



**Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission
Legislative Committee**

Friday, July 25, 2025 at 11:30am -12:45pm

Electronic Meeting

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Bea González, *Chair*
Laura Marshall
Josh Myers
James Stovall

Guests:

Kelley Kinder

Staff:

George Worthington, DARS
Heather Kidd, DARS

Members Absent:

Lana Sargent, Ex officio
Margie Shaver

Agenda Items:	Speaker:
Welcome Bea González called the meeting to order at 11:33am. Members and staff introduced themselves.	Bea González
Adoption of Agenda <i>Action: Adopt Agenda</i> Josh Myers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. James Stovall seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.	Bea González
Adoption of Prior Meeting Minutes (July 7, 2024) Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. George Worthington noted that the date would be amended to reflect the current year. The minutes were adopted as amended.	Bea González
Public Comment No public comment was received.	Bea González

<p>Commonwealth Council on Aging (CCOA) Legislative Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Myers shared that the CCOA recently met and discussed legislative priorities with stakeholders. Two of nine recommendations relate to the Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Commission: extending the Commission’s sunset to 2029 and funding the Virginia Memory Project. • Mr. Worthington will circulate the full list of recommendations, and he shared that the Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) may also propose extending the Commission’s sunset. 	<p>Josh Myers</p>
<p>Dementia Summit Preparations</p> <p>Summit Logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled from 8:00–11:30 AM to allow for the Legislator’s afternoon Special Session. • Will include three one-hour segments. • Agenda titles were revised. • Agenda flow and speaker assignments were reviewed. • The name “Morning Summit” was selected; dementia/Alzheimer’s language may be added for clarity. • Ms. González will explore a virtual option for the South Carolina speaker. • Delegates Sickles and Sewell confirmed as panel moderators. • Invitations were edited in real time. Mr. Worthington will create an RSVP form, and Ms. González will add branding. • A member highlighted the need to address both challenges and opportunities in dementia care. <p>Session 1: State of the State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session will share current dementia-related data and information about current services available in Virginia • James Stovall will reach out to Melissa Andrews or another LeadingAge representative to fill the 9:05 AM speaking slot. • Ms. González is drafting session questions and plans to involve Delegate Sickles. • Mr. Worthington confirmed the format will include brief presentations and a panel with a Question-and-Answer session. <p>Session 2: How We Improve Access to Resources and Quality of Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session will focus on the proposed Dementia Care Specialist Program, tied to the Commission’s policy recommendation and other state models as well as the need for respite funding. • Mr. Worthington is securing a speaker to share lived experience with respite care. • The group discussed aligning the agenda with 2025 legislative priorities. Though members briefly discussed several advocacy topics, including early intervention, provider training, and 	<p>Bea González</p>

<p>medication access, the group agreed to focus messaging on the rising number of dementia diagnoses and the growing cost of care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kamryn Faison will present on the Virginia Lifespan Respite Voucher Program and will be asked to highlight the projected funding drop, from \$1.2M over five years to \$400K over four, and that each voucher currently provides only \$695 per recipient. <p>Session 3: Future Directions: Policy and Cost Implications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This session will focus on rising costs for the state and caregivers. • The aim is to share striking data on projected increases in diagnoses and care costs over the next 10-20 years. • A member asked if there was available data on unmet needs, especially regarding respite and access to new treatments. <p>Concluding Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Worthington proposed switching sessions two and three, starting with the data session and ending with actionable solutions, emphasizing the proposed Specialist program. The group agreed and will revise moderator assignments. • The agenda and schedule were adjusted during the meeting. • Mr. Worthington is working to secure more speakers and is drafting a final agenda. • Boxed lunches will be ordered from Panera or Taste. • Welcome remarks will be delivered by Lana Sargent (ADRD Commission) and Julie Dime (Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association). • The group briefly discussed free registration, pre-ordered lunch and the potential for no-shows. Ms. González noted that any extra lunches would not be an issue for the sponsor. • It was suggested to invite members of the CCOA and Public Guardian Board (approximately 30 people). • Estimated total attendance: 50-60 people. • Mr. Myers is exploring a virtual-capable room for the ADRD Commission meeting following the summit. 	
<p>Meeting adjournment Ms. González thanked members for their time and adjourned the meeting at 12:34pm.</p>	<p>Bea González</p>