work on supporting UVM to become an "Age-Friendly University" beginning in the spring. The work will be led by the Center on Aging's board member Jason Garbarino, who is faculty in the UVM School of Nursing. • Any update on the work to revise the residential care home regulations? • Grace shared that the Alzheimer's Association is closing its Williston office for the duration of COVID and does not expect a return to the office until 2022. Chapter staff will continue to work remotely. 	<p>Ruby/Mindy to share copy of COVE resource book when available for distribution.</p> <p>Tiffany to add Project ECHO resources as topic for September agenda.</p> <p>Angela to check with DLP for updates on the Res Care regulations.</p>
Approval - May Minutes	Mohammed motioned to approve the minutes. Molly seconded. All in favor; none opposed.	May minutes approved.
Commission Positions	With Pam Smith's upcoming retirement from NEKCOA, there will be an open position on the commission for someone representing social workers.	If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact Tiffany who can send them the application

		materials and answer any questions they may have.
Annual Report	We are seeking a small group to help in the drafting of the commission's annual report (due in November). Janet and Molly volunteered. One focus of this year's report will be the changing landscape for people with ADRD during COVID and what it means for individuals, families, providers and the work of the commission. Angela suggested a brief survey with providers to supplement the information we are hearing from members. Janet and Molly agreed that the small group could work on this.	If interested in joining the small group, please connect with Janet and/or Tiffany.
Serving people with ADRD during COVID – observations, concerns, ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep Noyes is interested in learning if any policy changes would be helpful, which is the focus of the House Human Services committee. • Josh shared a link to an article on “Sisu,” the Finnish art of sustained courage: https://lifehacker.com/become-more-resilient-by-adopting-the-finnish-approach-1844254184, an approach we may need given the sustained pandemic. • SASH has been gathering data on participants' access to technology (do they need devices, access, training, etc.) and working with them on this. Also, looking to see as, other things like senior centers open, how SASH may also offer some things in their community spaces. • Mohammed – TLC is working to follow all the evolving guidelines. They are paying caregivers for their time and mileage to be tested every 2 weeks. There are not enough caregivers, so TLC has restarted its PCA training program, though it's challenging to do the training in a physically distanced way. • Josh/GMSS – one challenge is people wanting to move from one AFC home to another area, thinking that they will have more opportunity to go out, not understanding that the guidelines remain the same everywhere in VT. Challenging conversations with participants and families. • Mark/AAAs – shared that some AAAs are using some of their COVID funding to support people in getting devices and training to use them. • Challenges with visitation across all settings of care. <p>Bobbi shared that she was a panelist on a Tri-State webinar entitled Maintaining Balance during COVID. https://agefriendly.community/2020/05/finding_balance_during_covid19/</p>	Molly will share SASH data on participants' access to technology.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25. Mohammed made a motion to adjourn. Rhonda seconded. All in favor; none opposed.