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**Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council
Wednesday, January 26, 2022
2:00 PM
Room 151, 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 Denise Garner

Non-legislative members present: Dr. Gohar Azhar, Carolyn Berry, David Cook, Kenya Eddings, Jennifer Hallum, Kerry Jordan, Cathey McAllister-Griffin, Melanie Thomasson, Dr. Jeanne Wei, Toney Bailey (non-voting), and Jay Hill (non-voting)

Representative Mayberry called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve Minutes for the November 3, 2021, Meeting [Exhibit B]

Senator Hill made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by David Cook, and the motion carried.

Discussion of the BOLD Grant, Respite Care Grant, Public Awareness and Recommendations for the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Arkansas State Plan

Toney Bailey, Division Chief, Department of Health, discussed the BOLD Grant, including funding, usage, and restrictions. David Cook, Public Policy Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Arkansas Chapter; and Carolyn Berry, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Arkansas; discussed ways to access respite care. They gave a brief overview of the Respite Care Grant, allocation of funding, the requirements, and the application process. Mark White, Chief Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, Department of Human Services (DHS), discussed funding for respite programs. David Cook, Public Policy Manager, Alzheimer's Association, Arkansas Chapter; Jennifer Hallum, Arkansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging; and Dr. Overton-McCoy, UAMS Centers on Aging; collaborated and drafted a resource guide regarding the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Arkansas State Plan at the request of legislators.

Other Business

Mary Franklin, Director, Division of County Operations, DHS, shared ways that the public can access services through the division, including Medicaid applications, the process of applying, and verification. Patricia Gann, Deputy Director, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, DHS, discussed the applications medical review team.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.