



## Department of Health

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NYS Coordinating Council for Services Related to Alzheimer's Disease  
and Other Dementia  
Via WebEx  
September 21, 2020  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Attendance**

##### **Council Members and Representatives:**

##### ***Members Present:***

John Cochran, Teresa A. Galbier, Paula J. Rice, Dr. Carl Cohen, Dr. William Higgins, Catherine James, Elizabeth Smith-Boivin, Jed A. Levine, Dr. Ralph Nixon, Erin Purcell, Susan Prendergast, Shelly Aubertine-Fiebich, Dr. Susan Sullivan

***Absent:*** Dr. Louis Belzie

##### ***DOH Representatives Present:***

Maribeth Gnozzio, Stephen Casscles, Meghan Fadel, Erin Fay, Jennifer Perry, Maura Hurley, Gregory Bucher, Valeria Thomas, Lynn Young, Thea Griffin

***Presenters Present:*** Meghan Fadel (DOH); Mary Riley-Jacome, School of Public Health

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

John Cochran, Council Co-Chair and Deputy Director, NYSOFA, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and requested a roll call.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the January 13, 2020 meeting of the Council were approved by the Council members who were in attendance.

#### **2019 Council Report's Draft Work Plan**

John Cochran led the discussion regarding the draft work plan goals and recommendations prioritized by the Council, and the impacts of COVID-19 on individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia and their caregivers. The discussion included focusing on the areas of risk reduction, social isolation, service delivery and individuals remaining in their homes and communities as best as possible; including Council recommendations into the Health Across All

Policies/Age Friendly NY realm; networking in order to build partnerships for systems change; and organizing Council members with expertise to inform health care networks about community service delivery.

### **Draft of Council By-laws**

Stephen Casscles, Associate Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs, NYSDOH, explained the provisions, purpose, and charge of the By-laws. The By-laws reflect what is stated in law. He explained each of the Articles within the By-laws and responded to members' questions as they arose. The Council voted to bring the draft By-laws for a final vote at the December meeting. Members will receive the final draft of the By-laws prior to the next meeting.

### **Caregiver Burden and Cost Impact From the Caregiver Support Initiative Evaluation**

Mary Riley-Jacome, M.A., Evaluator, School of Public Health, State University at Albany, and Meghan Fadel, Director of Evaluation, ADCSI, NYSDOH, presented key findings from the Alzheimer's Disease Program Caregiver Support Initiative survey sent to caregivers. Components of the survey included the reach to caregivers, outcomes, benefits of each service, the alleviation of burden, barriers to access, and cost savings. As caregivers used more services, the number of benefits they received increased. Caregiver burden decreased after using services. Services kept the caregiver recipient at home, delaying nursing home placement for an average of one year. This resulted in a cost savings of \$1.2 billion overall in nursing home costs.

There were no requests for Public Comment.

### **Member Announcements**

On October 22, 2020 the National Alzheimer's and Dementia Resource Center is hosting a webinar entitled, "*Sustaining Programs for People Living with Dementia and their Caregivers: Billing for Dementia Services.*"

### **Next Meeting**

Agenda items for the December 21, 2020 meeting:

- Overview of Health Across All Policies/Age Friendly Dementia activities in State agencies
- Meeting dates for 2021

Members were requested to suggest any additional topics for the December 21, 2020 meeting **by November 18, 2020.**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.