

MINUTES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 1:00 PM Room 151, State Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Clint Penzo, Co-Chair; Representative Julie Mayberry, Co-Chair

Non-legislative members present: Gohar Azhar, Tony Bailey (Non-Voting), David Cook, Jennifer Hallum, Jay Hill (Non-Voting), Kerry Jordan, Cathey McAlliser-Griffin, Amyleigh Overton-McCoy, Jodiane Tritt, Jeanne Wei, Stephenie Cooke

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield and Fredrick Love; Representatives Harlan Breaux, Johnny Rye, and Tara Shephard.

Representative Mayberry called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the July 25, 2023, Meeting [Exhibit B]

Dr. Wei made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Hallum, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Alzheimer's Medication Accessibility to Arkansas [Exhibit C and Handout C]

John Vinson, Chief Executive Officer, Arkansas Pharmacists Association; Jill Johnson, Professor of Pharmacy Practice, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; Hayden Wood, Second Year Pharmacy Student, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; and Maureen Japha, Eli Lilly Company; provided an overview on the accessibility of Alzheimer's medication in Arkansas.

Advisory Council 2023 Annual Report [Exhibit D]

David Cook, Director of Government Affairs, Alzheimer's Association, Arkansas Chapter, discussed the Advisory Council 2023 Annual Report.

Ms. Stephenie Cooke made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Dr.Wei, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Assisted Living Rates Discussion [Exhibit E]

Jay Hill, Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, Department of Human Services, gave an overview of the assisted living rate in Arkansas; and discussed the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver program, which distributed \$2 million dollars through DHS's Medicaid program to assisted living facilities in the state.

Overview of Interprofessional Therapeutic Activity Program (I-TAP) [Exhibit F]

Kerry Jordan, Professor, University of Central Arkansas; Jessie Bennett, Student, University of Central Arkansas; and James Clayton, Student, University of Central Arkansas; gave an overview of the Interprofessional Therapeutic Activity Program.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.