

MINUTES
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, August 1, 2022
2:30 PM
Room 138, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Ricky Hill, Co-Chair; Representative Julie Mayberry, Co-Chair

Other members present: Representatives Harlan Breaux and Johnny Rye

Non-legislative members present: Dr. Gohar Azhar, Carolyn Berry, David Cook, Kenya Eddings, Cathey McAllister-Griffin, Amyleigh Overton-McCoy, Dr. Jeanne Wei, and Toney Bailey (non-voting)

Senator Hill called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes from the July 11, 2022, Meeting [Exhibit B]

Dr. Jeanne Wei made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. David Cook, and the motion carried.

Discussion of the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Arkansas State Plan [Exhibit C]

Mr. David Cook, Senior Public Policy Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Arkansas Chapter, gave a presentation regarding the work the committee has done on the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Arkansas State Plan. He discussed the priorities they identified and requested the Chair's permission for meetings of smaller groups via Zoom to develop those areas in the report. He discussed the areas of focus in public awareness, access and quality of care, family caregivers, and Dementia training and workforce development. Dr. Amyleigh Overton-McCoy discussed first responder training on how to handle situations involving individuals with Dementia and provided a handout.

Dr. Gohar Azhar discussed training providers in working with Dementia patients.

Dr. Jeanne Wei discussed COVID-19 and cognitive impairment.

Update on the BOLD Grant Implementation

Mr. Toney Bailey, Branch Division Chief, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and Ms. Cristy Sellers, Center Director, ADH gave an update on the implementation of the BOLD grant. They discussed resources and training, a coalition on health, transportation, and housing, and a focus on public education.

Arkansas State Police Operating Protocol for Silver Alerts

Colonel Bill Bryant, Arkansas State Police (ASP), and Major Stacie Rhodes, ASP, discussed Silver Alert protocol. They discussed the criteria for creating a Silver Alert, statistics regarding Silver Alert searches and outcomes, and other methods of reporting if a concern does not meet Silver Alert criteria.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.