

Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Meeting Minutes –9/21/2020

Present: Glenn Jarrett, Janet Nunziata (Co-Chairs), Mohammed Basha, Emily Vivyan, Mindy Clawson, Mark Boutwell, Rhonda Williams, Deb Wesley, Stephanie Parker, Bobbi Rood, Conor O'Dea, Angela Smith-Dieng, Tiffany Smith.

TOPIC	NOTES	DECISION/ACTION
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Vermonters Act H.611 was passed out of Senate Appropriations on Friday without the home and community based rate study. It should be on the Senate floor for debate tomorrow than back to the house on Wednesday or Thursday. • Emily Vivyan- Alzheimer's Association Director position filled Howard Woodrow • Conor O'Dea State Plan on Aging Needs Assessment Survey in the final stages of development, once completed it will be distributed via link and paper copies as well. Includes a survey for older Vermonters (60+) as well as caregivers. (will Share links with Commission • Deb Wesley- Addison county Project Independence still not opened, demand for services clientele need support has increased and really impacted our patients and families. To address this our agency has put together a work group of PT, OT, MSW and SLP. They have become MOCHA and BCAT certified. As well as increasing our clinician resources to families • Mark Boutwell shares V4A annual conference(Click Here) this Friday. • Rhonda- VT selected CDC funding to build out infrastructure to address cognitive decline, caregiver support and awareness to reduce risk for dementia. 	
Approval - July Minutes	Bobbi motioned to approve the minutes. Mohamed seconded. All in favor; none opposed.	July minutes approved.
Commission Positions	Vacancy for someone representing social workers.	Contact Tiffany via email to forward an application to anyone who may be interested
Project Echo	Mark provides brief overview: ECHO-D (Click Here) Program sponsored by Tri-state Collaborative. A 10-month project that recruited faculty and community participants to look at dementia care- each session faculty provide information on Dementia care paired with a presentation by community members providers. Compelling stories of how people are coping with Challenges with Caring/ living with dementia- struggling with limited resources in rural areas or deficits in supports that meet the needs of informal caregivers and their loved ones.	Molly and Mark to present more at next meeting.
Annual Report	<p><i>h-Annually, on or before January 15, the Commission shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action."</i></p> <p>What to include in report: 2019 'asks' deleting #4., removing #2 and replacing with an ask for caregiver support -Rhonda suggested sharing 1 data slide regarding COVID impact- Legislative ask to consider: response funds to be directed accordingly. -Tiffany suggests editing #2 to expansion of caregiver assessment</p>	Subgroup (Stephanie, Bobbi, Mindy) will meet to draft report and distribute to Commission for feedback by mid October. Please email Tiffany if you are interested in joining this sub group

	<p>-Angela adds expanding caregiver assessment would be a potential ask after the assessment (TCARE) program is implemented at AAAs</p> <p>-Mark suggests increase of respite support due to COVID impact</p> <p>-Mind suggests and ask focused on improved communication and access to information on resources to reach caregivers not in contact with AAA-</p> <p>-Bobbi suggests an ask to support reducing social isolation for individuals with ADRD and caregivers</p> <p>-Bobbi adds these asks could be part of the Dementia Friendly Initiative ask</p> <p>-Mark shares the need identified in a Community needs Assessment workgroup for MT Ascutney: the need to educate medical providers/offices around referrals to supports in community</p> <p>-Mark comments if TCARE assessment is successful in AAAs that Blueprint community team could be a place to expand.</p> <p>-Angela adds that Hub and Spoke work includes medical provider engagement and S300 included an education requirement</p> <p>-Glenn suggests a Legislative ask for improving access to visitation for ADRD residents in LTC residences, Angela shares DAILs re start guide facilities(Click Here)</p> <p>-</p>	
<p>Serving people with ADRD during COVID – observations, concerns, ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet shares as part of work group – reoccurring topic of development of resources, access to resources... it is a urgent need. • Angela- DAIL has been working on a re-opening plan of Adult Day programs(Click Here)- with the VDH and Adult Days Association- opening timelines will vary across the state, COVID relief funding will be available to support programs through the end of the year. • 	<p>COVE has released their resource guide- will share link as it becomes available.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. Mohamed made a motion to adjourn. Mark seconded. All in favor; none opposed.